

## **MTA Board Approves 9-Member SGV Sector Governance Council**

(Jan. 24, 2003) The MTA Board of Directors approved the formation, Thursday, of a nine-member Governance Council for the San Gabriel Valley service sector.

The members of the Governance Council will represent the cities in the San Gabriel Valley. The Governance Council will work with sector General Manager Jack Gabig and his staff to improve Metro Bus service in the area.

Acting on a motion by Supervisor Gloria Molina and Duarte City Council Member John Fasana, the Board approved the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) nominations for membership on the Governance Council. Five members of the Governance Council will be selected by SGVCOG.

SGVCOG also would nominate two other members, who would be non-elected officials, to serve on the Governance Council. The final two members of the nine-member Council would be nominated by the three Los Angeles County supervisors whose districts encompass the area.

### **Councils to localize control**

In addition to their role in improving bus service, Governance Councils are intended to localize control of the Metro Bus system. Members will ensure that MTA focuses on its customers and transportation needs in their service areas.

Governance Councils will oversee planning and implementation of Metro Bus service within their areas. Their responsibilities include approval of the sector general manager's annual budget proposals and conducting public hearings concerning proposed changes in bus service.

The councils also review and develop policy recommendations for MTA Board approval and contribute to the general manager's annual performance review.

The San Gabriel Valley Governance Council is the second of five to be approved by the MTA Board. The South Bay Governance Council conducted its first meetings earlier this month in Carson.

Members have been proposed for a Governance Council in the San Fernando Valley and councils also will be formed in the Westside/Central and Gateway Cities service sectors.

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