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## GOVERNOR KAINE APPOINTS TUCKER TO SERVE AS RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

~ Tucker has guided several transit entities ~

**RICHMOND** – Governor Timothy M. Kaine today appointed **Matthew O. Tucker** as Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). Tucker, currently of San Ramon, California, has extensive and successful experience in both the public and private sectors. He also has strong Virginia ties, including senior level experience with the Greater Richmond Transit Company.

"Matt Tucker brings the kind of leadership experience that the Commonwealth needs at a time when we are attempting to make some critical decisions about our transportation network," Governor Kaine said. "Rail and public transit will play key roles as we move forward, and Matt will play an important role in helping to lead the effort to find those solutions."

"I also want to thank DRPT Acting Director **Corey W. Hill** for his service," Governor Kaine added. "Under Director Hill's leadership, the department continued to work in partnership with transit and commuter service agencies, rail operators, and other customers to effectively and efficiently transport people and products across the Commonwealth."

Tucker currently serves as Chief Operating Officer for the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority in San Jose, California. Tucker also has served the City of Phoenix, Arizona's Public Transit Department as the Deputy Public Transit Director (2000-01), and as the assistant general manager for the Greater Richmond Transit Company (1992-2000).

Tucker holds a master's degree in urban and regional planning and a bachelor's degree in political science, both awarded by Virginia Commonwealth University.