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Melvin Clark Named Acting GM of Metro Rail Operations

· Patrick Astredo named director of M3 project

(May 3, 2007) Melvin Clark, deputy executive officer for Rail Transportation, has been named acting general manager of Metro Rail Operations.

Clark will report directly to Interim Chief Operating Officer Carolyn Flowers until a permanent rail operations general manager has been recruited.



Melvin Clark

In announcing Clark's appointment, Flowers also said Patrick Astredo has been named director of Operations Systems Support, reporting to her. Astredo, formerly an equipment maintenance manager in Fleet Management and Support Services, will manage the M3 maintenance and material management system.

Clark, 49, has 26 years' experience in rail operations with regional transit agencies, rail engineering firms and railroad corporations. He joined Metro as director of rail activation in April 2002 and was named deputy executive officer in March 2003.

Beginning as a signal design intern at the Chicago Transit Authority in 1981, he later worked as a signal designer and signals engineer with two engineering firms, and in signals engineering and train control positions with Norfolk Southern in the 1980s and as train control engineer and, later, chief train control engineer with Atlanta's MARTA system in the early 1990s.

Prior to joining Metro, Clark served from 1996 to 2002 as manager of signals and communication and then as division director of rail systems with the Bi-State Development Agency, now known as "Metro," in St. Louis.

Clark holds a BA in science – electronics management from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and has completed technical, management and leadership courses at Carnegie Mellon University, Auburn University and Harvard University.

He is a member of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance Association, the SIU Electronic Systems Technologies and ITT Technical Institute Electronics Technology Advisory Committees.

Clark and his wife, Denise, live in Santa Clarita with their children, James, 18; Joseph, 13; Christiana, 11; and Katherine, 8.

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