



Press Release

Veolia Names Derrick Breun Area Vice President for Southeast

Lombard, IL – May 20, 2013 – President and COO of Veolia Transportation’s Transit Division, Ken Westbrook, announced this week that Derrick Breun has been named Area Vice President (AVP) for the Southeast Region, effective immediately. Breun currently serves as Chief Operating Officer for Veolia’s contract with the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA), a position he’s held since 2008.

As COO he oversees the daily operations for Veolia’s delegated management contract with the RTA, which includes 230 vehicles; 127 buses, 66 streetcars, and 60 para-transit vehicles. He also directs a staff of 405. During his tenure, Breun has been instrumental in managing the turn-around of the service, which was devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

“Derrick is highly skilled and a great choice for Veolia’s Southeast Region”, said Westbrook. “He is very experienced in all aspects of transit operations for bus, light rail and para-transit, and has an impressive track record as a leader.”

Among his many accomplishments Breun helped dramatically improve all aspects of operations in New Orleans, oversaw the implementation of a multi-faceted safety program that yielded impressive results, improved service design and on-time performance, increased ridership, and elevated compliance and accountability in all areas. He is part of Mass Transit’s “40 under 40” and also was a member of the RTA team when they were awarded the Transit Security Administration’s (TSA) Gold Standard Award.

Prior to his position as COO in the New Orleans system, Breun was the General Manager for Veolia’s Jefferson Parish Transit system from 2006 through 2008. Mr. Breun led the team that restored transit service to Jefferson Parish post-Katrina, including creation of the post-Katrina budget for the system, and working with the Federal Transit Administration on all issues relative to returning the system.

Breun has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of New Orleans

About Veolia Transportation

Based in Lombard, IL, Veolia Transportation is the largest private-sector operator of multiple modes of transit in North America, including bus, rail, paratransit, shuttle, and sedan and taxi services. Veolia Transportation is committed to setting the standard in safe and sustainable mobility solutions through partnerships with cities and transit authorities.

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