

## MTA, Small Business Strengthen Network at TBAC Reception

The MTA's Small Business Diversity and Labor Compliance Department hosted a networking reception to introduce the Transportation Business Advisory Council (TBAC) membership and small business community to MTA's new CEO Roger Snoble and Board Chair John Fasana.

Nearly 100 people attended the catered affair held in the Gateway Plaza early Wednesday evening, Oct. 17. Keynote remarks were delivered by CEO Roger Snoble, who voiced a strong personal commitment to strengthening MTA's working partner relationship with small business.

Board Chairman John Fasana and host Lonnie Mitchell, executive officer in charge of procurement, also spoke to members, encouraging contract participation.

The TBAC council is a group of business organizations that advocate on behalf of greater participation of small business in the MTA contract process. The TBAC organization also helps MTA meet or exceed participation goals for MTA contracts.

Currently, 13 such organizations, including the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, Filipino American Society of Architects and Engineers, Latin Business Association and the National Association of Women Business Owners, head a large membership of small businesses and entrepreneurs.

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### Networking with TBAC



TBAC Board Chairman Rod Garcia and MTA Ceo Roger Snoble.



Hu Technology executives Frank Medina and Orlando Ortiz with Procurement Chief Lonnie Mitchell.



Chief of Staff Maria Guerra, TBAC Chairman Rod Garcia and TBAC member Sheryl Monaughan, PhD.



Deputy CEO John Catoe, Procurement Manager Mike Davis, Administration EO Carolyn Flowers and Small Business Division Director Linda Wright. Below, MTA Board Chair John Fasana and EO Lonnie Mitchell.



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