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### **New President/Chief Executive Officer Selected by Long Beach Transit Board of Directors**

*Kenneth McDonald to Bring 25 Years of Transit Experience to the Agency*

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (June 24, 2013) – Today the Long Beach Transit Board of Directors unanimously voted to appoint Kenneth McDonald, veteran transit executive at major transit systems across the nation, as the new President/Chief Executive Officer, effective August 1, 2013.

McDonald brings over 25 years of transit experience, currently serving as the Assistant Vice President of Transit and Rail Systems with Parsons Brinckerhoff International, where he oversees transit programs and projects throughout the United States and Canada. He also served as the Chief Operating Officer of San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, a multimodal agency that oversees pedestrians, bicycling, and transit services including bus, light rail, the world famous cable cars, historic streetcars and paratransit services for people with disabilities.



Prior to that, McDonald spent 20 years with the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority in Atlanta, Georgia in a succession of increasingly responsible roles culminating to Assistant General Manager of Operations where he oversaw the Authority's bus, rail and paratransit services.

McDonald holds both a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a Master of Science in Technology Management from the Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Georgia.

Long Beach Transit Board Chair, Barbara Sullivan George, hailed McDonald's appointment as "a singular point in the ongoing development of this transit system as it moves purposely into the 21st century as a vital force for mobility and environmental sustainability. We are delighted to have Kenneth McDonald on board as we continue our quest for a better transportation future."

McDonald's appointment is the result of a nationwide executive search that began in August 2012, following Laurence W. Jackson's announcement to retire after 38 years of service with Long Beach Transit. The search was led by Long Beach Transit Board Member and Chair of the Selection Committee, Freda Hinsche Otto.

In response to the appointment, Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster said, "I look forward to working with Mr. McDonald and continuing to build upon the partnership between the City of Long Beach and Long Beach Transit. Together we will ensure our residents and visitors will continue to receive safe, efficient and innovative public transit service."

"I am excited to come to Long Beach Transit, an agency that has a positive reputation in both the transit industry and within the community," said McDonald. "I look forward to working with the great team of employees who have made Long Beach Transit the progressive organization it is today. It is my goal to

focus on employees, finances, transit services for our customers and our quality of service, while concentrating on the things customers understand and expect – on-time performance, clean vehicles, courteous and helpful employees and clear, reliable communication at all times. Together we will build on the past success of the organization and move forward to great achievements in the coming years.” McDonald and his family look forward to relocating and residing in Long Beach.

**About Long Beach Transit**

Long Beach Transit serves 28.2 million boarding customers in Long Beach, Lakewood and Signal Hill—as well as portions of Artesia, Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Compton, Hawaiian Gardens, Los Alamitos, Norwalk and Paramount — with regular bus and shuttle services including the Passport. Water Taxi service is available during the summer months on the AquaBus and AquaLink. For more information visit [www.lbtransit.com](http://www.lbtransit.com).

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