

MTA Board Approves Nine-member Governance Council for Metro San Fernando Valley Service Sector

The MTA Board of Directors has approved the selection of nine diverse community leaders and activists to serve on the governance council for the Metro San Fernando Valley Service Sector. The newly formed council will work closely with the service sector and local community to help govern ongoing bus service improvements for the Valley.

The Interim Joint Powers Authority (IJPA), chaired by L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, nominated the individuals in January. The MTA Board accepted those nominations this week at its February board meeting.

The council includes individuals serving Los Angeles City and County and the East and West San Fernando Valley:

City of Los Angeles

- Coby King, alternate board member, IJPA for the San Fernando Valley Transit Zone
- Kymberleigh Richards, president, Southern California Transit Advocates
- Joan Leonard and Bart Reed, public transit consumers/community activists

County of Los Angeles

- David Fleming, political and community activist and member of the IJPA for the San Fernando Valley Transit Zone
- Jesus Ochoa, public transit consumer/community activist

San Fernando Valley East

- Rafi Manoukian, Mayor of the City of Glendale
- Stacey Murphy, Council Member, City of Burbank, member of the IJPA for the San Fernando Valley Transit Zone

San Fernando Valley West

- Jeff Reinhardt, Mayor, City of Agoura Hills, member of the IJPA for the San Fernando Valley Transit Zone

Governance councils will oversee the planning and implementation of bus service within their service sector area. The councils will be responsible for, among other things, providing input on service sector budgets, conducting public hearings for sector bus line changes and implementing those service changes.

Community-based service sectors were created last year to localize control of bus operations and improve the quality of service to MTA transit customers. They are: The Metro San Fernando Valley Service Sector, The Gateway Cities Service Sector, The Metro Central/Westside Service Sector, the Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Sector and the Metro South Bay Service Sector.

The San Fernando Valley Service Sector serves, among other cities, Burbank, Glendale, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village, San Fernando, Calabasas, Agoura Hills and the City of Los

Angeles. The general manager for the San Fernando Valley Service Sector is David Armijo. The service sector office is located in 9760 Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Chatsworth, and can be reached at (818) 701-2800.

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