

## Equipment Engineering Moved from Procurement to Operations Maintenance

(October 4) In an organizational realignment of MTA Procurement, the 47-member Equipment Engineering department will report to Operations Maintenance, effective Monday, Oct. 4.

Executive Officer Gwen Williams, who recommended the change shortly after being named to head Procurement, said the group's functions "didn't really fit" in her department.

Known formally as Vehicle/Equipment Acquisition and Warranty, the group is headed by the manager, John Drayton, who now reports to Richard Hunt, deputy executive officer, Operations Maintenance.

Equipment Engineering is responsible for warranty processing, inspections and reliability analysis of new buses. Employees also inspect vehicles during the manufacturing process to meet federal requirements and ensure the vehicles meet MTA contract specifications.

"Their job won't change," said Hunt. "The department will continue to have a close working relationship with both Procurement and Operations Maintenance."

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