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TEACHERS AND TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS HONORED FOR CREATION OF TRANSPORTATION CAREER ACADEMIES

The MTA, Workforce LA, the Times Mirror and the Los Angeles Unified School District will honor teachers and transportation professionals who have helped create a Transportation Careers Academy Program that is offering training in transportation occupations and trades to students at three local high schools.

The event to be held on Friday, October 21 at 4 p.m. at the Times Mirror Building in Los Angeles, will celebrate the accomplishments of more than 200 volunteers who have made a commitment to educate students interested in transportation careers.

The Transportation Career Academy Program offers courses that prepare students for higher education in engineering, architecture and urban planning at three LAUSD high schools --Locke, North Hollywood and Wilson-- which were selected as Transportation Academies.

The \$5 million program began in the Fall and is being cosponsored by the MTA and the LAUSD. Funding comes from the Federal Transit Administration, the MTA and the U.S. Department of Education. The funds are used for the development of a curriculum, training of teachers, purchase of equipment, and creation of scholarships and internships.

"The Transportation Academies Program reaffirms the concept that education and workplaces are interdependent," said Franklin White, MTA chief executive officer. "The program is training youth to take roles in the construction and operation of transportation systems. Through the integration of academic and occupational experiences the students learn transportation concepts, team work skills and problem solving techniques."

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