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New Leadership in Place at MTA New York City Transit

Carmen Bianco Named Acting NYCT President

MTA Interim Executive Director Thomas F. Prendergast, who has been nominated by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to be MTA Chairman and CEO, announced today he is taking steps to ensure continuity of leadership and seamless management at MTA New York City Transit, which runs the subway, bus and paratransit system in New York City.

Prendergast named Carmen Bianco, the Senior Vice President of Subways at NYCT, to serve as Acting President of NYCT, with full command and control of the largest mass transit system in North America.

Prendergast has been President of NYCT since 2009 and retained those responsibilities after being named Interim Executive Director of the MTA on Jan. 1. Gov. Cuomo nominated him to be Chairman on April 12. He is awaiting Senate confirmation to the position.

Bianco will head NYCT during one of the most challenging times in its history. Aside from the day-to-day operation of a bus and subway system that carries 7.5 million riders a day, Bianco will immediately step into a leadership role responsible for oversight of system rebuilding and mitigation in the wake of Superstorm Sandy.

Bianco has served for the past three years as NYC Transit's Senior Vice President of Subways and has 30 years of management experience in mass transit and railroad operations.

"I have tapped Carmen for this assignment in recognition of his leadership skills, his knowledge of our system and his proven ability to take the lead during an extremely challenging period," said Prendergast. "Aside from NYC Transit's regular operations, Carmen will also be guiding us through a major rebuilding period to bring the system back from Sandy's damage."

"We have a lot of work to do, but we will not lose sight of our primary goal: maintaining and operating a system that provides safe and reliable service to those who depend on NYC Transit's buses and subways," said Bianco. "I have the greatest team in the world supporting me, and their contributions will be critical to achieving that goal every day."

The MTA will conduct a nationwide search to select a permanent NYCT President.