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**Metro Chief Planning Officer James de la Loza Resigns to Join Private Industry**

Metro's chief planning officer, James de la Loza, has resigned effective Friday, Aug. 19, to take a job in private industry, CEO Roger Snoble announced today.

De la Loza will join CDM, an engineering consulting firm based in Cambridge, Mass., as vice president of transportation in the Los Angeles office. He will be responsible for expanding the firm's transportation consulting business on the West Coast.

"Jim truly made a difference in the lives of millions of Los Angeles County residents who benefit daily from the vast array of mobility improvements he helped plan and secure funding for," said Snoble. "He shepherded thousands of projects over the past 14 years including major street and highway improvements, the debut and expansion of Metro Rapid, the Metro Orange Line, the Metro Gold Line to Pasadena, the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension now under construction, and many more."

CDM – Camp, Dresser & McKee Inc. – provides consulting planning and management services in water resources, wastewater, environmental, aviation and surface transportation and other areas of industry.

De la Loza joined the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, a predecessor of Metro, in June 1991 as a senior project manager working on plans for a light rail line in the Exposition corridor. In 1993 after the LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority was formed, he was named Metro's director of planning for the Central Area. In 1995, he was promoted to deputy executive officer for planning. In 1996, he was selected as executive officer for planning.

Previously, de la Loza worked for six years in planning at the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency and, prior to that, in various local planning and architectural firms.

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