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LINDA BOHLINGER APPOINTED MTA INTERIM CEO

LOS ANGELES – Linda Bohlinger, an executive with more than 20 years of experience in transportation planning and administration, today was appointed interim chief executive officer of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority by the MTA Board of Directors.

For the past year Bohlinger has served as deputy CEO at the MTA. She replaces Joe Drew who is leaving the agency at the end of January.

MTA Board Chairman Larry Zarian said the MTA soon will begin a nationwide recruitment for a permanent CEO.

“The MTA is fortunate to have a highly capable executive who can maintain the continuity of leadership during this critical period,” Zarian said. “Linda has managed virtually every facet of this complex organization and is particularly strong in the areas of finance, administration, planning and programming. At a time when the MTA faces a serious shortfall in local and federal funds against growing demand for more transit service in the county, Linda’s expertise is invaluable.”

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"I look forward to the challenge of being a steward of the MTA while the Board searches for a permanent chief executive officer," Bohlinger said.

"There's no other public transit agency in the nation where construction, bus and rail operations, planning and programming are combined in one organization. But MTA exists for one purpose and that is to provide superior transportation for the residents of Los Angeles County," Bohlinger said. "I will strive to make MTA more customer-oriented, both externally and internally, as we focus on our basic mission."

Bohlinger has worked for the MTA and one of its two predecessor agencies, the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, for 15 of the last 20 years and has risen steadily through the executive ranks. She has played a lead role in directing the implementation of a multimodal transportation system for Los Angeles County with responsibility for all bus, rail and highway planning and programming. As deputy director for transit development with the California Transportation Commission between 1986 and 1989, Bohlinger also directed the state's mass transit funding program.

Bohlinger began her transit career as a transportation planner for the Southern California Association of Governments in 1977. Prior to that she worked as the coordinator of student services for the School of Public Administration at USC. Bohlinger, who is fluent in Spanish, also taught English as a second language to Spanish-speaking migrants in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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