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City of Durham Announces New Transportation Director

DURHAM, N.C. – City Manager Tom Bonfield has named Sean C. Egan as the next director of the City of Durham Transportation Department.

Egan brings to Durham knowledge and experience gained from leadership positions in state, city, and regional transportation agencies. This experience includes developing transportation options, overseeing operations, and managing capital programs that include the planning and implementation of multi-modal and sustainable infrastructure. He currently serves as director of Financial Reporting in the Office of Management and Budget Services for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ([WMATA](#)) in Washington, D.C.

In his current position, Egan produces the annual proposed and approved budget for the \$3.6 billion combined operating and capital budget for the WMATA. He also develops quarterly performance reports for the Board of Directors, state and local jurisdictions, and federal oversight officials on utilization of the \$2 billion operating expense budget, revenue and ridership, and key milestones in the delivery of the \$1.6 billion capital program.

Prior to this position, Egan served as the deputy associate director of Transit Operations at the District Department of Transportation ([DDOT](#)) in Washington, D.C. In this role, Egan managed the DC Streetcar Program, which operates a fleet of six vehicles on H Street and Benning Road NE with an annual budget of \$9 million. He also oversaw the DC Circulator Program, which operates a fleet of 72 vehicles across six routes in the District with an annual operating budget of \$24 million. He also managed on-street infrastructure improvements to improve bus efficiency across the District, prepared budget proposals, developed and managed federal grants, and monitored contracts and expenditures to safeguard the careful stewardship of public funds and ensure audit compliance, and developed and managed partnerships with Business Improvement Districts, federal agencies, WMATA, and others.

According to Bonfield, Egan’s breadth of experience in managing day-to-day operations and large transportation infrastructure projects as well as long-term planning for multimodal transportation systems matched Durham’s current needs. “We have a tremendous emphasis now on major transportation projects including the Durham County Transit Plan, growing bicycle and pedestrian needs as well as our escalating downtown parking needs,” Bonfield said. “These are significant and complex transportation projects that will impact and serve the Durham community for generations to come. We felt that Sean’s breadth of experience in managing a wide array of projects in and around the nation’s capital really made him the best fit for the Transportation Department.”

Egan has also served as the director of the Washington Area Transit Office with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT); as chief and manager of Capital Programming for MDOT’s Maryland Transit Administration; as a capital budget analyst for the Office of Capital Budgeting with the Maryland Department of Budget and Management; and as a policy analyst for Federal Funds Information for States.

Egan is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. with a bachelor’s degree in Economics. In 2018, he was named as one of the ‘[40 Under 40](#)’ by *Mass Transit Magazine* and has been a member of several committees at the American Public Transportation Association.

Egan succeeds Terry Bellamy, who resigned as director of the City's Transportation Department in December 2018. Egan's appointment is effective on November 4, 2019.

About the City of Durham Transportation Department

The [Transportation Department](#) is responsible for a broad range of transportation services which includes traffic signs and signals, transportation planning, [parking operations](#), street lighting, taxicab administration, and bicycle and pedestrian planning. The department also oversees [GoDurham](#) and [GoDurham ACCESS](#) and leads planning functions for the [Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization](#) (DCHC MPO), which is the regional organization that is responsible for planning and programming state and federal transportation projects in the urbanized areas of Durham, Orange, and Chatham counties. Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the department helps to strengthen the foundation, enhance the value, and improve the quality and sustainability of neighborhoods that are necessary for a strong and diverse community. For more information, follow the department on [Twitter](#).

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