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JOHN J. ADAMS NAMED INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR MTA RAIL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

MTA Chief Executive Officer Franklin E. White today named John J. Adams to serve as interim head of the MTA's rail construction program. Adams will serve in this capacity until a nationwide search for a permanent construction executive is completed.

Adams, 61, currently is vice president of construction with the MTA's Rail Construction Corporation. He has 43 years of construction experience, including 10 years' experience with the MTA and one of its predecessor agencies, the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

"John Adams will provide the experience and continuity the MTA needs in its rail construction program while we seek a permanent executive," said White. "He is a respected professional with decades of experience who will give us strong interim leadership as we move forward with our efforts to restore public confidence in the rail program and to resume tunneling in Hollywood on the Metro Red Line project."

Prior to coming to Los Angeles, Adams worked for two years as a rail construction manager for the People Mover project in Detroit and before that for seven years constructing Miami's 21-mile rail system. He was with the New York Transit Authority in a number of construction capacities for 23 years.

As vice president of construction, Adams provided counsel and assistance to RCC construction project managers. He also was responsible for professional development of the engineering staff.

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"As interim executive officer, my immediate task will be to move the Metro Rail project forward in accordance with the plans developed in conjunction with the Federal Transit Administration," Adams said. "We must resume tunneling in a safe and effective manner that minimizes further disruption along Hollywood Boulevard."

Adams is a 1952 graduate of the State University of New York where he earned a bachelor's degree in structural technology. He also holds a master's degree in business administration from Adelphi University on Long Island, N.Y. He and his wife, Diane, live in West Covina. They have four grown sons.

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