



Southern California Regional Transit Training Consortium

# The Communicator

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**Special Points of Interests**

- BAE Systems plans to develop a zero-emissions bus for SunLine Transit. Under a planned work effort, BAE Systems will serve as systems integrator to deliver the vehicle to SunLine Transit. The effort will be funded by the Federal Transit Administration, CAL-START, California Air Resource Board, and California South Coast Air Quality management District.
- **Patrick Astredo** announced that he has accepted an Interim appointment as Deputy Executive Officer, Operation Department Performance Analysis & Diagnostics for LA Metro.
- The City of Burbank, California has been selected as a national test market for a new hydrogen fuel cell plug-in hybrid bus, designed and fabricated by Colorado-based Proterra Inc.

**Key Developments**

• **Cal State Long Beach becomes an affiliated member of the SCR TTC.. CSLB is the first university to become an affiliated member of the SCR TTC. This important affiliation strengthens the reach of SCR TTC .**

**Training Today for a Better Tomorrow**

## Senator Boxer Boasts About Training

**O**n a recent visit of SCR TTC member, Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC), Senator Barbara Boxer was given a tour of the campus to see various programs first hand. Boxer was very impressed with, LATTC’s leadership, faculty and students but also by the “sustainable and green” training. Classes were in full swing, including the an SCR TTC Brake course.



Guided by Instructor and current SCR TTC Chair Jess Guerra, they discussed the strides made in industry-training and alternative fuels. Boxer wrapped up the visit with a news conference indicating she was excited to see the breadth and accessibility of the programs and the extent to which

this college has committed its energy and resources toward creating jobs of the future including those that impacted transit training.

Senator Boxer (D-CA) was instrumental with her support for the SCR TTC to secure the \$1.5 million in Research and Technology funds under the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users SAFETEA-LU. These funds were awarded over a four-year period to enhance and standardize transit training in the region with a collaboration between community colleges and transit agencies in Southern California to develop and conduct technical training courses for transit maintenance employees.

It’s also timely to note that, as SCR TTC’s SAFETEA-LU funds come to a successful conclusion this September 30<sup>th</sup> that the consortium’s goals are being brought to fruition as well as our success being witnessed by the consortium’s initial supporter; Senator Boxer.

## SCR TTC Board Workshop

The SCR TTC held its Annual Board Workshop in late March. The primary purpose of the workshop was to discuss the future direction of the SCR TTC and to focus on the future training needs of the transit properties, especially as related to the new Hybrid Bus Systems and “Green Technologies” being implemented in the member

transit agencies. The participants at the workshop also discussed and formulated strategies to expand the sponsor and industry partnerships program. In addition, the 2010 SCR TTC Mentor/Internship Program Schedule was reviewed. Member colleges participating in the Mentor/ Internship Program include Cerritos

**Our Report Card FYTD 2010**

**Program Highlights to Date**

**Hours of Training:**  
**19144**  
**# of Students Trained:**  
**1498**

**Fiscal Year 2010**

**Hours of Training**  
**Goal: 1826 Actual: 3708**  
**# of Students Trained**  
**Goal: 80 Actual: 268**  
**Courses Developed**  
**Goal: 02 Actual: 02**

**Student Evaluations**  
**Goal: 3.00**  
**Actual: 3.75**  
(Four Point Scale)

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College, and Long Beach City College. Selection of candidates for the program will conclude in May. The program will start at the colleges June 7 and will end with graduation from the program at the end of July. The Mentor/Intern Program has been a success for the transit agencies involved.