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MTA Names Jim McElroy as New General Manager of the Westside/Central Community-Based Transit Service Sector

MTA has announced the appointment of Jim McElroy as the new general manager of the Westside/Central community-based transit service sector.

As general manager, McElroy will be responsible for the overall administration, operation and planning of the sector, including the supervision of three MTA operating divisions in Venice, West Hollywood and downtown Los Angeles.

"During the selection process, I was impressed with his understanding of the issues and challenges facing the Westside and Central Los Angeles areas," said MTA Deputy CEO John Catoe. "I have great confidence that we've chosen the right leader for the job."

McElroy replaces Tracy Daly who left the authority in July for family reasons. MTA's San Fernando Valley Sector General Manager David Armijo has been overseeing the Westside/Central sector until a replacement could be named.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to enhance the service we provide and I look forward to working with the community in meeting their transportation needs," said McElroy. "Westside/Central is the heart of MTA's service area and we have a big job to do for our customers."

The Westside/Central service sector has more than 1,300 employees and operates 625 buses on 25 bus lines carrying 90 million boarding passengers a year.

The community-based transit service sector spans Los Angeles from east of downtown to the ocean, covering the core of Los Angeles including the cities of West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica and Malibu.

McElroy has been with the MTA since June, serving as the transportation manager for MTA's West Hollywood bus operating division. He was named sector general manager following a nationwide search that saw candidates applying from across the country. All four MTA service sector general managers participated in the selection process.

His prior experience includes serving as general manager of Unitrans, the Davis, California transit service. As general manager, he was praised for converting the entire fleet of buses to natural gas. The agency recently received the City of Davis' annual Environmental Recognition award.

McElroy has served as chairman of the California Transit Association (CTA) and chairman of the Sacramento region's transit management coordinating committee. He also served four terms on CTA's Executive Committee.

McElroy, a native of Los Altos, earned a degree in civil engineering from UC Davis and has taken graduate courses in administration.

MTA has five community-based transit service sectors designed to enhance service in their particular sector by working with their individual governance councils and their communities. The five sectors include Westside/Central, San Gabriel Valley, San Fernando Valley, the Gateway Cities of southeast Los Angeles and the South Bay. The sectors were first implemented in July 2002.

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