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**Long Beach City Council Member Bonnie Lowenthal to Serve on the Board of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**

Long Beach City Council Member Bonnie Lowenthal has been selected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), filling one of four seats on the Board that represent the 88 cities within Los Angeles County.

Lowenthal was elected by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee at their meeting on May 5 to fill the seat left vacant by Beatrice Proo, a former councilwoman from Pico Rivera.



Long Beach City Council  
Member Bonnie Lowenthal

"I am grateful for the Selection Committee's support in filling this important position and look forward to working with the entire Board of Directors as we strive to improve the mobility of the region through the implementation of important transportation solutions," said Lowenthal.

Lowenthal, a Long Beach resident for 34 years, has served on the Long Beach City Council since 2001 representing the First District which includes Willmore City, the oldest residential neighborhood in Long Beach as well as the westside industrial area, a portion of the Port of Long Beach and a section of a thriving downtown area. She is a licensed marriage, family and child counselor.

In addition to her duties as a council member, she is chairperson of the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and is vice chair of the Public Safety Committee.

She also chairs the City's Housing Authority and serves as the Long Beach representative on the Transportation and Communications Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG), and is Chair of Metro's Gateway Service Sector's Governance Board.

Prior to her election to the Long Beach City Council, Lowenthal served on the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Directors from 1994 to 2001.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. It serves as transportation planner and coordinator, designer, builder and operator for one of the country's largest, most populous counties.

Besides operating over 2,100 peak-hour buses on an average weekday,

Metro also designed, built and now operates 73.1 miles of Metro Rail service. The Metro Rail system consists of the Metro Red Line subway, the Metro Blue Line, the Metro Green Line, and the Metro Gold Line. In total, the Metro Rail system serves 62 rail stations stretching from Long Beach to downtown Los Angeles to Hollywood, Universal City and North Hollywood in the San Fernando Valley, from downtown Los Angeles to Pasadena and from Norwalk to El Segundo and all points in between.

Metro also is currently constructing a 6-mile extension of the Metro Gold Line to East Los Angeles and is constructing the 14-mile Metro Orange Line across the San Fernando Valley, a dedicated transitway that will connect the Metro Red Line North Hollywood Station with Warner Center.

In addition to operating its own service, Metro funds municipal bus operators and a wide array of transportation projects including bikeways and pedestrian facilities, local roads and highway improvements, goods movement, Metrolink, and the popular Metro Freeway Service Patrol and Call Boxes.

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