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MTA CEO Roger Snoble addresses Metro Rail security at news conference called by U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, at right. He was joined at the podium by MTA Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky, center right, and Metrolink Chairman William "Bill" Alexander.



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## Senator Barbara Boxer Calls for Efforts to Increase Rail Security

 Senator calls for legislation to improve security against terrorist attacks on Amtrak, freight rail, and local mass transit facilities at a press conference held today at Union Station.

April 14, 2003 - Senator Barbara Boxer visited Union Station today for a press conference to build support for the Railroad and Mass Transportation Public Protection Program Act (S.2276) that she introduced earlier this month. The bill would provide \$500 million in rail security grants for Amtrak, other rail carriers, and providers of mass transportation for improvements to the security of the nation's rail and mass transportation system. She was joined at from media.



Senator Barbara Boxer fields questions

the press conference by MTA Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky, MTA CEO Roger Snoble, Metrolink Chairman William "Bill" Alexander and Amtrak Superintendent for the Southwest Division Richard Phelps.

In addition to discussing

her rail security bill, Senator Boxer expressed her support for the Rail Security Act of 2004. That bill, authored by Senator John McCain of Arizona, was passed by the Senate Commerce Committee last week. The McCain bill would provide over \$1 billion in funding to meet immediate security needs for intercity and freight rail transportation providers.



Senator Boxer pauses with transit officials following the news conference. Pictured are, from left, Metrolink Chairman William "Bill" Alexander, MTA Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky, and MTA CEO Roger Snoble.

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