



# **Metro Board Composition Listening Session**

**May 6, 2026**





## **Karen Swift**

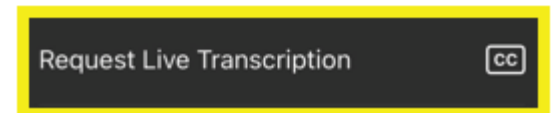
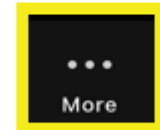
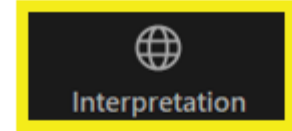
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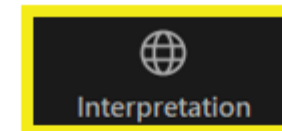
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- > **EVERYONE** must select a language (English or Spanish).
- > Do not stay in the default *off*.



# Interpretación disponible

## Interpretación sobre Zoom

- > Si desea escuchar la interpretación en **español**, haga clic en el botón Interpretation (interpretación) en la parte inferior derecha de la pantalla Zoom
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- > Si desea escuchar solo a los intérpretes y no a los oradores originales, asegúrese de hacer clic en "Mute Original Audio" (silenciar audio original).
- > **TODOS** deben elegir un idioma (inglés o español). No se quede en la posición de apagado predeterminada.



# Meeting Protocols



Public attendees may join via Zoom meeting format. Attendee cameras are off, and microphones are muted.



We will invite your feedback during the public comment period after each agenda item.



During the public comment period, use the 'raise hand' icon or submit your comment using the 'Q&A' feature. *Those joining by phone press \*9 to raise hand and \*6 to Unmute.*

# Community Meeting Guidelines

Metro is committed to ensuring that all participants can fairly and clearly share their ideas, comments, and concerns at this meeting. Help us provide a safe and equitable process.

## ***During this meeting, please:***

- Respect the format and protocols of the meeting
- Allow everyone an opportunity to comment
- Treat fellow community members and Metro staff with respect
- Address all comments to Metro staff
- Maintain a conversational tone



# • **Welcome Remarks**

## **Ara J. Najarian**

Metro Board Director and  
Glendale City Councilmember



# Agenda



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**About Metro**

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**About Measure G**

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**Current Metro Board and  
Responsibilities**

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**About LA County**

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**Peer Agency Comparison**

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**Listening Session and Public  
Comment**







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## Metro's Unique Role – Operator, Builder, Funder, Planner



# Los Angeles Transit Governance History

Agency	Year	Board Size	Selection Type	Composition/ Members
LAMTA 	1957–1964	7	Governor-appointed	All members appointed by Governor
SCRTD 	1964–1993	11	Appointed + Elected mix	LA County Residents 5 LA Mayor plus 2 City Selection Committee 4
LACTC 	1976–1993	11	All elected officials	LA County Supervisor 5 LA Mayor plus 3 Long Beach Mayor 1 City Selection Committee 2
Metro  Metro	1993–Present	13	Mixed elected + appointed	LA County Supervisor 5 LA Mayor plus 3 City Selection 4 Governor 1 (non-voting)



## State Laws Governing Metro's Board Composition

AB152 (Katz) the state law that created Metro, includes details on when and how Metro's Board composition can be changed.

AB 152 (PUC §130051): Board composition may be reconsidered based on population shifts or modifications to the size of the LA County Board of Supervisors.

If the **City of LA** population falls below 35% of all incorporated cities in the LA County, one mayoral appointee seat would be vacated and filled by a City Selection Committee appointee from a city not already represented.

If the **LA County Board of Supervisors** expands, Metro must submit a revised board composition plan to the Legislature within 60 days.

*The Metro Board does not change automatically in 2028 or 2032. Any change would require approval by the State Legislature.*

# Measure G Overview

In November 2024, voters approved amendments to the LA County Charter that initiates a multi-year process to restructure the County's governance system.



