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Donna DeMartino Steps Down as CEO of San Joaquin RTD

Stockton CA— Gary Giovanetti, Chairman of the Board at San Joaquin RTD, announced that on Saturday, November 29, Donna DeMartino advised him she would be stepping down from her position of CEO at RTD in late January after 19 years of service at RTD. DeMartino has accepted the position of Managing Director of Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency, a joint powers authority that has management responsibility for the state-supported Pacific Surfliner intercity passenger rail service. The 351-mile LOSSAN Corridor travels through a six-county coastal region in Southern California and is the second busiest intercity passenger rail corridor in the United States and the busiest state-supported Amtrak route.

The RTD Board wishes her continued success as she moves on and celebrates her years of success as the leader of RTD. “Donna has been an extraordinary leader for RTD,” Giovanetti said. “We thank her for her unwavering dedication and her many accomplishments. We wish her every success in her new role.”

Thanks to careful succession planning by DeMartino and the Board, the RTD Board is happy to announce that it will begin contract discussions with Gloria Salazar, Deputy CEO at RTD, to assume the role of CEO after DeMartino’s departure in January. The Board is also happy to announce its support of Kimberly Gayle as Deputy CEO/Chief of Staff.

“Being the CEO at RTD and working in this community with you as my Board has been one of the most rewarding accomplishments of my life,” said DeMartino. “It has been an honor to work with each of you and the incredible team of hard-working staff members at RTD. Together, we have accomplished great things.”

In addition to being named APTA’s 2018 “Outstanding Transit Agency of the Year,” RTD has seen many notable successes and achievements under DeMartino’s leadership:

- Led environmentally important fleet changes, testing some of the first diesel-electric hybrid and all-electric buses in the state, ultimately converting the entire Stockton Metropolitan Area (SMA) fleet to all hybrid and electric buses.



- Designed and funded important facilities upgrades, including the construction of a new Downtown Transit Center, a new Regional Transportation Center, and several major passenger transfer locations. RTD was able to make these long-term infrastructure investments in the community by successfully competing for and obtaining over \$175 million in federal and state grants and without incurring any debt for RTD.
- Implemented important service changes, in particular by introducing five high-capacity bus rapid transit (BRT) corridors; city and countywide deviated fixed-route Hoppers; partnerships with United Cerebral Palsy, taxi providers, and most recently UBER to deliver ADA and general public transit services in a more cost-effective manner. Introduced Van Go!—an innovative ride sharing service.
- Initiated a partnership with SUSD to provide free transportation for all 7th–12th grade students.
- Led the agency to win multiple awards and recognitions, including the 2018 Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement – American Public Transportation Association (APTA); Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Innovative Transportation Solution Award; California Transportation Foundation (CTF) Sustainable Transportation/Environmental Award; American Heart Association 2018 Workplace Health Achievement; Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) – Excellence in Reporting – 15 consecutive years; Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) – Excellence in the Practice of Construction Management – Regional Transportation Center; American Heart Association – Gold Achievement in American Heart Association Fit-Friendly Program; San Joaquin A+ – Spirit of Literacy Award – Books on Buses. Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Sacramento Chapter – Employer of the Year Award; California Transportation Foundation (CTF) – Transportation Awards Small Transit Project of the Year – Metro Express Hammer Lane; Targeted Opportunities to Prevent Pollution (TOPPS) – Premier Pollution Preventer (P3) Award

“Professionally, I have accomplished everything I had envisioned for RTD and more,” said DeMartino. “Together we have made important infrastructure investments that will serve this community for decades. It has been a great ride, and I am proud to be leaving RTD in a very strong state of repair and with extraordinary alliances and support from our local, state, and federal representatives and regulatory partners. I am thankful for this amazing opportunity.”

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