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### MTA Names Mario Pélouquin Chief Operating Officer

#### *Pélouquin Marks Major Hire as MTA Advances Historic Transformation Plan*

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced it has selected Mario Pélouquin as Chief Operating Officer as it pursues an historic transformation to modernize all aspects of business and operations for the first time in over 50 years. Mr. Pélouquin is a senior executive with more than 30 years of expertise in the transportation and rail industry. He brings with him a range of experience in senior leadership roles as a transit regulatory manager, building and operating a new light rail system, and managing the transportation business line for premier global companies.

As COO, Mario will be responsible for day-to-day coordination of operations, and leading our team of exceptional agency presidents so that we continue to deliver gains in performance and maintain a laser-sharp focus on safety, reliability and customer experience. Mario will also work closely with the MTA senior leadership team and agency presidents to ensure that operating agencies have the resources they need, and provide management and focus to further build a performance management culture.

"Mario has the talent and expertise to continue to drive forward the operational gains we have achieved and help bring the MTA into a new era of customer service at this critical time in the agency's history," **said MTA Chairman and CEO Patrick J. Foye.** "Mario's experience in transportation management, operations, transformation and development make him uniquely qualified for this role and we are excited for him to join the MTA."

"I'm eager to hit the ground running as part of the team that will fundamentally transform the MTA to improve service for more than eight million daily customers," **Mario Pélouquin said.** "The chance to work for the largest transportation system in North America at such an important time is an incredible opportunity."

Mr. Pélouquin most recently served as a Senior Vice President at SNC-Lavalin, a Montreal-based company with offices in over 50 countries providing engineering, procurement, and construction services across infrastructure and clean power. At SNC-Lavalin, Mr. Pélouquin led business development for the infrastructure construction division, where he optimized business processes to drive growth strategies for rail and transit as well as created the company's first General Infrastructure Group.

Prior to that, Mr. Pélouquin served as the President and Chief Executive Officer at Thales Transport & Security Inc. Mr. Pélouquin oversaw all aspects of the company's transportation business line, including business development, design and project delivery. Mr. Pélouquin has served as General Manager for Nova Bus, a division of Volvo Bus, North America, managed the transportation business line for the Canadian arm of Siemens as well as the transit business line for AECOM in Canada.

Mario began with the Canadian National Railway Company, working as an operator and rail traffic controller, before serving Transport Canada as a Senior Advisor in Rail Safety and a Senior Investigator with the Transportation Safety Board of Canada. He continued this operational experience with building and operating a new light rail system in Ottawa.

Mr. Pélouquin holds a master of business administration from Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) in Canada. He currently lives in the Greater Toronto Area and is fluent in English and French.