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**GARCETTI ANNOUNCES CITY BICYCLE FACILITIES
HONORED WITH RIDESHARE DIAMOND AWARD**
*Metro and Ventura County Transportation Commission
honor project with Group Achievement award*

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti today announced that the City of Los Angeles's Civic Center employee bicycle facilities project has received a Rideshare Diamond Award. Sponsored by Metro and the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), the Diamond Rideshare Awards annually recognize outstanding achievement in rideshare programs that help improve mobility and air quality.

The project, which was completed in January 2008, made available showers, bicycle and shower lockers, and additional bicycle racks for City of Los Angeles employees working in the Downtown Civic Center area.

"These new bicycle facilities are giving employees more options for getting to work. We're encouraging people to help our environment and reduce traffic at the same time," said Council President Garcetti.

The bicycle facilities project received a Rideshare Diamond Award in the Group Achievement category. Council President Garcetti worked with the City of Los Angeles's Department of General Services, Personnel Department, and Department of Transportation to develop the new facilities. The Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition provided assistance with making the new facilities effective for cyclists.

"I truly appreciate the partnership of city departments and cyclists that ensured this project's success. I particularly want to acknowledge Maggie Whelan, Melina Mariano and Francois Verin of the Personnel Department, Michele Mowery of the Department of Transportation, Dan Eason and John Vasquez of the General Services Department, and Helen Leung of my staff for their efforts to promote cycling to work," said Garcetti.

For more information on the City of Los Angeles's bike/walk to work options, please visit: <http://www.lacity.org/per/bikewalk.htm>.

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