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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## San Gabriel Resident Jack Gabig New General Manager MTA POISED TO IMPLEMENT METRO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COMMUNITY BASED TRANSIT SERVICE JULY 1

MTA is ready to implement new community based transit in the San Gabriel Valley beginning July 1 that is designed to improve bus service, reliability, customer satisfaction and enhance travel opportunities for San Gabriel Valley residents who rely on MTA services.

Jack Gabig, an eight year resident of North San Gabriel, has been hired as the Metro San Gabriel Valley new general manager.

"With the creation of community based transit in the San Gabriel Valley we will be able to localize every aspect of the planning and operation of MTA Metro Bus service," said Gabig. "My sole purpose is to bring quality customer focused service to the San Gabriel Valley."

Gabig served as general manager of Montebello Bus Lines for the past 12 years, supervising a staff of 200 employees and overseeing a 75-vehicle bus and paratransit service. His prior positions include director of maintenance and director of planning and marketing for Long Beach Transit.

Gabig's major accomplishments at Montebello Bus Lines included expansion of service to La Mirada, Whittier, Alhambra and San Marino, recipient of the American Public Transit Association's Outstanding Transit System Award, and construction of a new operating facility and regional rail station.

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Page 2-2-2 San Gabriel Sector

Metro San Gabriel Valley service encompasses two MTA operating divisions in El Monte and Cypress Park. The sector will be responsible for the operation of approximately 450 Metro buses and 30 Metro Bus lines carrying nearly 62 million boarding passengers each year. Gabig and his support staff will be located at offices in El Monte.

On July 1, MTA also will implement similar community based transit service in the San Fernando Valley. By the end of the year, community based transit sectors will be established in the South Bay, Westside/Central area, and at Gateway Cities in southeast Los Angeles County.

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*Editors Note:* Digital photo of Mr. Gabig can be downloaded off MTA's Pressroom web page. Your direct link at: <u>www.mta.net/press/pressroom</u>

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