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## **MTA SELECTS LINDA BOHLINGER TO SERVE AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING**

Linda Bohlinger, an executive with 20 years of experience in transportation planning and programming, has been named Executive Officer for Planning and Programming for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). She had held the position in an acting capacity since August, 1995.

In her new post, Bohlinger heads one of the MTA's four line departments and reports directly to the chief executive officer. She is responsible for all bus, rail and highway planning and programming for Los Angeles County. Her responsibilities include countywide transit system integration, highway planning, congestion management, capital and long-range financial planning, joint development in conjunction with MTA projects, and planning for the MTA's bus and rail transit system.

"The increasing complexity of public transportation requires the leadership of an experienced transportation planner as we continue to build a modern system to serve Los Angeles County," said Joseph E. Drew, MTA interim CEO. "Linda Bohlinger has proven to be one of the top planners in the field of transportation."

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Bohlinger previously served as Deputy Executive Officer of Capital Planning for the MTA. For the past six years, she had been responsible for directing rail transit, bus and highway capital planning, programming, grants management, Benefit Assessment District programs and long-range financial planning activities.

Previously, Bohlinger was deputy director for transit development for the California Transportation Commission in Sacramento. In that capacity, her responsibilities included state funding for such projects as BART, the San Diego Trolley, Sacramento Light Rail and Los Angeles Metro Rail. Following her five-year tenure in Sacramento, she was with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC) as the manager of highway programs.

Earlier, she held a transportation planning position with the Southern California Association of Governments.

Bohlinger earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara and a Master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California. She is a resident of Altadena.

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