

Board Elects John Fasana 1st Vice Chair, Approves LRTP, Metro Rapid System

(May 24, 2001) The MTA Board elected John Fasana of Duarte as its new 1st Vice Chair, Thursday, a vote that anticipates his election as Board chair in the next fiscal year. The Board also voted to change the chair's term back to one year from the current two years.

A city councilman and former mayor of Duarte, Fasana is one of four City Selection Committee appointees to the Board. He served on the former SCRTD Board and on the MTA Board since July 1992.



John Fasana

Fasana also serves on the League of California Cities Transportation Committee, the SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee, the Foothill Transit Zone, the San Gabriel Valley Transportation Coalition and the San Gabriel Valley Association of Cities.

Fasana graduated from Whittier College with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He and his wife, Kristin, have two daughters and a son.

Other Board action

In other action, the Board approved the Long-Range Transportation Plan and a motion designating the Metro Rapid bus system as a permanent transit mode for LA County. The Board directed the MTA staff to draft a plan to expand the system and allocated funding for the planning phase.

The Board also confirmed its opposition to SB 919, state legislation that would restrict the MTA's ability to control billboards and other advertising displays on its property.

The Board did not take up a motion to cancel Metro Bus Line 497 (the LA –Pomona-Montclair Express) or a motion on a joint development at the Metro Red Line's Wilshire/Western station. A 50,800-square foot mixed-use development with retail space, restaurants and 182 rental units is proposed for the site.

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