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JERRY BAXTER TO OVERHAUL MTA'S RAIL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS, PROCEDURES

MTA Chairman Ed Edelman and CEO Franklin White Wednesday, September 21, 1994 announced that Jerry Baxter will undertake the revamping of the MTA's rail construction program.

Baxter, currently the Caltrans District Seven director, will be responsible for revamping the MTA's rail construction procedures and practices. He will assume his new duties effective November 1, 1994.

"Jerry Baxter has some 30 years experience and involvement in managing major public works projects," said Ed Edelman, MTA Chairman and a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. "I believe Jerry can provide the kind of experience and management insights which will enable us to strengthen and improve our current procedures."

"Over the last year I have become increasingly concerned about the rail construction program," said Franklin White, MTA's Chief Executive Officer.

"We need a seasoned professional, someone experienced in the area of major public works construction projects, to review our rail construction program and procedures and recommend improvements." more....

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"Baxter's first responsibility will be to develop a new approach that will fundamentally alter our management of the construction of rail projects," White added. "There are things we are doing right, but there also are practices and procedures which can be instituted to give us better control over the projects we are now building and that are on the drawing boards."

White said that the new management approach will include a greater emphasis on work that could be done by MTA personnel such as inspection of the actual construction. Presently, the MTA depends upon its construction management firm to supervise the work of MTA contractors.

The new procedures are estimated to take up to four to six months to develop, White said.

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