
Denise Longley Named DEO in Transit Operations; Will Build Two New Divisions

(Dec. 12, 2001) Denise Longley has been named deputy executive officer for Strategic Development of Facilities -- Operations. Her premier function: Implementing two new operating divisions.



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A former construction manager in Metro Construction, Longley also will be looking at ways to further streamline the capital projects process and will assist in the development of long-range plans for MTA facilities, including those for the new service sectors. The director of Facilities Maintenance and his staff will report to her.

In an October interview with *MTA Report*, Deputy CEO John Catoe said MTA divisions are overcrowded. The agency needs two new divisions in the core of the city, he said, for operation and maintenance of coaches assigned to Rapid Bus service and to general fleet expansion.

"Denise has the perfect background to lead the effort to expand and improve our operations facilities," said Catoe. "Her extensive experience in construction management will be particularly valuable during the planning and construction of the two new operating divisions."

Longley has been meeting with the MTA's real estate, planning and environmental staffs to begin to look at ways of expediting the process.

Looking at property

"We're already looking into acquiring property," she says, "but we still have environmental processes to go through prior to negotiating with property owners."

For the past 15 years, Longley's specialty has been overseeing and managing construction of buildings, Metro Blue Line and Metro Red Line stations, bridges and other facilities. Having worked as a resident engineer and project manager for DMJM (Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mandenhall), she was assigned to the MTA in 1992 as a construction manager on the North Hollywood Extension.

In 1995, Longley joined the MTA as a construction manager, retaining her assignment on the Metro Rail project. She was responsible for managing construction of the North Hollywood and Universal City stations and for support of the Hollywood/Highland station construction, as well as the Los Angeles River bridge-widening project.

She worked with project teams that included engineering, procurement, legal and operations to bring the North Hollywood Extension project in on-time and under-budget.

A native of Wisconsin, Longley grew up in Oconomowoc, a suburb of Milwaukee. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, where she earned a B.S. degree in construction management. She and her husband, Hal, a senior computer security specialist at Long Beach Memorial Hospital, enjoy trips to Mammoth for the scenery and downhill skiing.

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