



Southern California
Regional Transit
Training Consortium
www.scrttc.com

Board of Directors

Ralph Merced, Chair
Jesus Guerra, Vice-Chair
Cal Macy, VP/CFO
Alan Fox, Secretary
Patrick Astredo
Dayle Withers
Kevin Anderson
Tom Barrio
Jim Ditch
Steve Donley
Mike Slavich

Transit Members

Commerce Municipal Bus Lines
Culver City Municipal Bus Lines
Foothill Transit
Gardena Municipal Bus Lines
LACMTA
Long Beach Transit
Montebello Bus Lines
Norwalk Transit
OCTA
OMNITRANS
Santa Clarita Transit
Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus
SunLine Transit
Torrance Transit System

College Members

Cerritos College
Chaffey College
College of the Desert
Cypress College
Golden West College
LA Trade Tech College
Long Beach City College
Rio Hondo College
San Bernardino Valley College
San Diego Miramar College
Santa Ana College
Santa Monica College

Affiliated Members

Advanced Transportation
Technology & Energy
Initiative

News Release

For Release: IMMEDIATELY
Date: June 1, 2008

Contact: D. Stumpo
Phone: 360-945-2150

Transit Training Funds Awarded to the SCR TTC

Los Angeles, CA - The Southern California Transit Training Consortium (**SCR TTC**) has been awarded \$380,000 to continue funding the SCR TTC Training Program. The funding authorization executed by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is authorization for the third-year of a four-year federal assistance and workforce development training program.

Under the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the SCR TTC was awarded \$1.28 million in Research and Technology funds over a four year period. This program was awarded to the SCR TTC as a result of the support and leadership of Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA). The funds were awarded to the SCR TTC to enhance and standardize transit training in the Southern California region. More specifically, the program is collaboration between community colleges and transit agencies in Southern California to develop and conduct technical training courses for transit maintenance employees.

Faced with new technological advances such as alternative fuel, fuel cell and hybrid drive technologies, global positioning systems (GPS), on-board computerized microprocessors, and computerized facility support systems, the transit industry has a tremendous need for a highly skilled, technologically advanced workforce. "In today's environment, with the demands on public transportation, educating our workforce is an important element to respond to our operational requirements," said Ralph Merced, SCR TTC Board Chairman. "The Consortium is the perfect marriage that brings together the training capacity and course content of the colleges to allow our technical staff to stay current in their field."

The SCR TTC's goals benefit current employees, and also serve to meet workforce development needs as well. With few resources to generate an adequately trained labor supply, community colleges provide the necessary coursework and infrastructure to educate students and prepare them for highly paid jobs in the growing transit industry. "Going into the third-year of our training program we already see the productivity and technical competence of the transit workforce increasing. These productivity increases help to improve service delivery, lower costs of operation, and improve customer service, said David Stumpo, SCR TTC Project Manager."

To date, the consortium has trained over 700 transit employees and delivered close to 10,000 hours of training.

The SCR TTC is a coalition of over 27 transit operators, community colleges and other educational institutions in Southern California, joined together to develop industry driven, competency based curriculum that meets present and future technological needs of public transit systems. The SCR TTC has been designated as a 501 (c) (3) organization, as well as a California Non-Profit Corporation.

For further information about the Consortium, please visit our website at www.scrttc.com.