

✓ Rich Morallo of Public Affairs welcomes international Fulbright Fellows to the MTA for a meeting with CEO Roger Snoble.



- **Snoble Briefs Fulbright Fellows on LA Transportation Planning**

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(April 9, 2002) Thirty Fulbright Fellows from around the world, who are studying Los Angeles from an urban planning standpoint, visited the MTA, Monday.

After a tour of the Port of Long Beach to discuss freight movement, the group took the Metro Blue Line to downtown Los Angeles, where they toured Union Station before congregating at MTA Headquarters for a presentation on the many aspects of transportation in Los Angeles.

CEO Roger Snoble started the afternoon with an overall view of the ways the MTA currently plans transportation in Los Angeles, and the ways in which it was planned in the past. He noted that Los Angeles, unlike many other cities, had most of its growth after the automobile became a dominant force in American life.

For the future, Snoble suggested that it is time to change the way we plan transit in the city, and use the right tools to solve the problems of congestion.

"Adding lanes to a freeway," he said, "is like trying to solve obesity by loosening your belt."

Luckily, there are many alternatives, including light rail, Rapid Buses, and carpooling programs. "Los Angeles is the world's largest transportation lab," said Snoble.

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