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MTA Names Acting Head of Bus Divisions

MTA Chairman and CEO Jay H. Walder today named 24-year New York City Transit veteran Darryl Irick to serve as acting head of the MTA's three bus divisions upon Joe Smith's retirement at the end of the year. He will assume acting responsibilities for Senior Vice President, NYC Transit Department of Buses; President, MTA Bus Company; and President, Long Island Bus. Darryl will begin working with Joe Smith immediately in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Beginning his NYC Transit career in 1986 as a bus operator at Kingsbridge Depot, Irick has since earned progressively more senior positions in the areas of management, operations planning, and depot and road operations.

"Throughout his career, Darryl has distinguished himself with his ability to enter any operating environment and significantly improve performance," said MTA Chairman Jay H. Walder. "I'm confident that he will rise to the challenge of continuing to improve our bus service even as we deal with historic budget constraints."

In his new position, Irick will lead an operation responsible for transporting 2.8 million daily bus customers on a combined fleet of nearly 6,000 buses. The MTA's bus operations have 18,500 employees based at 40 facilities stretching from Yonkers to Rockville Center, a 900-square-mile territory.