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Lancaster Mayor Frank Roberts to Lead Metro in FY 2005

By RICK JAGER

(June 25, 2004) Frank C. Roberts, mayor of the City of Lancaster, will become MTA Board chairman beginning July 1. Roberts has served as first vice chair since July 2003.



New Board Chairman Frank Roberts

"This upcoming year for Metro will be a positive one as we refocus our efforts in providing quality service to our customers," said Roberts. "The agency must, and will over the next year, begin to address customer complaints, get focused on serving the public, ensure that the region gets it's fair share of important federal transportation dollars and work closely with all Metro customers, including the 88 cities in the region in providing the best transportation services in the nation."

Roberts represents the North County area of the region, having been elected mayor of Lancaster in 1996 and reelected in 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2004. Prior to his election as mayor, he had served as a member of the Lancaster City Council since 1992.

In addition to his current duties on the MTA Board, Roberts also serves on the boards of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District and Antelope Valley Transit. He also is director of the Los Angeles County Private Industry Council.

Former college professor

Roberts retired as an Antelope Valley College professor after 38 years of service, 16 of which were as division chairman and the last 20 years as dean of Applied Academics and Technologies.

Roberts succeeds Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who had served as chairman since July 2003.

"It has been a monumental year and Supervisor Yaroslavsky has done an outstanding job in guiding this agency through difficult times," said Roberts. "We owe him a debt of gratitude for his efforts on behalf of the entire region."

Mayor James Hahn becomes the Board's first vice chair, with Supervisor Gloria Molina assuming the second vice chair position.