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Michael Funnye Named Venice Division Transportation Manager

(Aug. 23, 2002) Michael Funnye, MTA's director of budgets, has been named division transportation manager at Venice Division 6, effective Aug. 26.

An executive with 20 years' experience in finance, Funnye's background also includes military transportation. He joined MTA in 1999 and has been responsible for the agency's budgets, financial forecasting and planning.

As a Naval Reserve officer, Funnye is operations officer of a 149-member combat cargo unit. The unit is responsible for handling, transporting and tracking cargo destined for military facilities in the U.S. and aboard. The group also operates and maintains vehicles and warehouse equipment.

"I'll bring these skills with me to Division 6," says Funnye. "I understand the problems of keeping trucks and vehicles rolling and I can apply that knowledge to the people who are responsible for operating and maintaining our buses."

MTA's smallest division, Venice serves four Metro Bus lines with 78 buses, 100 operators and a transportation administrative staff of four.

"The Westside/Central Sector is fortunate to have an individual of his caliber and motivation in this key position," says General Manager Tracy Daly. "Our focus for Division 6 is to be a good neighbor, while providing Metro bus services."

The team is 100 percent behind Michael," she adds. "He'll have an opportunity to learn the bus side of the transportation business from Metro veterans Ron Reedy at Division 7 and Jim Lukens at Division 10."

"I'm looking forward to the challenges and learning a lot from the people at Division 6 and my colleagues Ron and Jim," says Funnye. "They're great people and I'm looking forward to working with them."

Funnye, 46, grew up in Elmsford, N.Y., a town north of New York City near the Tappan Zee Bridge where he worked as a toll taker during college.

He holds a Bachelor's in business administration from Iona College and an MBA in finance from Columbia University. He has a 12-year-old daughter, Evyan, who lives with her mother.

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