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Citrus College Recognized at Gold Line Station Dedication

GLENDORA, Calif. –In a journey spanning more than a dozen years, Segment II of the Foothill Extension of the Metro Gold Line reached its destination on Saturday, September 19, 2015, with the dedication of the Azusa Downtown and the APU/Citrus College Gold Line stations.

Citrus College's support, which was a significant part of the efforts to complete the light rail line from Pasadena to Azusa, was recognized in the morning's dedication festivities.

"I am very proud of the role Citrus College has played in bringing this segment of the Gold Line to Citrus College," said Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D. "The entire college community including students, faculty, staff and board members, have been very active in advocating for the Gold Line as a way to improve access to higher education for thousands of people in and beyond the San Gabriel Valley."

Dr. Perri was selected as one of the morning's 13 officials invited to speak at the combined dedications of the two Azusa stations, which drew an estimated crowd of 1,000 people. She and Dr. Cliff Hamlow, vice president emeritus of Azusa Pacific University, represented the higher education community. Other speakers included Congressional Representatives Grace Napolitano and Judy Chu; Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti; Los Angeles County Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich and Hilda L. Solis; Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez; Azusa Mayor Joseph Rocha; and various other officials.

Citrus College was well represented at the event. Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, board president; Mrs. Susan M. Keith, board vice president; and Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, board clerk/secretary, were among the many local dignitaries in attendance. Also present were Citrus College Academic Senate President Alfie Swan and Associated Students of Citrus College President Cameron Wisdom. Citrus College Student Ambassadors staffed a booth, where they spoke to prospective students and their families, while distributing information about the college.

This transportation milestone for the residents of the San Gabriel Valley was especially significant to the numerous institutions of higher education that are located in close proximity

to current and future Gold Line stations. This has ultimately resulted in the line being dubbed “The Brain Train.” In addition to Citrus College, active supporters of the Gold Line have included Azusa Pacific University, the University of La Verne, Mount Sierra College; and the City of Hope, a leading research and treatment center.

In her remarks, Chu commented that with the Gold Line completed to Citrus College and Azusa Pacific University, it has become The Brain Train. Later in the program, Garcetti agreed. “The Gold Line will connect Cal Tech, Azusa Pacific, Citrus College and one day the Claremont Colleges. It will truly be a game changer,” he said.

There are approximately 15 institutions of higher education situated close to Gold Line stations, from Los Angeles to Montclair.

“This day represents a long awaited victory for Citrus College and the communities we serve,” said Board President Montgomery. “As the nation’s fifth fastest-growing community college, I believe Citrus College’s future is filled with exciting possibilities, and today is only the beginning.”



Following the Gold Line dedication, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti (center) greeted (left to right) Citrus College Board Clerk/Secretary Barbara R. Dickerson, Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Board Vice President Susan M. Keith, and Board President Joanne Montgomery. *(Photo by Ricky Lin)*