



**Board Report**

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**AD HOC BOARD COMPOSITION COMMITTEE  
APRIL 27, 2026**

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**ACTION: RECEIVE ORAL REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

RECEIVE AND FILE the monthly report on Ad Hoc Board Composition Community Engagement.

**ISSUE**

The Metro Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee approved an inclusive community and stakeholder engagement plan designed to gather geographically representative input from riders, local governments, and community stakeholders across Los Angeles County.

This monthly oral report will include a recap of completed stakeholder outreach and an update on planned outreach.

To date, Metro has reached more than 1,000 stakeholders at the following meetings:

Organization	Date
Metro SR-14 Coordinating Group	February 25, 2026
AV Edge	February 26, 2026
South Bay Service Council	March 2, 2026
Valley Industry and Commerce Association – Transportation Committee	March 3, 2026
San Fernando Valley Service Council	March 4, 2026
Gateway Cities Council of Governments	March 4, 2026
San Gabriel Valley Service Council	March 9, 2026
Westside/Central Service Council	March 11, 2026
Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce	March 11, 2026
Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce	March 18, 2026
Central City Association – Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	March 18, 2026
Westside Cities COG – Transportation Working Group	March 24, 2026
Los Angeles City Council Transportation Committee	March 25, 2026
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership	March 25, 2026
California Contract Cities – Executive Committee	April 1, 2026
San Gabriel Valley COG – Transportation Committee	April 1, 2026
Gateway Cities Council of Governments	April 1, 2026
Greater Los Angeles Realtors Group	April 8, 2026
LADOT Transportation Commission	April 9, 2026
Westside Cities Council of Governments	April 9, 2026
San Fernando Valley Council of Governments	April 13, 2026
North LA County Transportation Coalition	April 13, 2026
South Bay Council of Governments	April 23, 2026
California League of Cities – LA County Division	April 22, 2026

Additionally, seven Community Listening Sessions have been completed, engaging with 151 stakeholders. The following Community Listening Sessions were held:

Community Listening Session Host	Date
San Fernando Valley Service Council	April 1, 2026
South Bay Service Council	April 6, 2026
Westside/Central Service Council	April 8, 2026
Gateway Cities Service Council	April 9, 2026
Public Safety Advisory Committee	April 9, 2026
San Gabriel Valley Service Council	April 13, 2026
Metro Community Advisory Council	April 22, 2026

Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee Chair, Ara Najarian, will host a virtual listening session on May 6, 2026.

Additionally, presentations will be held with the following key organizations:

- Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Transportation & Goods Movement Council
- Valley Industry & Commerce Association
- Metro Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Independent Cities Association
- Metro Technical Advisory Committee
- Metro Transportation Business Advisory Council
- Metro Youth Council
- CEO Faith Leaders Roundtable
- Los Angeles Youth Climate Commission
- Los Angeles City Youth Council

Transit intercepts are being planned to reach transit riders at various Metro bus and rail stations, Union Station, and Metrolink stations.

### **EQUITY PLATFORM**

Robust community and stakeholder engagement advances Metro's equity objectives by prioritizing outreach to underrepresented communities, riders, and stakeholders across all regions of Los Angeles County. Metro includes multilingual outreach, accessible meeting formats, and partnerships with community-based organizations and faith leaders to reduce participation barriers and ensure diverse perspectives are reflected in Committee deliberations.

### **VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED OUTCOME**

VMT and VMT per capita in Los Angeles County are lower than national averages, the lowest in the SCAG region, and on the lower end of VMT per capita statewide, with these declining VMT trends due in part to Metro's significant investment in rail and bus transit.\* Metro's Board adopted VMT reduction targets align with California's statewide climate goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. To ensure continued progress, all Board items are assessed for their potential impact on VMT.

As part of these ongoing efforts, this item is expected to contribute to further reductions in VMT. While this item does not directly encourage transit, sharing a ride, or using active transportation, it is a vital part of Metro operations, as it is a formal advisory body that provides community input on key agency priorities, projects, and programs, which can lead to enhanced customer experience. Because the Metro Board has adopted an agency-wide VMT Reduction Target, and this item supports the overall function of the agency and is consistent with the goals of reducing VMT.

