

Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Sector Governance Council to Hold Next Meeting May 6

The Metro San Gabriel Valley Governance Council will hold its next public meeting Tuesday, May 6 at 5 p.m. at the Grapevine Room in San Gabriel, 324 S. Mission St. in San Gabriel.

San Gabriel Valley residents interested in helping improve bus service in their communities are invited to attend, where they will be allowed to comment on council agenda items.

The governance council will approve minutes of its April 1 council meeting, receive an overview of MTA's proposed FY04 budget and proposed service changes, get a report from service sector general manager Jack Gabig, and take comments on items of public interest within the council's subject matter jurisdiction.

The council is responsible for studying and planning service to improve efficiency within Metro San Gabriel Valley and making recommendations to the MTA board regarding service issues. The council also works with transit planners, local authorities and transit operators to ensure coordination of service and holds public hearings to gain input on proposed changes. Regular meetings take place the first Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m.

Council members include Dave Spence, mayor of La Canada-Flintridge, Rosie Vasquez, Harry Baldwin, vice mayor of the City of San Gabriel, Councilman Sid Tyler of Pasadena, representing Pasadena, La Canada-Flintridge and Sierra Madre, council member Emile Bayle of San Marino, representing San Marino, Alhambra and South Pasadena, vice mayor Sharon Martinez of Monterey Park, representing Monterey Park and Montebello, and Mayor Bart Doyle of Sierra Madre, representing all the other cities in the San Gabriel Valley.

Five 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 Gabriel Valley Service Sector, The Gateway Cities Service Sector, The Metro Central/Westside Service Sector, the Metro San Fernando Valley Service Sector and the Metro South Bay Service Sector.

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The San Gabriel Valley Service Sector serves cities throughout the San Gabriel Valley and the unincorporated area of Los Angeles.

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