## South Bay and Gateway Cities Sectors Move into New Offices

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(Nov. 26, 2002) MTA Headquarters said goodbye to two service sectors as they relocated to their new office buildings, closer to the communities they serve.

The South Bay Service Sector moved into its new office in Torrance, Nov. 22, followed by the Gateway Cities Service Sector, which moved into its new office building in Downey, Nov. 26.

"My team, with all of their years of experience and all of the corresponding files, notes, maps, and schedules are in place, and we are now open for business in the South Bay," says Dana Coffey, general manager of the South Bay Sector.



Workers Compensation Analyst Jackie Anderson smiles despite having a pile of boxes to sort through. Below, Communications Officer Victoria Woods starts to arrange her new office.



The new Metro South Bay office occupies 6,665 square feet of office space, which will house up to 30 employees. The office is less than two miles from Carson Division 18.

"Our location is ideal—centrally located in the area we serve," says Coffey. "Our move shows that we are becoming part of the community and we will partner with our customers as we work with the public to implement service improvements."

## **New Gateway Cities office**

The Gateway Cities Sector moved into an approximately 13,000 square foot building, which will be shared with staff at Non-Revenue Division 4. The interior of the building was torn down and rebuilt to accommodate the approximately 25 employees from the Gateway Cities Sector as well as the Division 4 employees.

"It places us in the community that we serve," says Rich Rogers, general manager of the Gateway Cities Sector. "It means we'll be more accessible to the community. "

The remodeling of the new Gateway Cities Sector office is a huge success for the facilities maintenance personnel, who completed the renovations within three months, says Tim Lindholm, project manger of Strategic Development of Facilities.

"It's the biggest project that facilities maintenance has ever done," he says.

Once settled in, both sectors plan to open their doors to their communities and local officials for an open house. The South Bay Sector open house will be held Dec. 9. The date for the Gateway Cities

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Sector open house has yet to be set.

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