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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **SUCCEEDS OUTGOING CHAIR YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE JOHN FASANA NEW MTA BOARD CHAIR**

John Fasana of Duarte will become the new MTA Board Chair beginning July 1, 2001. Fasana, who has served as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair since May 24, will succeed outgoing Chair Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, who has held the position since July 1999.

Fasana will serve as Board Chair through June 2002, following last month's Board vote to change the term of service from two years back to one.

"I thank Yvonne Burke for her leadership as Board Chair," said Fasana. "I appreciate her commitment to better transportation in Los Angeles County."

"MTA will succeed by partnering with the communities it serves," he added. "As Chair, I look forward to working with the Board and our CEO to develop partnerships that leverage resources and lead to better mobility."

A city councilman and former mayor of Duarte, Fasana has served on the MTA Board since the agency's inception in 1993. He is one of four Board members appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, which is made up of representatives from the 87 cities in Los Angeles County, excluding the City of Los Angeles. The area comprised of these 87 cities is divided into four sectors. Fasana represents the San Gabriel Valley sector.

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Fasana also serves on the Southern California Association of Governments transportation and communications committee, the Foothill Transit executive board, and serves as chair of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments transportation committee.

Fasana graduated from Whittier College with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He and his wife, Kristin, have two daughters and a son.

The MTA is the regional transportation planning agency for Los Angeles County. It operates a fleet of more than 2,200 buses in a service area of 1,433 square miles. The MTA also operates the 59.4-mile Metro Rail System and is the primary funding agency for Metrolink, the six-county, 416-mile commuter rail system.

In addition, the MTA funds street and highway projects, bike lanes and many other transportation improvements throughout Los Angeles County.

The Metro Rail System includes the 17.4-mile Metro Red Line subway and two light rail lines, the 22-mile Metro Blue Line and the 20-mile Metro Green Line. The Metro Rail System has a combined average weekday ridership of nearly a quarter million boarding passengers.

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