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Editor's Note: Due to a misunderstanding, the title given for Carolyn Flowers in previous stories was incorrect. The title has now been corrected. The editor regrets the error.

Carolyn Flowers to Serve as Acting Chief Operating Officer



Carolyn Flowers

(Nov. 15, 2006) CEO Roger Snoble has selected Carolyn Flowers, executive officer for Operations Administration, to serve as acting Chief Operating Officer.

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority announced, Tuesday, that Deputy CEO John Catoe has been named WMATA's next general manager. He expects to begin his new job in January 2007.

Snoble said the next month or so will be a time of transition for Transit Operations and that Flowers will begin assuming some of Catoe's responsibilities right away.

"It's a natural move on an interim basis to allow Carolyn to keep things moving," he said. "She's certainly capable of doing that and she'll be fine. I'm very comfortable with having her fill that role."

Noting Flowers long experience in a number of top positions at Metro and her recent transit leadership training, the CEO said, "I expect everyone to give her all the support that's necessary for us to continue with all the great things we do."

Chosen for leadership programs

In 2002, Flowers was one of 25 people chosen to participate in the American Public Transportation Association leadership program, a year-long course of study that prepares participants to serve in top leadership positions in the transit industry.

In 2005, Flowers was selected from among 56 candidates to participate in an international fact-finding mission co-sponsored by the Transportation Cooperative Research Program and the Eno Foundation of Washington, D.C. Along with 11 other transit agency executives, the group visited Spain, Denmark, China and Japan.

She also just completed the Eno Foundation's transportation leadership program.

Flowers, who joined Metro in January 1993 as an administrative analyst, has served in her current position since July 2003. She is responsible for Metro's operations budget, manpower planning and scheduling.

She is a veteran of almost 30 years in administrative and financial

management positions in industry and government. At Metro, she previously served as executive officer, Administration, and as deputy executive officer, Finance, in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

OMB budget director

Earlier, Flowers was OMB budget director. During 1998 and most of 1999, she was head of the budget department for the City of Beverly Hills. She also was a chief administrative analyst in Bus Operations and Procurement.

After completing an MBA in finance and marketing at UCLA, Flowers was a financial analyst and budget officer for more than five years at Rockwell International Automotive Operations. She worked for Wang Laboratories for more than 10 years in financial management positions and as district sales administration manager for computer hardware and software.

Flowers earned a BA in history and political science from UCLA and an MBA from UCLA's Anderson School of Business. She is a member of the National Forum of Black Public Administrators and the Women's Transportation Conference.

In 2002, she was honored for exemplary professional development and career advancement by Metro's African American Employees Assocization.

A native of Jackson, Miss., she makes her home in Los Angeles.