

Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky to Take Reins as New MTA Board Chair

(Los Angeles) - Los Angeles County Supervisor and MTA Board Director Zev Yaroslavsky will become MTA Board Chair beginning July 1, 2003. Yaroslavsky, who has served as 1st Vice Chair since July 2002, will serve as Chair for a term of one year.

"How to improve mobility in our region is our most daunting challenge," said Yaroslavsky. "My top priorities will be figuring out the most effective transit solutions for Los Angeles County, increasing our available funding, and guiding MTA through what I hope will be a year of great promise and achievement."

Yaroslavsky represents Los Angeles County's Third Supervisorial District, which comprises much of the City of Los Angeles including the San Fernando Valley, Hollywood and Los Feliz, the Wilshire corridor and West Los Angeles; the cities of Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Santa Monica, Malibu, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village and San Fernando; and unincorporated areas including Topanga and the Santa Monica Mountains.

He formerly served on the Los Angeles City Council. He was first elected in 1975 and was subsequently re-elected in 1977, 1981, 1985, 1989 and 1993. He was elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in June 1994 and was re-elected twice, most recently on March 5, 2002.

Yaroslavsky succeeds outgoing Chair and Los Angeles City Councilmember Hal Bernson. Highlights during Bernson's tenure included groundbreaking for construction of the San Fernando Valley Metro Rapidway, introduction of the Regional EZpass and expansion of the Metro Rapid bus program.

"Hal Bernson has worn many hats during his 24 years of public service," said Yaroslavsky. "We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his tireless efforts on behalf of the city and county of Los Angeles, Metrolink, Southern California Association of Governments and MTA."

MTA Board Director Frank Roberts will succeed Yaroslavsky as the Board's 1st Vice Chair.

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 73.1-mile Metro Rail System and is the primary funding agency for Metrolink, the six-county, 507-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 three light rail lines, the 22-mile Metro Blue Line, 20-mile Metro Green Line and the 13.7-mile Metro Gold Line, which is scheduled to open July 26, 2003.

Photo is available upon request; contact Ed Scannell at (213) 922-2703.



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