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## CEO Names Chief Operations Officer, Metro Rail General Manager

- Carolyn Flowers will be chief operations officer; Mike Cannell will head Metro Rail

(Aug. 1, 2007) CEO Roger Snoble announced two top-level executive appointments, Tuesday, naming Carolyn Flowers the chief operations officer and Mike Cannell of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension as the new general manager for Metro Rail.

Flowers, who will oversee and direct the overall activities of bus operations, has served as interim chief operations officer since last January. She previously was executive officer of Administration and deputy executive officer for Finance.

Cannell, who has 27 years of rail transit experience that includes activating and managing systems throughout the country, will begin his new job Aug. 6. He succeeds Melvin Clark, who has served as interim Metro Rail general manager since the departure of Gerald Francis, and will now resume his duties as deputy executive officer for Rail Operations.

For the past two years as program management director, Cannell has supervised planning and environmental process for the Gold Line's proposed Foothill Extension. Over the years, he has served in executive positions with rail systems in San Diego, Salt Lake City, St. Louis, and also supported the start-up of the Metro Gold Line.

Before that, he was employed by the Booz Allen Hamilton consulting firm where he was senior principal responsible for engineering and planning assignments throughout the nation.

Prior to joining Metro, Flowers held financial positions in the public and private sectors, serving as budget director for the City of Beverly Hills, as a financial manager at Wang Laboratories and as a financial analyst and budget officer at Rockwell International Automotive Operations.

She is a member of the City of Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission and the Proposition Q Citizen's Oversight Committee. She also is a member of the National Forum of Black Public Employees, the American Society of Public Administrators, and the American Public Transportation Association's diversity committee.

