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Denton County Transportation Authority Announces Raymond Suarez as New Chief Operating Officer

Lewisville, TX (July 28, 2014) – The Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) announces today the appointment of Raymond Suarez as the agency's new chief operating officer. In this position, Suarez will be responsible for developing, organizing, and directing the implementation and operation of the agency's transportation and maintenance services and functions for the A-train and bus system.

"We are excited to welcome an accomplished new member to our team of dynamic leaders at DCTA, and we know Raymond will be a tremendous asset to our staff and the communities we serve," said Jim Cline, president of DCTA. "His leadership and vast experience in the transit industry will be key for our future growth and development in Denton County."



Suarez previously served as chief administrative officer for the Trinity Railway Express (TRE), in which he oversaw aspects of TRE contracts, safety, operations, maintenance and capital programs. During his tenure, Suarez developed the agency's annual budget, managed the TRE's long range capital investment program and state of good repair model, and worked with the regional transit agencies to ensure adherence to annual authorizations. He also worked with regional partners to develop a ten-year cash flow for TRE, DCTA and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T) in support of the new regional operations and maintenance solicitation.

Prior to the TRE, Suarez served in multiple leadership roles within the transit and technology industries, including Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), Reactrix Systems, General Dynamics, Superconducting Supercollider and Trans Industries, Vultron Inc.; and provided consulting services for various companies throughout his career.

Suarez holds a bachelor's degree in business administration (BBA) from Texas Wesleyan University.

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ABOUT DENTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Formed in 2002 and funded in 2003, the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) has been focused on an aggressive service implementation strategy to address the mobility needs of Denton County residents. The central element of their Service Plan is the A-train, which connects with DART's Green Line at Trinity Mills in Carrollton and provides service to five stations within Denton County. In addition to the A-train, the DCTA provides bus service in the cities of Lewisville, Denton and Highland Village. The agency carries more than three million passengers annually system-wide. For more information about DCTA, visit <u>www.RideDCTA.net</u>.