\*Based on population estimates from the United States Census and VMT estimates from Caltrans' Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) data between 2001-2019.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

This overall effort supports the following strategic plan goals:

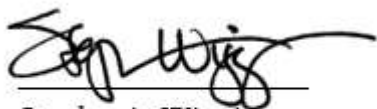
- Goal 3 - Enhance community and lives through mobility and access to opportunity.
- Goal 4 - Transform LA County through regional collaboration and national leadership.
- Goal 5 - Provide responsive, accountable, and trustworthy governance within the Metro organization.

### **NEXT STEPS**

A follow-up report on the community engagement efforts will be presented to the Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee next month.

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# Ad Hoc Board Composition Community Engagement

Item 7  
April 27, 2026

# Summary of Engagement – Listening Sessions

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- More than 150 people have participated in Community Listening Sessions.
- At each of the Community Listening Sessions, the meeting participants were polled through a live polling website that allowed those in-person and those joining virtually to participate.
- The poll included the guided listening questions that include:
  - Before today, how familiar were you with Metro’s Board structure?
  - How well do you think the current Metro Board reflects your community’s needs?
  - What factors should be prioritized when shaping the future composition of the Metro Board?



Gateway Cities Metro Service Council Meeting

# Summary of Engagement – Key Groups

- Metro has presented to over 30 key groups including Councils of Governments, Chambers of Commerce, and city groups including Contract Cities and League of Cities.
- Feedback includes:
  - Stronger regional representation, including the San Fernando Valley and Gateway Cities
  - Broader perspectives, such as business and goods movement.
  - A need for simpler explanations of Measure G, Metro Board responsibilities, and ways the public can engage.
  - Recommendations on how the public can already participate in Metro through Service Councils, advisory bodies, and committees.



Presentation to North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition (NCTC)

# Other Activities

- Pop Up Events at Key Metro Stations to reach transit riders start in May, including Metrolink riders in North LA County
- Tabling at Community Events
  - 4/18 South LA LIFE Open House – 400 contacts
  - 4/18 Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival – 300 contacts
  - 4/18 Metro Pomona North Night Market – 300 contacts
  - 4/19 Touch-a-Truck Sherman Oaks – 150 contacts
  - 4/25 Senator Gonzalez Día del Niño Maywood – 20 contacts
- Engaging Metro CBO Partners to support outreach activities - LIFE, Go Pass, 511, etc



Metro LIFE South LA Open House



Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival



Metro Pomona North Night Market

# Key Communication Outreach Tools

## ➤ Website

Frequently Asked Questions on Ad Hoc Board Composition

## ➤ Fact Sheet – Translated to 7 languages

## ➤ Take Ones – designed for Transit Intercepts in May

## ➤ Community Listening Session Flyer

## ➤ Social Media Toolkit with QR Code

## ➤ E-Blasts to Metro CBOs, LIFE, and Go Pass participants

## ➤ Weekly Updates in Community Relations Newsletter

## ➤ The Source/El Pasajero



### Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee Metro Composition Review in Light of Measure G - Factsheet

#### Why is Metro Seeking Community Input?

In November 2024, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure G, a charter amendment that changes several aspects of County governance. Measure G provides for a countywide elected CEO beginning in 2028, and expansion of the Board of Supervisors from 5 to 9 members in 2032 following the 2030 Census and redistricting. As County governance evolves, Metro is seeking community input to ensure its governance framework continues to support strong regional oversight, accountability, and effective decision-making.

#### What Does the Metro Board Do?

The Metro Board provides policy direction and oversight for the region's transportation system. Its responsibilities include:

- Setting agency policy and strategic priorities
- Approving Metro's annual budget
- Authorizing major transportation investments and capital projects
- Overseeing financial stewardship and performance
- Appointing and evaluating the Chief Executive Officer

#### What is the Current Board Composition?

- Five Los Angeles County Supervisors
- The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles
- Three additional members appointed by the Mayor of Los Angeles (at least one must be a Los Angeles City Councilmember)
- Four members appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, representing the other 87 cities in the County
- One non-voting representative appointed by the Governor (traditionally the Caltrans District 7 Director)



#### How You Can Share Your Feedback?

- Attending an upcoming community listening sessions at regional Metro Service Councils and Advisory Committees
- Submitting comments via email by June 1, 2026
- Share feedback through a survey
- Connecting with Metro at local community events and more



#### What Happens Next?

An Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee has been established to study governance considerations over the coming months. Community feedback will help inform the Committee's discussions and support thoughtful, transparent decision-making.



#### Stay Informed

Sign up for updates and check back for meeting materials, summaries, and next steps at [metro.net/governance](https://metro.net/governance)



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**Questions?**