

> Hosting the visitors were MTA's Dana Woodbury, left, and Peter Liu, far right. Visiting from Saudi Arabia were, from left, Jalal Nafakh, director of transportation for Riyadh, and Ahmed Assubail, urban system program manager. They were escorted by Hamed Benouar of UC Berkeley. Also presenting information was Naresh Amatya of SCAG.



### **Saudi Transportation Officials Visit MTA**

(July 30, 2002) A high-level delegation of transportation officials from Saudi Arabia visited Los Angeles, last week, to gather information for use in the development of transportation systems to serve the kingdom's capital city of Riyadh.

Riyadh's population of 4 million is expected to more than double in the next few years. The Saudi officials have visited a number of transportation agencies in the U.S. to discuss ways to respond to their country's growing transportation needs.

MTA officials gave presentations on the Metro Rapid bus system, the ATMS "Smart Bus" project and the Universal Fare System. A Southern California Association of Governments representative gave a presentation on the regional transportation plan.

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