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U.S. Transportation Secretary Mineta Pays a Call on MTA

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Mineta's visit gave MTA officials an opportunity to brief the secretary on the agency's progress in modernizing the Metro Bus fleet and improving passenger service. The discussion also included an update on the Eastside rail project, the Metro Rapid bus demonstration program and other transit projects.



**U.S. Secretary of
Transportation
Norman Mineta**

Mineta, a Democrat, served as Secretary of Commerce in the Clinton administration and was appointed Secretary of Transportation by President Bush.

A native of San Jose, he served as mayor of the city – the first Asian-American mayor of a major U.S. city. He was elected to Congress in 1975 and served for more than 20 years on the House Transportation Committee.

While on that committee, he helped write the Americans with Disabilities Act. He also was instrumental in passage of ISTEA, a 1991 bill that allowed federal highway money to be used for public transit projects.

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