



Frank Lonyai, new Gateway Division 10 maintenance manager.

New Maintenance Manager Frank Lonyai Joins Division 10

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(Oct. 1, 2003) Having worked in transit in Africa, Europe and Latin America, Frank Lonyai brings a world of experience to Gateway Division 10 as the new maintenance manager.

Lonyai comes to MTA most recently from Orange County Transportation Authority where he was a section manager. He has a broad background in transit, manufacturing, engineering, assembly, project coordination and technical services.

Lonyai was born in Budapest, Hungary, the son of a railroad man. He started his career in transit working for the bus manufacturing company, Ikarus, where he became an export director.

"I have experience knowing how people are handling transit in other places, not only in Europe, where they have a very well developed system, but also in places like Africa," he says.

Challenging experiences

Later in his career, Lonyai helped establish a mass transit system in

Mozambique after the country was liberated from a 200-year colonization. "It was one of the most challenging experiences in my career because there was no support and the circumstances were rudimentary."

Lonyai is excited about MTA's new composite buses with their higher capacity and lower weight, the developing Bus Rapid Transit system and the new concept of better serving our customers through the service sector system.

"The new equipment and projects show that these are changing times for MTA," he says. "For me, it is exciting to convey this new and fresh image to my staff and the public."

'I improve the numbers'

Lonyai is currently sizing up where Division 10 maintenance stands so he can "work together with the supervisor team to improve the indicators."

Looking ahead, he says, "I want to know what new technologies and projects are coming because I want our division to be at the forefront of transit, so we can become the best."

Lonyai earned an automotive engineering degree from the Polytechnic University and an MBA from the University of Economics in Budapest. He lives in Rowland Heights with his wife, Dora, and daughters Anna and Dorina.

In his spare time, he enjoys landscape photography, camping, hiking, reading, listening to classical music and being with his family.

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