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### Jim Ferrara Named President of MTA Bridges & Tunnels

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced the permanent appointment of Jim Ferrara as President, MTA Bridges and Tunnels effective May 10. Approximately 800,000 vehicles utilize MTA Bridge and Tunnel facilities each day. Ferrara had been serving as Acting President since January, succeeding Susan Kupferman.

"Thirty-three years at Bridges and Tunnels almost speaks for itself," said Jay H. Walder, MTA Chairman and CEO. "Jim's experience, extraordinary management skills, and unique perspective on all aspects of bridge and tunnel operations more than qualify him to run one of the nation's largest bridge and tunnel toll authorities."

"I am very proud to be leading a workforce that moves more than a million people a day on crossings that are critical to the region's economy," said Ferrara.

Ferrara was previously Vice President for Operations. He began his career at the Authority in 1977 as a Bridge and Tunnel Officer. He came up through the ranks serving as a Sergeant and Lieutenant before entering management, and has served as General Manager of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and of the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel. He has also worked at the R.F.K. (formerly Triborough) Bridge, the Henry Hudson Bridge, and the Rockaway Bridges.

As Operations Superintendent at the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel, Ferrara was in charge the morning of Sept. 11, 2001 when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center towers. He was widely praised for his response in assisting stranded motorists and pedestrians, expediting emergency vehicles and directing employees in the chaotic hours following the attack.

Ferrara, who was born in Brooklyn and now resides in Queens, is a graduate of Nyack College.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels' facilities, which connect the five boroughs of New York City, are the R.F.K., Throgs Neck, Bronx-Whitestone, Henry Hudson, Verrazano-Narrows, Cross Bay Veterans Memorial and Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Bridges, and the Queens Midtown and Brooklyn-Battery Tunnels.