



This is an archival story that predates current editorial management.

LEARN MORE ▾

NEWS

# Metro CEO Plans to Retire After 43 Years in Public Transit

By [Zach Behrens](#)

Published Dec 16, 2008 11:00 PM

## Before you read more...

Dear reader, we're asking you to help us keep local news available for all.

Your financial support keeps our stories free to read, instead of hidden behind paywalls. We believe when reliable local reporting is widely available, the entire community benefits. Thank you for investing in your neighborhood.

Monthly Donation

One-Time Donation

\$5/mo

\$10/mo

\$15/mo

\$20/mo

\$ other amount /month

**CONTINUE** >



It's time for new blood and possibly a fresh approach to public transit in Los Angeles. Metro CEO Roger Snoble announced today that he will retire once someone is hired to replace him.

“After 43 years of public service in the transit industry, I think this is an opportune time to move on and pass the baton to another executive who will insure the implementation of Measure R,” Snoble said today in a statement. “I did a lot of soul-searching and decided it’s in the best interest of the agency to have an executive on board soon who can commit the next four to five years in guiding the development of dozens of critical transit and highway projects that will be funded by the new sales tax, which will be collected starting next July.”

Snoble served as the head honcho at Metro for the past seven years overseeing the opening of the Orange Line, construction on the Gold Line extension and Expo Line, Rapid Bus expansion and much more. It's not been a perfect run by any means--public transit is never one subject to go without controversy--but he has been a strong leader for garnering funding. Operations, however, were not his strong point.

But he is highly praised by fellow politicians. One of his biggest fans, LA County Supervisor, Zev Yaroslavsky: "Roger Snoble has led Metro to new heights in the delivery of expanded, quality public transportation to the citizens of Los Angeles County. What was a troubled and moribund agency more than 10 years ago is now recognized as one of the highest performing bus systems in the nation."

Before coming to Los Angeles, he worked for transit agencies in Dallas, San Diego and Ohio.

Photo by [Metro Library & Archive](#) via Flickr



LAist is part of Southern California Public Radio (SCPR), a member-supported public media network. Hear our news on-air at our partner site:

**KPCC | 89.3FM**

[Live Stream](#) [Schedule](#) [In Person](#)

[About Us](#)

[LAist Staff](#)

[Careers](#)

[Advertising](#)

[Contact Us](#)

[Support Us](#)

[Newsletters](#)

[Editorial Ethics & Guidelines](#)

[DEI Statement](#)

[Diversity Report](#)

[Live Events Statement](#)

[Style Guide](#)

## Keep up with LAist

Our top stories delivered weeknights

Email



[SUBSCRIBE](#)

© 2022 Southern California Public Radio - All Rights Reserved

[Terms of Service](#) [Privacy Policy](#)