

## City Transit Officials Visit Metro San Fernando Valley

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Transportation officials and the chief legislative analyst from the City of Los Angeles recently visited Metro San Fernando Valley and toured West Valley Division 8.

For the transportation planners, it was a chance to see a working Metro division up close and get a feel for how the new sector will be more responsive to the community.

Maria Souza-Rountree, chief legislative analyst, said, "We haven't been here before. It's nice to see how things work."

Los Angeles transportation planners Michael F. Davies, Chun-Ming Yen, and Phillip M. Aker met with General Manager David Armijo to discuss transportation in the San Fernando Valley.

"The meeting was a way of learning about what each organization is doing with transit service in the Valley," says Armijo, "and to determine if there are ways we can partner together to leverage our collective resources to provide better transportation for Valley transit riders."

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Los Angeles officials, from left, are Chun-Ming Yen, transportation planning associate; Michael Davies, supervising transportation planner; Maria Souza-Rountree, legislative analyst; and Phillip Aker, supervising transportation planner. From Metro San Fernando Valley, Communications Manager Marta Maestas and General Manager David Armijo.