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Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe Becomes Chairman of the Board of Directors effective July 1

(July 1, 2010) Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe takes over as Chairman of the Board of Directors effective today, July 1. He replaces outgoing Board Chairman, Glendale Mayor Ara Najarian.

“As Metro’s new Chair, I will promote a balanced transportation plan that equitably benefits residents in all parts of Los Angeles County,” said Knabe. “Our efforts must also include accelerating upgrades to our highways and improving our existing mass transit system.”



Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe

Knabe was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1996 and represents the Fourth District that spans from Marina del Rey to the Palos Verdes Peninsula to Long Beach all the way east to Diamond Bar and dozens of cities in between. The Fourth District also includes Catalina Island and San Clemente Island.

He is a former mayor and councilman of the City of Cerritos and former chief of staff to County Supervisor Deane Dana. Knabe holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa will serve as the Board’s First Vice Chair and Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich will serve as Second Vice Chair.

— Rick Jager