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Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who chaired the MTA Board during FY 2004, hands the gavel to Mayor Frank Roberts of the City of Lancaster, who will head the Board for a year beginning July 1.



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Yaroslavsky Looks Back on His Year as Board Chairman

(June 24, 2004) Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky spent a few minutes during his final meeting as MTA Board chairman reflecting on the agency's accomplishments during FY 2005.

Mayor Frank Roberts of the City of Lancaster will succeed Yaroslavsky as Board chairman. Roberts, who was elected to serve on the Board in April 1999 by the Northern Corridor Cities, will begin his chairmanship with the July meeting.

Yaroslavsky presided over the Board during a year of highs – the opening of the Metro Gold Line in July – and lows – the 35-day transit strike in October and November.

Construction of the Metro Orange Line transitway in the San Fernando Valley also hit its stride during his chairmanship. The most recent good news came with the award of federal funding for construction of the Metro Gold Line's Eastside Extension.

"We've done a lot as a Board," Yaroslavsky said in remarks at the beginning of Thursday's Board meeting. "This has really been a team effort."

He also praised members of the Metro staff for their support and accomplishments during the past year. "We've built a stronger team and I hope that spirit will continue during the next year."

