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## 'Kim' Kimball, First Metro Deputy CEO, Died July 11 at 75

(July 20, 2004) L.A. "Kim" Kimball, who served as Metro's first deputy CEO and chief administrative officer from 1993 to 1996, died at his Northridge home, July 11, of liver and lung cancer.

Kimball, 75, was remembered, Monday, during a memorial service at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Hollywood Hills.

Appointed deputy to Franklin E. White, Metro's first CEO, Kimball helped the agency develop a new structure and operating procedures following the merger of SCRTD's bus and rail operation, LACTC's planning and funding organization, and the Rail Construction Corporation.

He was directly responsible for public affairs, media relations, Art for Rail Transit, government relations and marketing. He also served as executive officer for administration for a year under White's successor, Joe Drew.

"Kim Kimball brought his considerable transit experience to Los Angeles during the critical startup period for Metro," said CEO Roger Snoble, who knew him through participation in APTA. "Kim held key positions in several large transit agencies, including Metro. He played an important role in helping set a positive course for public transit in the county. I, and those who knew him, will miss him."

### Transit career beginnings

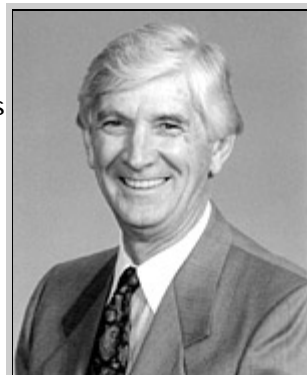
Kimball began a 34-year career in mass transit in 1964 with an administrative position at the newly formed Bay Area Rapid Transit District in Oakland. Following 10 years with BART, he served in executive positions with a number of transit agencies across the country.

He managed the construction of Baltimore's subway system and oversaw its bus operations. He was general manager of Denver's bus system and prepared plans for its light-rail system.

As general manager of AC Transit, 1984-86, Kimball proposed a reorganization of the agency, which was hard-hit by declining revenues. He then moved to New York City where he served as chief transportation officer for NYC Transit and later as general manager of the Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority in Garden City, N.Y.

After leaving Los Angeles' Metro in 1996, Kimball served for two years as executive director of Tidewater Regional Transit agency in Norfolk, Va. He retired in 1998.

A native of Marysville, Calif., Kimball entered UC Berkeley at age 16 and graduated at age 20 with a degree in political science. After Army service



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in Germany during the Korean War, he began a career of public service with city management posts in Redwood City and Walnut Creek.

Kimball is survived by his wife, Jennifer; his brothers, Robert and Richard; his three sons, Bryan, Nathan and Cameron; his daughter, Wendy Griffin; and two grandchildren.

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