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MTA HIRES NEW PROJECT MANAGER FOR METRO RAIL EAST SIDE EXTENSION

Alfonso Rodriguez, an executive with over 12 years of experience in public works engineering and design projects, has been named the MTA's Red Line Project Manager/Deputy Executive Officer for the East Side Extension.

Rodriguez has project management experience in the public and private sector. His background includes serving as Senior Vice-President for a national architectural engineering firm and as vice president of construction for a local municipal engineering consulting firm. He also performed civil and site development design work for the Metrolink construction program and served as City Engineer for the City of Rosemead where he was actively involved in municipal engineering and transportation issues.

As an MTA project manager, Rodriguez will oversee the construction of the first segment of the East Side Extension which includes four stations over a 3.75 mile route. Construction cost for this project is estimated to be \$980 million, with an estimated completion date of 2002.

"Rodriguez is an excellent addition to our construction staff. He has all the necessary project management skills to lead our East Side Team and we are fortunate to have him aboard." said Mr. Stanley G. Phernambucq, MTA's executive officer for rail construction.

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