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Nathaniel P. Ford, Sr. has nearly 25 years of experience in the public transportation industry. As the executive director and CEO of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), he has responsibility for 4,800 employees and an operating and capital budget totaling \$681 million. The SFMTA comprises of the Municipal Railway (Muni), the Department of Parking and Traffic, and the San Francisco Parking Authority. Muni is one of America's oldest public transit agencies, the largest in the Bay Area and seventh largest system in the United States, and currently carries more than 200 million riders per year.

Prior to joining the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency in 2006, Mr. Ford served as the general manager and CEO for the Metropolitan Atlanta Transportation Authority (MARTA), the ninth largest transit system in North America.

Ford began his public transportation career at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority New York City Transit as a train conductor, rapidly rising through the ranks holding various positions culminating with the position of superintendent of district night operations during his nine-year tenure at the nation's largest system. Ford went on to the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) where he was the assistant chief transportation officer-service delivery, before joining SFMTA.

Ford currently serves as a member of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, which oversees the administration of Caltrain, a regional commuter rail system. Additionally, Ford is serving as vice-chairman of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority, which is charged with designing, building, operating, and maintaining a new Transbay terminal and surrounding facilities in San Francisco. He also serves as chairman of the TransLink Management Group.

Ford earned his bachelor's degree in applied studies in organizational leadership from Mercer University. He was the recipient of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) "Executive of the Year" award and has served as COMTO's second vice chairman, as well as the vice chairman of business management and finance for the American Public Transportation Association.

