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## **Civic Leaders Explore Climate Change, Mitigation Efforts at Sustainability Summit**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) May 28 hosted a Sustainability Summit for local city officials, government agencies and other key stakeholders to discuss climate change mitigation and implementation efforts throughout the region.

The purpose of the summit was to bring government in Los Angeles County together to develop a united path towards a more sustainable transportation and land use system for the region.

“The challenge for the Los Angeles area is to break down the silos and to integrate how we plan, build, operate, maintain and create more livable cities. “No one agency or department can do this on its own, but together, we can work to meet the goals that we decide for the future we want. It’s a learning curve for all of us, the more we work together to discuss, plan and implement the better chance we have of addressing the challenge and capitalizing the opportunities,” said Metro Board Chair Pam O’Connor.

The morning session gave a regional perspective on sustainability featuring panel representatives from SCAG, Los Angeles World Airports, Metropolitan Water District and the County of Los Angeles.

The summit also provided concurrent breakout sessions on Green House Gas Emissions and Local Government Operations Development, Renewable, Energy Conservation and Incentives, Green Infrastructure and Environmental Management Systems and Community Growth and Development.

The afternoon session of the summit highlighted the results from an 18-question electronic survey distributed countywide. The survey identified and measured sustainability awareness and practices in the region.

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