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SUCCEEDS OUTGOING CHAIR JOHN FASANA

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN HAL BERNSON ASSUMES CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Los Angeles City Councilman Hal Bernson will become the new MTA Board Chair beginning July 1, 2002. Bernson, who is appointed to the 13-member MTA Board of Directors by Mayor James Hahn, has served on the L.A. City Council since 1979. He succeeds outgoing Chair John Fasana, a city councilman from Duarte, who has held the position since July 2001.

The MTA Board Chairmanship is rotated among elected officials on an annual basis between the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles and the League of Cities. Bernson will serve as Board Chair through June 2003.

"I want to thank John Fasana for his leadership over the last year as Board Chair," said Bernson. "His commitment to better transportation in Los Angeles County and his involvement has helped guide the MTA to new heights in providing quality transportation services."

"I am grateful to Mayor Hahn and the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the MTA. I will work hard to continue improving transportation services for the region and look forward to working with the MTA Board, CEO Roger Snoble and MTA management in implementing programs and services aimed at improving mobility," added Bernson.

The Board also named Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky as First Vice Chair and Frank Roberts, Mayor of Lancaster, as Second Vice Chair.

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The MTA is the regional transportation planning agency for Los Angeles County. It operates a fleet of more than 2,000 daily buses in a service area of 1,433 square miles. The MTA also operates the 59.4-mile Metro Rail System and is the primary funding agency for Metrolink, the six-county, 416-mile commuter rail system. Bernson also services as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) which operates Metrolink.

In addition, the MTA funds street and highway projects, bike lanes and many other transportation improvements throughout Los Angeles County.

The Metro Rail System includes the 17.4-mile Metro Red Line subway and two light rail lines, the 22-mile Metro Blue Line and the 20-mile Metro Green Line. The Metro Rail System has a combined average weekday ridership of over a quarter million boarding passengers. The Metro Bus System carries over a million daily boarding passengers.

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