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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS JOINED IN SUPPORT OF GROUNDBREAKING AT EXPO PARK/USC STATION AND CELEBRATED 1 MILLION HOURS WORKED WITHOUT INCIDENT!**

Los Angeles – Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Zev Yaroslavsky, Councilmembers Jan Perry and Bernard Parks and other elected officials joined in support of the Groundbreaking of the Expo Park/USC Station on Friday, March 6, 2009. The Groundbreaking included the pouring of the concrete for the Expo Park/USC station platform. Also on hand to support the Groundbreaking were Expo Park and USC area stakeholders, including Bingham Cherrie, Associate Vice President, Planning USC and Jeffrey Rudolph, President & CEO California Science Center, as well as many other Museum and Expo Park executives.

The Expo Park/USC station was added to the project as funding became available and is heavily supported by Expo Park, USC and elected representatives for the area. The station will serve USC, the California Science Center, the California African American Museum, the Natural History Museum, the Coliseum and the neighboring community.

The contractor also celebrated 1 million hours worked without a lost time incident, which is a major safety milestone. The light rail project is scheduled to open in 2010 and will ease travel times between the Westside and downtown Los Angeles. The \$862 million project will include nine new stations along the Exposition right-of-way from downtown Los Angeles to Venice/Robertson in Culver City.

For more information about the Expo Light Rail Line, see [www.buildexpo.org](http://www.buildexpo.org)

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