



## **Kevin Desmond**

*Chief Executive Officer, South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority (TransLink)*

Kevin is a respected, experienced executive and has built an extensive career in the public transportation industry.

Prior to joining TransLink in 2016, Kevin served as the General Manager of King County Metro Transit, leading transit operations for the Seattle metropolitan area. During his tenure at Metro, Kevin oversaw a variety of transit modes, including buses, trains, vanpools, paratransit vans, as well as approximately 5,000 employees. In 12 years, Kevin grew ridership by 44 per cent and launched the ORCA Transit Card, a system similar to Compass. Kevin also implemented light rail, streetcar service, as well as several bus rapid transit lines.

Previous to serving the Seattle region, Kevin was Vice-President of Operations and Development at Pierce Transit in Tacoma, Washington. Before relocating to the West Coast, Kevin oversaw bus and subway operations as Chief of Operations Planning for New York City Transit. Additionally, Kevin served as Deputy Director of Transportation for former New York City Mayor Ed Koch and also served as Assistant Commissioner for the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission.

Kevin obtained a master's degree in public administration from New York University. He was also an active member of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Board of Directors and the first chair of the organization's Sustainability Committee. He is now also joined the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) as a Board Director.

Kevin has pioneered an array of operational, fleet, technology and market development initiatives over the years and has a long-standing commitment to progressive environmental policies and investments.

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