

Jim McElroy is New Transportation Manager at Division 7

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(June 18, 2003) Jim McElroy recently took the driver's seat as West Hollywood Division 7 transportation manager.

McElroy comes to MTA from Davis, west of Sacramento, where he served as General Manager of Unitrans, overseeing maintenance, operations and administrative duties.

"I'm what you call a transit guy," he says.

McElroy's involvement in transportation began as a youth. His career route started with driving family-owned trucks as a teen and progressed to working as general manager of Unitrans.

As general manager, McElroy converted the entire fleet to natural gas. Under McElroy, Unitrans recently received the City of Davis' annual Environmental Recognition award.

His love for transportation also led him to serve as chairman of the California Transit Association (CTA) and chairman of the Sacramento region's transit management coordinating committee.

He served four terms on CTA's Executive Committee and two terms as chairman of the Small Operators Steering Committee.

MTA 'represents the best'

McElroy, who replaces former Transportation Manager Ron Reedy, came to MTA because he feels the agency represents the best in transit. "MTA has exciting people, exciting services and an exciting future."

McElroy appreciates diversity in the community and among employees.

"I love working with the people who come together as a team to make a transit system work," he says.

McElroy, a native of Los Altos, earned a degree in civil engineering from UC Davis and has taken graduate courses in administration.

He enjoys exploring the outdoors, running, cycling and whitewater kayaking. McElroy was a ski instructor for three years and has two levels of certification. He looks forward to times of change and growth at MTA.

"The most exciting times will be making changes that have a positive impact," McElroy says. "My vision for MTA is to provide the absolute best transit service, highly regarded by the general public as well as

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our employees.”

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