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## RTD GM/CEO finalists present their visions for agency

*Public can review video presentations, provide feedback today through Sunday*

DENVER (Aug. 19, 2020) – Video presentations from all three finalists being considered for the Regional Transportation District (RTD)'s general manager and chief executive officer are now available for public review on the agency's website.

The video presentations – available today through Sunday [through this link](#) – provide a means for each finalist to present her vision for RTD. The public is invited to review the material and provide feedback through an online survey available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) on that webpage, which includes the latest information about the search for RTD's top leadership position. Public input will be one component the RTD Board of Directors will consider during the decision-making process.

The finalists were chosen by the agency's Board with support from the executive search firm Krauthamer & Associates. The national recruitment drew an initial field of 58 applicants, six of whom were interviewed by the Board's Executive Search Committee. A final selection is expected to be made next week. The Board is scheduled to hold a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 25, and go into a closed executive session to deliberate the three finalists and return to open session to announce the finalist selected as the new GM and CEO.

"My colleagues on the RTD Board and I are inspired and impressed by the experience, energy and ideas brought by each of the finalists," said Board Chair Angie Rivera-Malpiede. "We think these presentations will allow the public to see firsthand the perspectives and qualities that have advanced each of these fine women to this point in this important process."

The three finalists being considered are:

**Debra Johnson**, a transit executive with over 25 years of diversified, progressively responsible experience leading and managing business processes for public transit agencies. She has held executive positions at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro). Currently, she is the Deputy CEO at Long Beach Transit in Long Beach, California.

**Adelee Le Grand**, who has two decades of experience in using mobility as a tool to create and sustain vibrant equitable communities. Her area of specialty is developing and communicating strategies into actionable plans that will guide the implementation of business solutions and innovations. Through contract agreements with Transdev North America, Le Grand has served as a member of the executive team for two transit agencies. She has served as the Chief Mobility Officer for the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (ATL). She was also the Chief Strategy Officer in service to the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority, where her responsibilities included developing the first Strategic Mobility Plan for the New Orleans region and rebuilding the Planning Department.

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**Tina Quigley**, who served as CEO for the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada until her retirement in November of last year. Quigley began her career as a planner at McCarran International Airport, one of the nation’s busiest airports. She is a licensed pilot and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Airport Planning & Development from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Quigley is an alumna of Harvard Business School Program for Leadership Development. She is active on several boards, including the Desert Research Institute Foundation, Waycare Technologies, Vegas Chamber, Nevada Institute for Autonomous Systems, International Women’s Forum, Neon Museum Steering Committee and the Fulfillment Fund Las Vegas.

RTD is now led by Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Paul J. Ballard, who assumed the role for an interim period in February. He succeeds former General Manager and CEO Dave Genova, who retired in January.

**ABOUT RTD**

The Regional Transportation District develops, operates and maintains a public transportation system that meets the transit needs of close to 3 million people within an eight-county service area in the Denver Metro region. RTD’s buses, rail lines, shuttles and additional services provide approximately 100 million annual passenger trips. For more information, visit [rtd-denver.com](http://rtd-denver.com), call 303-299-6000 and follow along on social media: [www.facebook.com/RideRTD](https://www.facebook.com/RideRTD), [@RideRTD](https://twitter.com/RideRTD) on Twitter, [@ridertd](https://www.instagram.com/ridertd) on Instagram and [rideRTDco](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRtDco) on YouTube. For the most current RTD news, visit the News Stop, at [rtd-denver.com/news-stop](http://rtd-denver.com/news-stop).

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