Key milestones under Measure G include:

Year	Milestone
2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish Independent Ethics Commission</li><li>• Hire a County Legislative Analyst</li></ul>
2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elect County Executive</li></ul>
2032	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expand Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors from 5 to 9; following 2030 Census</li></ul>
2034 and Beyond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Convene Charter Review Commission that meets every 10 years</li></ul>

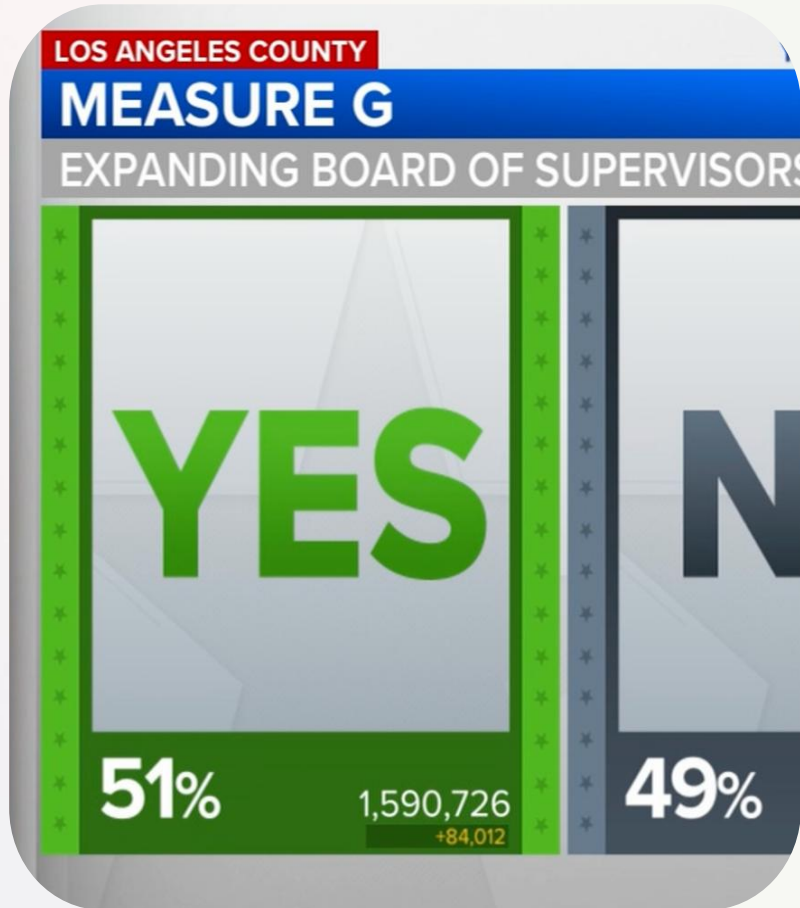


The measure requires no additional costs or taxes.



Measure G does not change how the County Board of Supervisors makes appointments to outside agencies, commissions, or other non-county entities, including Metro.

# Creation Of Metro Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee



- Metro Board Chair Dutra established An Ad Hoc Committee in January 2026 to focus on potential changes to the Metro Board arising from Measure G.
- Ad Hoc Committee members include representatives from the Metro Board, business, labor, the Council of Governments, the County’s Governance Reform Task Force, and a transit rider.
- In January 2026, the Metro Board directed staff to provide demographic, historical, and comparative context to support the Committee’s review and deliberations, and to develop an outreach plan to stakeholders.

# Metro Board Of Directors – 13 Members

## Los Angeles County Supervisors



**Supervisor Hilda Solis**  
District 1



**Supervisor Janice Hahn**  
District 4



**Supervisor Holly Mitchell**  
District 2



**Supervisor Kathryn Barger**  
District 5



**Supervisor Lindsey Horvath**  
District 3

## Service Sectors



**Councilmember Fernando Dutra, Chair**  
City of Whittier  
*Representing South East Long Beach*



**Councilmember Ara Najarian**  
City of Glendale  
*Representing North County/San Fernando Valley*



**Mayor Tim Sandoval**  
City of Pomona  
*Representing San Gabriel Valley*



**Mayor James Butts**  
City of Inglewood  
*Representing Southwest Corridor*

## City of Los Angeles



**Mayor Karen Bass**  
City of Los Angeles



**Councilmember Imelda Padilla**  
Council District 6



**Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky**  
Council District 5



**Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker**  
Public (Non-Elected) Appointee

## Governor Appointee (Non-Voting)



**Gloria Roberts, District Director**  
Caltrans – District 7

# Metro Board Responsibilities

- Set agency policy and strategic direction
- Adopt annual budget and oversee financial stewardship
- Approve major capital projects and debt issuance
- Authorize labor agreements and significant policy decisions
- Appoint and oversee the Chief Executive Officer
- Provide regional governance representing County and city jurisdictions
- Oversee planning, funding, building, and operation of the transit system and highways.
- Ensure accountability, transparency, and alignment with climate and equity goals



