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## **Kymerleigh Richards Elected Chair of Metro San Fernando Valley Service Sector Governance Council**

- Long-time public transit user doesn't own car

Kymerleigh Richards of Van Nuys, a long-time daily public transit user who doesn't own a car, has been elected the new chair of the Metro San Fernando Valley Service Sector Governance Council.

Richards has been a charter member of the council since it held its first meeting in April 2003. The council oversees local bus service operations and improvements in the San Fernando Valley including route planning and schedules. It is one of five community-based Metro service sectors in Los Angeles County.

The new chair has long been active in guiding Metro service improvements. She has been a member of the Metro San Fernando Valley Community Outreach Steering Committee and also served as a Metro passenger advisor. In addition, Richards is active in Southern California Transit Advocates and often writes opinion columns on transit for various publications.

"Metro San Fernando Valley will be restructuring bus service over the next few years to better meet the travel needs of our passengers," Richards said. "I am very pleased to be able to serve as chair of the governance council during this process and bring my perspectives as a passenger to the discussions and decision-making."

Note to editors: For photo of Richards please call Luis Inzunza at Metro Public Relations at (213) 922-2711.

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