Metro Board Composition Listening Session

April 2026

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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	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 incoporated 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.

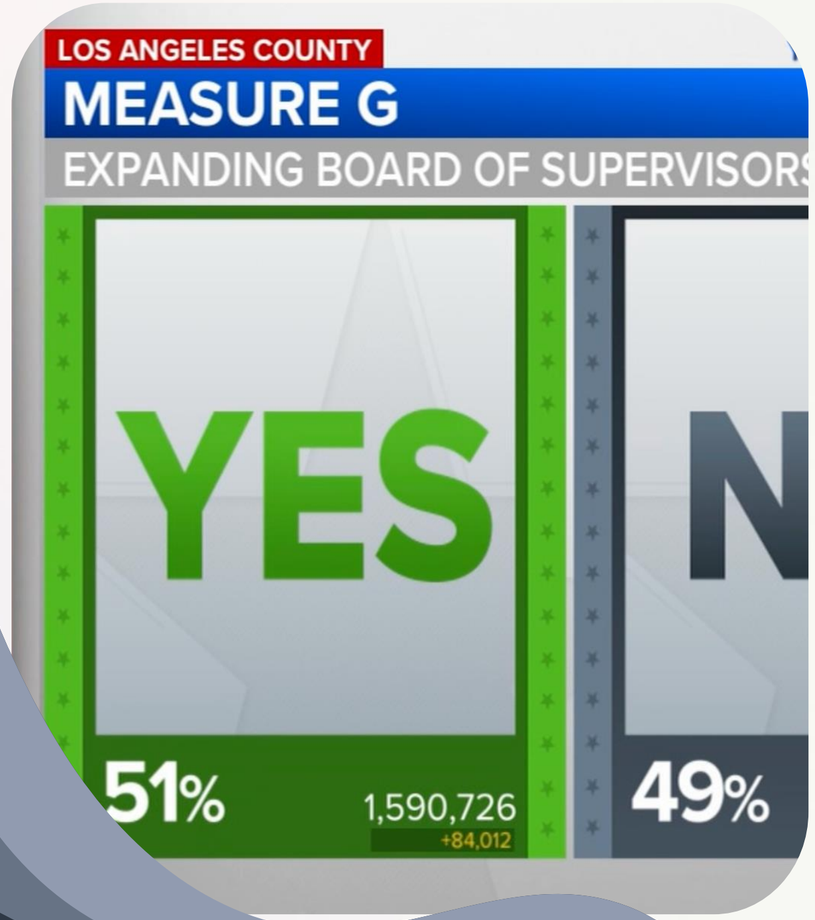
The measure requires no additional costs or taxes.

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

Key milestones under Measure G include:

Year	Milestone
2026	• Establish Independent Ethics Commission • Hire a County Legislative Analyst
2028	• Elect County Executive
2032	• Expand Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors from 5 to 9; following 2030 Census
2034 and Beyond	• Convene Charter Review Commission that meets every 10 years

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 Voting 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

Council Member Fernando Dutra, Chair
City of Whittier
Representing South East Long Beach

Mayor 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

Council Member Imelda Padilla
Council District 6

Council Member 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

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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

KEY: COUNTY, CITY, STATE, OTHER

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

Poll: We Want to Hear From You

- *What is your home zip code?*
- *Do you use Metro?*
- *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?*

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Poll: We Want to Hear From You (cont.)

Looking ahead, what factors should be prioritized when shaping the future composition of the Metro Board? Please select your Top Three.

- Transit riders and people with firsthand experience using transit and dealing with mobility challenges
- Diversity: representation of historically underserved communities
- Experts in key areas like transportation, planning, and finance
- Regional equity: representation from the county and local cities
- Public accountability and transparency
- Represents communities and industries that rely on the safe and efficient movement of people and goods

Additional Opportunities to Share Your Thoughts

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 6:30 p.m.
San Fernando Valley Service Council
Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
South Bay Service Council
Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Westside/Central Service Council
Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 5:00 p.m.
Gateway Cities Service Council
Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Public Safety Advisory Committee
Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting

Monday, April 13, 5:00 p.m.
San Gabriel Valley Service Council
Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Community Advisory Council
Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Listening Session

Members of the public can participate in person at the hybrid meetings, or by phone or online in any of the meetings. Spanish interpretation will be provided for all sessions.

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 through June 1, 2026. Find survey on the Ad Hoc Board Composition website.

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