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### LIRR President Nowakowski Names Chief Planning Officer Elisa Picca the Railroad's New Executive Vice-President

MTA Long Island Rail Road President Patrick A. Nowakowski today named Elisa Picca, the LIRR's long-time Chief Planning Officer, to the position of Executive Vice President.

"It gives me great pleasure to announce the selection of Elisa Picca," Nowakowski said "Elisa has served the LIRR effectively for 28 years in various capacities, most recently as Chief Planning Officer and head of Strategic Investments."

Nowakowski said Picca, a resident of Massapequa, L.I. and the Town of Oyster Bay, will continue to oversee strategic planning while also directing the Departments of Service Planning, Procurement and Public Affairs/Market Development. She succeeds Al Consenza, who is retiring after 20 years at the LIRR and a combined 45 years of service to the MTA.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Al Consenza for his years of dedicated service," Nowakowski said. "Al has given me much support and guidance during my time at the LIRR and he has been a resource for many at the Railroad over the years."

In her nearly three decades at the LIRR, Picca has had a broad range of responsibilities including development of the Railroad's five-year Capital Program, environmental studies for LIRR expansion projects, parking program development, fleet and infrastructure strategy and the agency's 20 Year Capital Needs Assessment. She has also played a key role in the Railroad's Smartgrowth and Transit Oriented Development efforts representing the LIRR at key regional forums at the county, town, and village level.

Prior to joining the Railroad, Picca worked for the New York City Office of Management and Budget. She attended the State University of New York at Stony Brook, where she earned a B.A. degree in psychology and an M.S. in policy analysis and public management.