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MTA APPOINTS NEW SEGMENT TWO PROJECT MANAGER, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

Stanley G. Phernambucq, MTA's executive officer for rail construction, has appointed two senior level engineers to key positions in the Metro Rail construction unit.

Steven J. Polechronis was named the Metro Red Line Segment Two Project Manager. He has over 10 years of transportation project management experience in the public and private sector, and most recently worked at Fluor Daniel, Inc. in Los Angeles. At Fluor Daniel, he directed systemwide project management oversight for the MTA, supervising a staff of 26.

As project manager of Segment Two, Polechronis will oversee completion of the Vermont Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard portions of the Metro Red Line. Contracts totaling \$60 million were recently awarded to complete approximately 4.7 miles of tunnel work, while work continues on five stations. The Vermont/Hollywood corridor is scheduled to open in the winter of 1998.

He relieves Charles Stark, who had been acting project manager of Segment Two in addition to his regular duties as project manager of Metro Red Line Segment Three. The two miles and three stations of the Wilshire corridor, scheduled to open this summer, will remain under Stark's direction.

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Before coming to Los Angeles, Polechronis was senior project manager for development at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. He holds a bachelor of science degree in public administration from Northeastern University in Boston, and lives in Los Angeles.

"I've been very impressed with Steve's work at Fluor Daniel," said Phernambucq. "We're very fortunate to have him on our team."

Ted Lewis was named MTA director of engineering. He had been acting director at the time of his appointment. He oversees systemwide engineering, and is responsible for all standards and specifications for the Metro Rail project.

As the Eastside Extension of Metro Red Line Segment Three moves ahead, Lewis and his team will ensure all background documentation is in place when the section designers come aboard to complete final design work.

He has been with MTA and its predecessor agencies for over eight years, and has worked on all three segments of the Red Line, the Blue Line, and the Green Line. Before coming to the MTA, Lewis was the lead communications engineer for the L.A. County Sheriff's Department.

"Ted will provide the direction and coordination we need as design work proceeds on the Eastside," said Phernambucq. "His broad base of experience will serve the MTA well in the years ahead."

Lewis holds both a bachelor and master of science degrees in electrical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He is a registered electrical engineer in California, and lives in Huntington Beach.

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