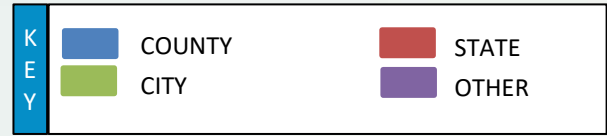
# LA County – Demographic Snapshot

















Year	City of Los Angeles	% of Total County	All of LA County (Combined)	% of County	LA City % Compared to all incorporated Cities	Unincorporated Areas	% of County	Total LA County Population
1950	1,970,358	47.5%	1,863,000	44.9%	51.4%	318,329	7.6%	4,151,687
1960	2,479,015	41.3%	3,050,000	50.8%	44.8%	465,000	7.9%	5,994,000
1970	2,816,061	39.1%	3,650,000	50.7%	43.6%	735,000	10.2%	7,201,000
1980	2,968,528	38.5%	3,900,000	50.6%	43.2%	850,000	10.9%	7,718,000
1990	3,485,398	39.3%	4,407,046	49.7%	44.2%	970,720	11.0%	8,863,164
2000	3,694,820	38.8%	4,836,981	50.8%	43.3%	987,537	10.4%	9,519,338
2010	3,792,621	38.6%	4,968,558	50.6%	43.3%	1,057,426	10.8%	9,818,605
2020	3,898,747	38.9%	5,093,095	50.9%	43.4%	1,022,167	10.2%	10,014,009

If the **City of LA** population falls below 35% of all incorporated cities in LA County, one City of Los Angeles Mayoral appointee seat would be vacated and filled by a City Selection Committee appointee from a city not already represented.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census (1950-2020); figures for “All Other Cities” and “Unincorporated Areas” are calculated based on published county and city-level data.

# Peer Agencies



Agency	Service Region	Voting Members	Board Composition	Division of Representation	
	<b>Metro</b> Los Angeles, CA	1 County 88 Cities	13	5 County Supervisor 5 LA Mayor plus 3 4 City Selection 4 1 Governor Appointee (non-voting)	
	<b>NYMTA</b> New York City, NY	12 Counties 2 Counties in CT (partial) 250+ Cities & Municipalities	14	4 County Appointees 6 Governor Appointees 4 City Appointees	
	<b>NJ Transit</b> Newark, NJ	21 Counties 2 Counties in NY (partial) 564 Municipalities	11	9 Governor Appointees Commissioner of Transportation State Treasurer	
	<b>MBTA</b> Boston, MA	8 Counties 176 Cities and Towns	9	6 Governor Appointees Secretary of Transportation 1 City Appointee 1 Advisory Appointee	
	<b>SEPTA</b> Philadelphia, PA	5 Counties 1 City	15	8 County Appointments 1 Governor Appointee 4 State Legislature Appointees 2 City Appointees	
	<b>WMATA</b> Washington, D.C.	1 Federal District (DC), 2 States (MD, VA) 5 Counties 4 Cities	8	6 State Appointees 2 Federal Appointees	
	<b>CTA</b> Chicago, IL	1 County 1 City	7	3 Governor Appointees 4 City Appointees	
	<b>BART</b> San Francisco, CA	5 Counties 22 Cities	9	9 Elected to the board	

# We Want to Hear From You / Queremos escuchar de usted

Use your smartphone to scan the QR code to take part in our live poll. Your feedback matters and will be shared in real time.

