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Metro Westside/Central Service Sector Names Frank Lonyai New Maintenance Manager of MTA's Gateway Division 10

- **Rowland Heights Resident Gets Top Job**

The Metro Westside/Central community-based transit service sector has announced the appointment of Frank Lonyai as the new maintenance manager for the sector's Gateway Division 10 located just east of downtown Los Angeles.

"Frank brings a wealth of knowledge and managing skills to the maintenance facility at our Gateway Division and will help the Westside/Central service sector provide quality, on-time service to our customers," said Metro Westside/Central Service Sector General Manager Jim McElroy.

Having worked in transit in Africa, Europe and Latin America, Lonyai brings a world of experience to Gateway Division 10 as the new maintenance manager.

Lonyai comes to the MTA most recently from the Orange County Transportation Authority where he served as a section manager. He has a broad background in transit, manufacturing, engineering, assembly, project coordination and technical service.

MTA's new composite buses with their higher capacity and lower weight, the developing Bus Rapid Transit system and the new concept of better serving MTA customers through the service sector excites Lonyai.

"The new bus equipment and projects underway show that these are changing times for MTA," said Lonyai. "For me, it is exciting to convey this new and fresh image to my staff and deliver quality service to our riders."

Born in Budapest, Hungary, Lonyai is the son of a railroad worker and started his career in transit working for the bus manufacturing company, Ikarus, where he became an export director.

Later in his career, Lonyai helped establish a mass transit system in Mozambique after the country was liberated from a 200-year colonization.

As maintenance manager, Lonyai is responsible for the daily maintenance and cleaning of 274 buses and the supervision of 140 mechanics and service attendants.

Lonyai earned an automotive engineering degree from the Polytechnic University and a MBA from the University of Economics in Budapest.

He lives in Rowland Heights with his wife, Dora, and daughters Anna and Dorina. In his spare time he enjoys landscape photography, camping, hiking, reading, listening to classical music and being with his family.



Frank Lonyai is the new maintenance manager for Metro Westside/Central Gateway Division, located just east of downtown Los Angeles.

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