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MTA Appoints Susan G. Metzger Special Advisor For West-of-Hudson Transit Needs

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced that MTA Chairman Jay H. Walder has appointed Susan G. Metzger as senior policy advisor, effective immediately. Dr. Metzger, who is a member of the MTA Board, will advise the MTA on cost-effective ways to improve mobility within and to Orange and Rockland Counties.

Dr. Metzger's new position is unpaid. Her portfolio will include an array of large-scale, complex, multi-agency transportation improvement projects that are currently in the planning stages:

- Metro-North Railroad service to Stewart Airport
- The Access to the Region's Core (ARC) / Trans-Hudson Express (THE) Tunnel project being undertaken by NJ Transit and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
- The Tappan Zee Bridge replacement project being undertaken by the New York State Department of Transportation, the New York State Thruway and MTA Metro-North Railroad
- Other transit opportunities west of the Hudson River

"I am making this appointment in recognition of Susan's particularly valuable professional background and her already substantial contributions to the MTA Board," Chairman Walder said. "The combination of her decades-long career in planning and environmental engineering, coupled with her strong advocacy for expanding service to benefit our West of Hudson customers, make her the right choice for this assignment."

"I applaud Chairman Walder on his appointment of Susan Metzger as Senior Policy Advisor to the MTA," said Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana. "As Chair of the Orange County Planning Board, Susan's understanding of planning, infrastructure, and the environment has proven invaluable to the development and growth of our County. I am confident that she will share that same insight and dedication in her new role with the MTA, while she continues to advocate for the transit needs of Orange County," continued Mr. Diana.