**Sus comentarios son importantes y se compartirán en tiempo real. Use su teléfono móvil para escanear el código QR y participar en nuestra encuesta en vivo.**



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Enter # 2047568**

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**What is your favorite ice cream flavor? / ¿Cuál es su sabor de helado favorito?**

Please type in your response / Por favor escriba su respuesta

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**What is your home Zip code? / ¿Cuál es el código postal de tu casa?**

Please type in your response / **Por favor escriba su respuesta**

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## Do you use Metro? / ¿Es usuario de Metro?

- Yes / Sí
- No / No

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**Before today, how familiar were you with Metro's Board structure? /  
Antes de hoy, ¿qué tan familiarizado(a) estaba con la estructura de la Junta  
Directiva de Metro?**

- Very well / Muy bien
- Somewhat well / Algo bien
- Neutral / unsure / Neutral / No estoy seguro(a)
- Somewhat familiar / Algo familiarizado(a)
- Not familiar / No estoy familiarizado(a)

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**How well do you think the current Metro Board reflects your community's needs? / ¿Qué tan bien cree que la actual Junta Directiva de Metro refleja las necesidades de su comunidad?**

- Very well / **Muy bien**
- Somewhat well / **Bastante bien**
- Neutral / not sure / **Neutral / no estoy seguro(a)**
- Needs some improvement / **Necesita algunas mejoras**
- Needs major improvement / **Necesita mejoras importantes**

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**Looking ahead, what factors should be prioritized when shaping the future composition of the Metro Board? Please select your Top Three / Pensando en el futuro, ¿qué factores deben priorizarse al definir la futura composición de la Junta Directiva de Metro? Seleccione sus tres opciones principales.**

- Transit riders and people with firsthand experience using transit and dealing with mobility challenges / Usuarios del transporte público y de las personas con experiencia directa usando el transporte y enfrentando desafíos de movilidad
- Diversity: representation of historically underserved communities / Diversidad: representación de las comunidades históricamente desatendidas
- Experts in key areas like transportation, planning, and finance / Personas expertas en áreas clave como transporte, planificación y finanzas
- Regional equity: representation from the county and local cities / Equidad regional: representación del condado y de las ciudades locales
- Public accountability and transparency / Rendición de cuentas y transparencia ante el público
- Represents communities and industries that rely on the safe and efficient movement of people and goods / Representa a las comunidades y a las industrias que dependen del movimiento seguro y eficiente de personas y mercancías



# Public Comment

# Additional Opportunities to Share Your Thoughts

**Wednesday, May 13, 12:00 p.m.**

Virtual Listening Session – North Los Angeles County

**Members of the public can participate by phone or online in the meeting. Spanish interpretation will be provided for the session.**

To request interpretation and materials in other languages, call (213) 922-4600 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at least three working days (72 hours) in advance of the scheduled session date.

**All feedback, including survey responses, will be collected immediately.  
Find the survey on the Ad Hoc Board Composition website.**

[gometro.la/governance](http://gometro.la/governance)

[governance@metro.net](mailto:governance@metro.net)

(213) 922-3992



Scan QR Code to  
go to website

Metro is changing how LA moves, opening 3 new D Line stations on Friday, May 8 at:

**Wilshire/La Brea**

**Wilshire/Fairfax**

**Wilshire/La Cienega**

This first phase of the D Line Extension offers a safer, faster and more reliable way to travel across the city. Travel times between Wilshire/La Cienega and Union Station will be about 20 minutes with no transfers required.

### Key Connections

- Direct access to Museum Row and more.
- Metro Bus Line 217 connects to the Farmers Market and The Grove.
- Metro Bus Line 105 connects to the Beverly Center.

For more information, call 323.466.3876 or visit [metro.net/dlineopening](https://metro.net/dlineopening).

## D Line Subway Extension Project

Section 1





## Beat the Heat (Metro Awareness Campaign)

Campaign designed to raise awareness and help transit riders, spectators, and the workforce stay safe during extreme events, including the expected rise in temperatures across the region.

- Receive key information on cooling and hydration resources
- Sign-up for heat and weather alerts
- Multi-language access via Google translation
- Scan QR Code to gain access to Metro's *Heat Awareness Guidebook*

# Stay Connected with Metro Updates



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COMMUNITY EVENTS  
AND MILESTONES



PROJECT UPDATES  
ACROSS THE  
REGION



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HELP YOU PLAN  
AHEAD

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