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David Armijo Named New Metro Westside/Central Service Sector General Manager; Richard Hunt Becomes New San Fernando Valley Sector General Manager

Metro San Fernando Valley Service Sector General Manager David Armijo will leave his post as general manager to succeed Jim McElroy, who resigned last week as general manager of the Metro Westside/Central Service Sector.

Richard Hunt, Metro's deputy executive officer for vehicle technology and support, will succeed Armijo as the new general manager of the Metro San Fernando Valley Service Sector. Hunt also will remain in charge of development and acquisition of vehicles, including the new 60-foot articulated buses recently purchased.

The transition into their new positions will begin within the next two weeks. McElroy, Westside/Central Service Sector general manager since September 2003, resigned effective Oct. 15. He plans to return to the Sacramento area to be with his family.

"I'm very pleased to be able to transfer David Armijo to the Metro Westside/Central Service Sector and to appoint Richard Hunt to lead the Metro San Fernando Valley Service Sector," said Metro Deputy CEO John Catoe. "Both sectors face major challenges that include the operations of many Consent Decree bus lines, construction of a new division, and the start-up of a totally new type of service on the Metro Orange Line next year. Both David and Richard are the right leaders to handle these challenges."

In his new post, Armijo will be responsible for operations at bus divisions in Venice, West Hollywood and East Los Angeles. He also will oversee the planned development of a new bus facility to replace the operating division in Venice, slated for completion in December 2006 and the expansion of the East Los Angeles division.

"While I will greatly miss the San Fernando Valley, I look forward to the many challenges that await me as the new general manager for the Westside/Central Service Sector," said Armijo.

Hunt, the new general manager for the Metro San Fernando Valley, will oversee bus operating divisions in Sun Valley and Chatsworth as well as the operation of the Metro Orange Line that will use the new 60-foot articulated Metro Liner buses he was responsible for developing and purchasing.

"I'm honored to be joining a very talented team in the San Fernando Valley," said Hunt. "I want to do what I can to support their very good work. As one of the first service sectors to be organized two years ago, they set the standard. I want to help continue that standard of excellence."

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Metro San Fernando Valley
GM Richard Hunt



Metro Westside/Central
GM David Armijo

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