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### MTA Names 3 Executive Officers

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced the appointment of three new members of its leadership team. The appointments will allow the MTA to pursue innovative projects while finding cost effective ways to maintain and expand reliable and environmentally friendly service. The new appointees are as follows:

**Susan Kupferman** was named Chief Operating Officer. Kupferman has served in this position in an acting capacity for 10 months. Prior to that she was president of MTA Bridges & Tunnels, and served as Director of the New York City Mayor's Office of Operations under Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. She has more than 20 years experience in New York State and City government.

**Ben Fernandez** was named Director of Labor Relations, succeeding Gary Dellaverson, who occupied the position in an acting capacity in addition to his role as Chief Financial Officer, which he retains. Fernandez was most recently the Vice President for Human Resources at Verizon's Puerto Rico Telephone Company in San Juan, where he negotiated labor contracts and oversaw staffing reductions. Prior to that, he worked in similar capacities at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx and Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in Manhattan.

**Projjal Dutta** was named Director of Sustainability Initiatives. Dutta most recently served as the Director of Sustainable Strategies at STV, Inc., an architectural and engineering firm. Dutta has prior experience with the MTA as the primary author of environmental guidelines for New York City Transit and as the manager of sustainability for the preliminary engineering phase of the Second Avenue Subway capital project. Dutta was named a LEED-Accredited Professional in 2001 and is a graduate of MIT. Dutta will play a lead role in the MTA's recently announced Sustainability Commission.

"I am delighted to have found three individuals who represent the very best in their fields," said MTA Executive Director and CEO Elliot G. Sander. "I look forward to working together with Susan, Ben and Projjal as we remake the MTA into an increasingly well-managed, efficient and environmentally sustainable operation."