



**Paul J. Wiedefeld**  
**General Manager and CEO, Washington Metropolitan Area**  
**Transit Authority**

With more than 35 years in the transportation industry, Paul accepted the challenging assignment of leading Metro in 2015 as General Manager/CEO. Under his leadership, Metro has turned the corner on safety, service reliability and financial management.

This progress was made possible through a series of hard choices to put safety first, including the launch of SafeTrack, which achieved three years of critical track work in just over a year.

Paul has also focused on the customer experience, introducing new customer amenities, such as the Rush Hour Promise—the first guarantee of its kind in the transit industry—which automatically credits rail customers for trips that are delayed by 10 minutes or more.

And for the first time in the organization's existence WMATA has received regional dedicated capital funding source.

Prior to joining Metro, Paul was the CEO of BWI Airport. During his tenure, BWI grew to become the leading passenger airport in the Washington metropolitan region. Paul also served as the CEO of the Maryland Transit Administration, managing day-to-day operations of the nation's 13th largest transit system, including MARC commuter rail, subway, light rail, buses, and paratransit.

In the private sector, Paul served for a decade as a consultant with the international engineering firm, Parsons Brinckerhoff. He has a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University.