

People On The Move

Payne to Retire as Saginaw GM

SAGINAW, MI—Sylvester

Payne, general manager of the Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services for some 18 years, has announced his plans to step down no later than Sept. 30, citing health issues.

LOS ANGELES—Phillip A. Washington,



Washington

chief executive officer of Los Angeles Metro and immediate past chair of APTA, was named one of seven 2016 CEOs Who “Get It” by the National Safety Council (NSC), announced annually to honor leaders who demonstrate continued and outstanding dedication to employee safety and well-being both on and off the job.

NSC noted that Washington made a commitment that his agency will embark on an ambitious initiative involving the direct, regular delivery of safety training to more than 5,000 operating employees within a 12-month period, announced that safety and security is LA Metro’s top priority and had 10 Metro employees trained to be defensive driving course instructors within 30 days of starting at the system.

FORT WORTH, TX—Richard

Maxwell has joined PAVLOV Agency as transit accounts director.



Maxwell

Maxwell has more than 25 years of marketing experience, including 14 years as assistant vice president of marketing and communications with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority. He is a past chair of the APTA Marketing and Communications Committee.

BAKERSFIELD, CA—The Golden



Hunter

Empire Transit District Board of Directors elected **James Hunter** as its chair for 2016 and **Cindy Parra** as vice chair.

Hunter was appointed as the board’s member-at-large by the other four board members in 2015. He served in the U.S. Foreign Service diplomatic corps from 1966-80 and is now chief executive officer of Knowledge Solutions Group.

Parra is a project manager for Smith-techUSA Inc. and a founding member of Bike Bakersfield.



Parra

STATE COLLEGE, PA—Liz Pierce

has joined the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) as director of

human resources and compliance. She previously was human resource director for Hotel State College & Company and has served as an adjunct instructor for the School of Hospitality Management program at Penn State.

OXNARD, CA—Douglas A. Breeze,



Breeze

mayor of Port Hueneme, has been elected chairman of the Gold Coast Transit District (GCTD) Board of Directors. Oxnard City Councilman **Bryan MacDonald** will serve as vice chair.

Breeze served on the Port Hueneme City Council since 2008 and earlier was the city’s public works director. From 2003-2007, he was public works director in Ojai.

MacDonald was a 30-year member of the Oxnard Police Department, retiring as assistant chief of police, and was elected to the Oxnard City Council in 2008.



MacDonald

STOCKTON, CA—Donna DeMartino,

general manager/chief executive officer of the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) since 2001, has been named Woman of the Year by the Sacramento Chapter of Women’s Transportation Seminar. DeMartino, a single mother of six who began her nearly 30-year public transit career as a part-time coach operator, is the first woman to head the agency.

ORANGE, CA—Doug Sawyer has



Sawyer

been appointed area manager for transportation and infrastructure in the Orange and San Bernardino, CA, offices of WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB). A senior vice president of the firm,

Sawyer has more than 38 years of project management, business development and regional management experience, 22 of them with WSP | PB.

ROCKFORD, IL—The Rockford

Mass Transit District announced the appointment of **Susan**

Campbell as human resources manager. She has more than 20 years of management experience and has achieved Certified Professional and Professional in Human Resources certification from the Society for Human Resources Management.



Campbell

DALLAS—Dallas Area Rapid Transit



Rhone

(DART) announced the promotion of **John Rhone** to vice president of capital design and construction.

Rhone has served in many posts since joining DART in 1993,

most recently as assistant vice president of ways, structures and amenities. He also spent a year with the Bi-State Development Agency in St. Louis as deputy project director/rail systems engineer for engineering and construction.

MISSISSAUGA, ON—Sara Elford has

been appointed to the board of directors of Hydrogenics Corporation. Elford has worked in the capital markets industry for more than 20 years, becoming a sell-side equity research analyst in 1995 and continuing in that capacity—including 17 years at Canaccord Genuity—until 2015.

CINCINNATI—The Southwest Ohio

Regional Transit Authority (SORTA), operator of Metro, has re-elected **Jason Dunn**, left, as chair of its board of trustees for 2016 and **Ken Reed** as vice chair.

Dunn, a board member since 2012, is director of multicultural affairs and community development for the Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitors Bureau. Reed, who joined the board in 2011, is manager of loss control services for the Ohio Transit Risk Pool and earlier was general manager of the Butler County Regional Transit Authority in Hamilton, OH.



Dunn and Reed

WASHINGTON, DC—John D. Porcari

has been appointed president of U.S. advisory services at WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB).

Porcari joined the firm in 2013 as senior vice president and national director of strategic consulting. Previously, he was a deputy secretary of U.S. DOT and served twice as secretary of Maryland DOT, 1999-2003 and 2007-2009. From 2003-2007, Porcari was vice president for administrative affairs at the University of Maryland.

WSP | PB also announced several senior management appointments in its U.S. transportation and infrastructure sector: **Bernie McNeilly**, chief operating officer; **Jerry Jannetti**, McNeilly’s previous position, Northeast regional business manager; **David Earley**, director of strategic planning and development, and **Judy Jones**, director of marketing and sales.

McNeilly joined WSP | PB in 2007 and served as regional business manager for the Northeast since 2009; Jannetti, a 21-year veteran of the firm, took on senior management responsibility for the Baltimore office in 2002.

Earley has held several leadership roles since joining the company in 2000,



McNeilly

most recently serving as director of sales, markets and government relations. Jones has been with WSP | PB’s transportation and infrastructure group for more than 16 years.

SAN FRANCISCO—Nelson\Nygaard

Consulting Associates announced the appointments of **Ron Kilcoyne**, based in the San Francisco office, and **Holly Parker**, based in New York City.

Kilcoyne retired in 2015 as general manager of the Lane Transit District, Eugene, OR. During his 35-year public transit career, he also was general manager of the Greater Bridgeport (CT) Transit Authority and Santa Clarita (CA) Transit and manager of planning for AC Transit, Oakland, CA.

Parker, who served as director of sustainable transportation systems at Yale University, introduced the first modern car-sharing and bike-sharing systems to Yale and Connecticut. She also was involved in crafting New Haven’s Complete Streets policy and manual.



Kilcoyne



Parker

KANSAS CITY, MO—John T. Grow,

an employee of TranSystems Corp. since 2000, has been promoted to executive vice president and chief strategy and marketing officer.

Grow is a principal with the firm who has held several regional and national leadership positions, most recently states and municipalities market sector leader. Before joining TranSystems, he was assistant director and chief engineer for Ohio DOT.



Grow

SALEM, OR—David Trimble has



Trimble

joined Salem-Keizer Transit as chief operating officer. He has 20 years of public transit experience and 25 years in management, serving most recently as director of transportation

programs for Portland’s Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon.

SEATTLE—King County Executive and Sound Transit Chair

Dow Constantine has made two new appointments to the Sound Transit Board of Directors: Seattle City Councilmember **Rob Johnson** to a four-year term and Auburn Mayor **Nancy Backus** to a two-year term.

Constantine also reappointed Metropolitan King County Councilmember **Joe McDermott** and Redmond Mayor **John Marchione** to new four-year terms and named **Claudia Balducci**, whose current term expires in 2017, to a new four-year term that expires Dec. 31, 2019.

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