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Subways Veteran Named New Chief Transportation Officer

Herbert E. Lambert, with more than 30 years of service in MTA New York City Transit's Department of Subways, has been named to the position of Chief Transportation Officer, Rapid Transit Operations.

In this position, Lambert is responsible for planning, directing and controlling the daily operation of the largest subway system in North America, ensuring its smooth and efficient operation. He replaces John Johnson who retired earlier this year.

A life-long New Yorker, the 55-year old Lambert worked his way up from his 1981 entry position as a train conductor. As he worked his way through jobs with increasing responsibility, he demonstrated an instinct for subway operations. He rose rapidly through RTO ranks to become a Rail Control Center Superintendent in 1993. Continuing to demonstrate a penchant for transportation operations, he went on to become a General Superintendent, Control Center, and then Senior Director, Rail Operations Support. Very much a hands-on manager in his high level positions, Lambert is as likely to be found in the system, or at the scene of an incident as manning the Rail Control Center.

Aside from normal operations, Lambert oversaw the operations of the Rail Control Center on 9/11 and helped direct the planned shutdown and resumption of subway service during August 2011's Hurricane Irene.

"Mr. Lambert brings a wealth of experience to a demanding job and over the years, he has demonstrated the ability and judgment necessary to help guide the daily operation of a subway system that carries more than five million customers, and 8,000 train trips each day," said Carmen Bianco, Senior Vice President of the Department of Subways.

In his most recent position, Lambert served as Assistant Chief Transportation Officer of the B Division (lettered lines), a job he held for the past year. He retained that position even after being named Acting Chief Transportation Officer in April, performing both simultaneously.

"I am looking forward to serving in what I believe to be one of the most interesting, yet challenging jobs in the transportation industry," said Lambert. "Each day it is a pleasure coming to work. No two days are alike, but that is part of the attraction of the job and the business we are in."