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Yvonne Brewer-Smith Named Transportation Manager at Division 7

(Oct. 5, 2004) Westside/Central General Manager David Armijo has selected Yvonne Brewer-Smith, a 28-year Metro veteran, to be the new transportation manager at West Hollywood Division 7.

Brewer-Smith, 51, currently serves as assistant transportation manager for the San Gabriel Valley Service Sector, where she heads the vehicle operations (VO) program. She will move to Division 7 later this month to succeed Acting Manager Nita Northington.



Yvonne Brewer-Smith

"Yvonne has come up through the ranks, developing her management and leadership skills with each position she has held," said Armijo. "I am very pleased to name her to lead one of Metro's biggest and busiest transportation divisions."

As head of the VO group, which was launched by the San Gabriel Valley sector last July, Brewer-Smith is credited with helping to improve Metro Bus on-time performance.

'Tremendous asset'

"Yvonne has been a tremendous asset to Metro San Gabriel Valley , managing our centralized field supervision team," said General Manager Jack Gabig. "Her leadership skills, high energy, and commitment to excellence will be put to good use at Division 7. We all wish her much success in her new position."

Noting that Northington has been acting transportation manager at Division 7 for more than a year, Armijo said, "I want to especially thank Nita and the entire division team for the excellent job they have done keeping the division moving forward."

Brewer-Smith began her Metro career as a bus operator assigned to Division 3 in June 1976. She also drove out of divisions 5, 2, 15 and the now-closed Division 16 in Pomona. She became an instructor in 1979.

In June 2001, Brewer-Smith was assigned as assistant manager at Central City Division 1 and moved to San Gabriel Valley Division 9 as assistant manager in July 2002.

Supervises vehicle operations

She was named the San Gabriel Valley sector's assistant transportation manager for vehicle operations in May 2003. In that post, she

supervises vehicle operations and is responsible for on-time performance, scheduling and customer service.

"I've enjoyed my time in the San Gabriel Valley sector," says Brewer-Smith. "I have a great team of supervisors. I'm sad to be leaving them."

A resident of Ontario, Brewer-Smith earned a degree in business management from the University of Phoenix. She has a daughter, Keysa Rancharan and three grandchildren, Ryan, 17, and twins, Joshua and Jacob, 12, who live in Pomona.

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