

Santa Monica's John Catoe to Join MTA as Deputy CEO

(Aug. 23, 2001) John B. Catoe, director of Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus will join the MTA later this year to serve as deputy chief executive officer to the agency's new CEO, Roger Snoble.



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Catoe, 54, whose formal title is Director of Transit Services for the City of Santa Monica, joined the Big Blue Bus in December 1995. Under his leadership, Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines won the APTA Outstanding Achievement Award for the fourth time since 1983.

Catoe previously had served for five years as director of operations with OCTA. Joining the agency in 1977, he rose through the ranks as transit services analyst, superintendent of operations, general manager of operations and manager of transportation.

A native of Washington, D.C., who now lives in Santa Monica, Catoe earned a Bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Redlands in 1981. He is a member of APTA's legislative committee, the California Transit Association and the American Society for Public Administration.

"John Catoe has tremendous local respect and support," said CEO Julian Burke, who has announced that Sept. 30 will be his last day at the MTA. "He will be a great addition to the MTA's executive leadership team."

Allan Lipsky, currently the MTA's deputy CEO, also will serve as a deputy chief executive officer to Snoble. The various duties that will be assigned to Catoe and Lipsky have not yet been determined, but should be decided sometime after Snoble joins the MTA.

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