

Director Proo Tours Gateway Cities Divisions

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(Oct. 23, 2002) MTA Director Beatrice Proo got a behind-the-scenes look at the Gateway Cities sector's two operating divisions during a recent tour conducted by General Manager Rich Rogers.

In addition to serving as an MTA Board member, Proo is chair of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Transportation Committee, mayor pro-tem of the City of Pico Rivera, and was formerly the president of the League of California Cities. She also chairs MTA's Operations committee and sits on the Planning and Programming committee.



Maintenance Manager Randy McIntyre shows MTA Director Beatrice Proo a point on a Crossroads Depot Division 2 bus.

The division tour began from MTA's Headquarters with a ride on the Metro Red Line and Metro Blue Line to Crossroads Depot Division 2. The group also visited Central City Division 1.

"With the recent introduction of the sector concept, Board members have become more interested in becoming transit consumers," said Proo. "By using the transportation we are responsible for overseeing, we can gain a better understanding of the needs and challenges of our customers."

Proo was introduced at each division to the transportation and maintenance managers, assistant managers and a number of employees.

She was given a tour of both operations and maintenance areas at each division and received a brief overview of the operations and maintenance of the hundreds of buses that roll in and out of the two divisions.

"I was struck by the pride that employees take in their work and the personal touch that the new General Manager of the sector is showing by greeting people by name," said Proo.

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