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**LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RECEIVE 2008 ITE
TRANSPORTATION AWARD FOR FACILITIES
Award in Recognition of Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway**

LOS ANGELES (May 30, 2008)—The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) will receive the 2008 Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Transportation Achievement Award for Facilities in recognition of the Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway project.

The Transportation Achievement Award acknowledges significant transportation achievements by a varied group of transportation entities, including government agencies, consulting firms, legislative bodies, industry and private-sector organizations.

The application for the award described Santa Monica Boulevard as the most “complete street” in Southern California, with outreach processes stretching back over a 20-year-period to develop amenities for neighborhood traffic calming, bikeway facilities, wider sidewalks, street-scaping, landscaping, transit priority, added diagonal parking, and simplified operation with the service roads and single-point intersections.

“It’s always a great honor to be recognized for the superior and quality service that our team members provide for the City,” said Rita L. Robinson, General Manager, LADOT. “Working with our partners at the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering who managed the day-to-day construction, made this project a total success. What a tremendous achievement” added Robinson.

According to ITE officers, the competition includes entries from around the world.

Area commuters can visit <http://trafficinfo.lacity.org/> for real-time traffic information. Real-time traffic reports are a product of LADOT, innovators of Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control System (ATSAC) technology.

LADOT is dedicated to moving Los Angeles forward as quickly and safely as possible. Drivers, bus riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians are encouraged to visit LADOT’s web site at: <http://www.lacity.org/LADOT/index.htm> for information about DASH, Commuter Express, bicycling in the city, and an array of transportation services.