

Memorandum

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RTD

To: All Employees

From: Debra A. Johnson, General Manager and CEO
Angel Peña, Deputy CEO

Date: July 16, 2025

Re: **Director of Safety and Environmental Compliance/Chief Safety Officer**



It is our pleasure to announce the appointment of Timothy (Tim) Tyran as the agency's Director of Safety and Environmental Compliance/Chief Safety Officer. Tim was selected following a national search, and he brings more than 35 years of experience in aviation and mass transportation in both the United States and Canada. In this critical leadership role, he will be tasked with safeguarding RTD's employees, customers, facilities, and transit network, which will include managing safety programs, conducting safety and environmental audits, and coordinating with regulatory agencies when necessary.

Tim joins RTD on Monday, Aug. 4, and his office will be located at the Blake Street administrative offices. He will report to the Deputy CEO, with a dotted line to the General Manager and CEO in her role as the Accountable Executive with ultimate responsibility for carrying out the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan as required by the Federal Transit Administration.

Tim's wide-ranging and extensive expertise in multimodal transportation includes positions in operations, safety, quality, regulatory compliance, and oversight, all of which position him as a highly experienced and engaging leader capable of enhancing the agency's safety culture. Tim is committed to keeping the agency's operational risks as low as practicable by following SMS principles and processes. Tim joins RTD from Amtrak, for which he served as Director of System Safety Programs. Prior to that, he was Chief Safety Officer at the Maryland Department of Transportation/Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA), Rail and Facilities Safety Manager at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), and SMS Manager for Technical Operations at American Airlines.

Tim holds a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety and Health from Columbia Southern University and an Associate Degree in Applied Science/Avionics Technology from the Spartan College of Aeronautics. He holds several industry certifications related to safety. Tim currently chairs the American Public Transportation Association's Technology for Safety, Security, and Risk Management subcommittee, leading industry efforts in using new technologies to mitigate operational hazards and risks at transit systems.

Tim's knowledge, perspective, and insight will every aspect of RTD's mission to make lives better through connections. Please join us in congratulating and welcoming him to his new role.

During this transition, we would like to extend deep gratitude to Richard Lobato, Manager, Safety and Environmental Compliance, for ably serving as Acting Chief Safety Officer during the past 10 months. His dedication, stewardship, and continued support have been integral to agency operations.

Thank you.