

Div. 7 Manager Jim McElroy Named GM of Westside/Central Sector

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Division 7 Transportation Manager Jim McElroy has been named general manager of the Westside/Central Service Sector, Deputy CEO John Catoe has announced. The appointment is effective Monday, Sept. 15.



Metro Westside/Central
General Manager Jim McElroy

McElroy has been Division 7 transportation manager since June, having joined MTA after serving as general manager of Unitrans, the Davis, Calif., transit service.

McElroy was named sector general manager following a nationwide search that saw candidates applying from across the country. All four MTA general managers participated in the selection process.

"During the interview process, Roger Snoble and I were impressed with Jim's understanding of the issues and challenges facing Westside/Central," said Catoe. "The other sector general managers and I have great confidence that we've chosen the right leader for the sector."

"I'm grateful for all the assistance shown me by my assistant managers Frazier Watts, Nita Northington and Derick Mahome, as well as by Maintenance Manager Ron Whitney and my other co-workers here at the West Hollywood division," said McElroy. "I look forward also to working with the fine folks at Gateway Division 10 and Venice Division 6. Westside/Central is the heart of MTA's service area and we have a big job to do for our customers."

San Fernando Valley General Manager David Armijo led the Westside/Central sector during the interim period between managers. He now will return to his primary duties.

"We all appreciate the excellent job David Armijo has done in stepping in to oversee the sector while continuing his duties as general manager in the San Fernando Valley," Catoe said. "He has done a superb job of leading Westside/Central and will hand it over in excellent shape to Jim McElroy."

Thanks to the staff

"I want to thank the sector office staff, the division staffs, the operators and maintenance teams of all three Westside/Central divisions for their support," said Armijo. "I know they will welcome Jim McElroy and give him the same great backing they gave me."

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 at Unitrans, he converted the entire fleet to natural gas. The agency recently received the City of Davis' annual

Environmental Recognition award.

McElroy has served as chairman of the California Transit Association (CTA) and chairman of the Sacramento region's transit management coordinating committee. He also served four terms on CTA's Executive Committee.

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.

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