

PEER REGIONS

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MICHAEL A. ALLEGRA

Assistant General Manager/Chief Capital Development Officer, UTA

Mr. Allegra began his career with the Utah Transit Authority in 1978. He obtained an M.S. in Civil Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a B.S. from Rutgers College of Engineering.

Mr. Allegra was heavily involved with planning the transportation system for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, and he served on the Salt Lake Organizing Committee's transportation group. He also participated in negotiations for UTA's initial purchase of 25 miles, as well as the September 2002 purchase of 175 miles, of railroad rights-of-way from Union Pacific Railroad.

Under his management two light rail lines and two extensions were built under budget and ahead of schedule. Commuter rail, the next major capital project was completed in April, 2008 and quickly takes people from Salt Lake City north to Weber County.

Mr. Allegra oversees a multi-billion dollar program, which includes the ongoing improvement and expansion of current transit services.

Mr. Allegra is a registered professional engineer with the Utah Society of Professional Engineers. Mr. Allegra was recently honored by Engineering News Record as one of the 25 top Newsmakers of 2007. Mr. Allegra is chair of the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) planning and policy committee. He has served on the Governor's Transportation Advisory Council and is a member of the board of the Utah Ski Association. In addition, he is past president of the Utah Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

PAUL JABLONSKI

Chief Executive Officer Of The Metropolitan Transit System, MTS

In October 2003, Paul Jablonski was named as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), formerly known as the Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB). MTS is charged with the operational duties of running San Diego Transit Corporation, San Diego Trolley, Inc., MTS Contract Services, and Taxicab Administration for San Diego and eventually blending these into one organization.

Mr. Jablonski was previously CEO and General Manager of the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) in Cincinnati, Ohio. He started his transit career in college at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst campus bus system. He has worked for the Capital District Transportation Authority in Albany, NY. He has served as Director of Operations for the Cleveland Public School System, as Senior Operations Consultant for ATE Management working for Dallas Area





Rapid Transit, and as General Manager of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority outside of Boston. He also spent five years in Saudi Arabia in the 1980s starting up and operating Jeddah's first city bus system as its general manager.

Mr. Jablonski has a bachelors of science degree from the University of Massachusetts and has done graduate work at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Urban and Environmental Studies. He has served as a regional director and is a current board member of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and past president of the Ohio Public Transit Association. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the California Transit Association.

JAY KLINE, AICP

Interim Vice President of Planning and Development, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, DART

Jay brings more than twenty years of experience in transportation planning and development to his position directing a broad range of planning and development functions for DART. As a member of the Executive Management Team (EMT), he provides support to the President/Executive Director on management issues and is responsible for the Planning and Development Department.

His responsibilities include management of Service Planning and Scheduling as well as Mobility Programs Development. Specific functions of the department include the following:

- Bus/rail service monitoring, planning and scheduling
- Planning and preliminary design for bus, and HOV facilities
- Engineering and operation of the HOV system

Job History

- Interim Vice President Planning and Development, DART, 2008 - present
- Director of Program Planning, DART, 1999 - 2008
- Vice President, BRW 1996 - 1999
- Senior Transportation Planner, ICF Kaiser Engineers, 1994- 1996
- Transportation System Planner, DART, 1990 - 1994
- Transportation Planner, DeLeuw, Cather, 1989 - 1990
- Planner, City of Arlington, Texas, 1987 - 1989

Education and Professional Memberships

- Graduate Studies in City and Regional Planning, University of Texas at Arlington, 1990 - 1992
- BGS, (Architecture, Planning, Real Estate) University of Texas at Arlington, 1989
- Member of American Planning Association, Transportation Division
- Member of American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
- Member of Committee on Key Issues in Transportation Programming, Transportation Research Board
- Member of American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Streetcar and Heritage Trolley Subcommittee





BILL VAN METER

Senior Manager of Systems Planning, RTD

Mr. Van Meter has almost 20 years in the transportation planning field, with progressively responsible experience in highway and transit planning, travel-demand forecasting, and managing multi-modal transportation studies. Bill has been with RTD since 1991, and has been in his current position of Senior Manager of Systems Planning for RTD since 2001. Systems Planning is responsible for long-range transit planning functions and corridor studies, ridership forecasting, operations and maintenance cost modeling, Transit Oriented Development coordination, National Environmental Policy Act studies and New Starts grant coordination with the FTA. Systems Planning was responsible for development of the planning aspects of RTD's \$6.1 billion FasTracks transit expansion plan, including 122 miles of new rail rapid transit, 57 additional stations with over 21,000 parking spaces, and bus service expansion. Bill earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Economic Geography from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

GREG WALKER

Policy and Planning Officer of the Sound Transit, STA

Sound Transit's Policy and Planning Officer, brings 17 years of transit planning experience. In addition to Sound Transit, Greg's prior transit agency experience includes the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) in DC as the Senior Associate Director for Planning, and Tri-Met (Portland) and RTD (Denver) where he was a project employee on light rail expansion projects.

Greg's professional focus is transit systems planning, project and investment program development, and transit system operations analysis. He is a recipient of the Richard K. Dentel Memorial Prize in Urban Transportation Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, where his graduate studies included government administration, public finance, and urban transportation systems engineering. His Bachelor degree is in economics and he is a certified planner through the American Institute of Certified Planners.

