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Judge Allows Fare Change to go Forward, July 1

(June 27, 2007) A Los Angeles Superior Court judge refused an environmental group's request for a temporary restraining order, Wednesday, and permitted Metro to go ahead with its planned fare change, July 1.

The 10-day temporary restraining order was sought by the Natural Resources Defense Council in conjunction with the Bus Riders Union and the Labor/Community Strategy Center.

In response to the court's action, Board Chair Gloria Molina released this statement:

"Metro is pleased with the court's decision today to allow a modest fare increase – only our second in the past 12 years – to go forward July 1. The additional revenue will help stabilize Metro's finances and allow the agency to maintain our quality service.

"The compromise fare structure that I proposed, and which the Metro Board adopted last month, was carefully researched and prepared. We are pleased that Superior Court Judge James C. Chalfant, after thorough and objective deliberations, agreed that Metro had complied with the law and that there was no basis to block the new fares."

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