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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **English/Spanish Simulcast**

## METRO BOARD CHAIR JOHN FASANA TO JOIN METRO CEO PHIL WASHINGTON FOR MEASURE M TELEPHONE TOWN HALL MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12

WHAT:

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board Chair John Fasana will join Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington to host an Interactive Telephone Town Hall meeting this Wednesday evening, October 12 to provide information and answer questions about Measure M, the agency's traffic improvement plan for Los Angeles County.

The measure, which goes before voters on November 8, includes an expenditure plan that would fund a wide variety of transit and highway projects, local street improvements, programs for seniors, students and people with disabilities and more over the next four decades. Participants can ask questions about Measure M, Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan, local bus and rail service, and other projects now underway.

The town hall meeting will be simulcast in both English and Spanish to give as many L.A. County residents as possible the opportunity to participate in this information session.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 12, 2016

6:30 - 8 p.m.

TELEPHONE CALL

IN #:

English: 888-400-1932 Spanish: 888-400-9342

WHO: John Fasana, Metro Board Chair, Duarte City Council Member

Phillip A. Washington, Metro CEO

**BACKGROUND:** Measure M asks voters to increase the countywide sales tax by a half-cent and

continue the existing Measure R tax after it is set to expire in 2039 until voters decide to change it. The plan includes a host of major highway and transit projects across the county and many other programs. These include keeping fares affordable for seniors,

students and the disabled; improving local streets and sidewalks; earthquake

retrofitting bridges; improving freeway traffic flow; expanding the rail and bus system; enhancing bike and pedestrian connections; and keeping the system maintained and in good working condition. Measure M also embraces technology and innovation to adapt as transportation evolves. The full expenditure plan is available for public

review at www.metro.net/theplan.