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### MTA Makes Personnel Changes^To Address Multiple Organizational Needs

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced a series of personnel changes designed to strengthen the organization's management team. Three senior New York City Transit (NYCT) officials — Barbara Spencer, Millard "Butch" Seay and Ralph Agritelley — will be leaving NYCT to fill critical leadership roles at other MTA agencies, and will be replaced by talent from within the MTA family.

The personnel moves are as follows, effective immediately:

— Barbara Spencer, Executive Vice President of NYC Transit, will become Deputy Director for Strategic Planning within the MTA's Office of Security, assisting MTA Director of Security William Morange with the agency's security planning. Michael Chubak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget at NYC Transit, will become Acting Executive Vice President.

— Millard "Butch" Seay, Senior Vice President, NYC Transit Department of Buses, will become the MTA's new Senior Vice President for Regionalization, where he will assist Thomas J. Savage, President of MTA Bus, in evaluating the benefits of merging the MTA's three bus companies and other strategies to provide a seamless travel experience. Seay will be replaced by Joseph Smith, currently the Senior Vice President for Operations at MTA Bus. Thomas Elkins, Assistant General Manager at MTA Bus, will replace Smith.

— Ralph Agritelley, Vice President of Labor Relations at NYC Transit, will become Director of Labor Relations Administration at Long Island Rail Road. Agritelley will be replaced by Judith Pierce, Director of Appeals, within the Paratransit Division at NYC Transit.

"These personnel changes allow the MTA to expand our focus on three of my top priorities: security, streamlining services and improved labor relations," said Elliot G. Sander, MTA Executive Director and CEO. "It speaks volumes about the MTA family of agencies that we are able to move senior NYCT staff into key leadership positions at other agencies and replace them with equally capable talent from within our own organization."