

BIRMINGHAM-JEFFERSON COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES

FRANK T. MARTIN TO CONTINUE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Birmingham, AL (September 9, 2019) – The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (BJCTA) Board of Directors voted to name Frank T. Martin as executive director. Mr. Martin was hired as the interim director on December 17, 2018. He has agreed to serve as Executive Director/CEO with the agency for at least another 15 months.

With more than 45 years of transit experience, including a previous four-year stint at the BJCTA, Mr. Martin is uniquely poised to lead the authority. Mr. Martin served as the Executive Director in the early 80's after a three-month shutdown. He restored the public confidence in the system then and once again was asked to stabilize the organization. He has worked diligently with member cities, Birmingham and Jefferson County leadership, employees and key stakeholders to ensure that the BJCTA provides a transportation service that is dependable and reliable.

“Mr. Martin has begun the work to provide the stabilization the BJCTA needed,” said Theodore Smith, Chairman of the BJCTA Board. “When he started in this position, he submitted a list of priorities for what we thought would be his six-month tenure. He has made great strides with some of the most important changes centered on improving overall service, building relationships with key partners, turning around employee morale, and we want to allow him the time to fully implement the changes that are most important for the continued success of the authority.”

The job will be to continue to steer the authority in its day to day operations, improve overall service to riders, ensure that the agency is fiscally sound as well as to build on relationships with all participating municipalities and stakeholders to become a better, healthier agency. The end in mind is to provide an efficient and effective system to meet the mobility needs of the Birmingham-Jefferson County region.

“This experience has been challenging, yet very rewarding and there is so much I know we can accomplish,” said Mr. Martin. “I want BJCTA to be a real driver in the growth and economic development in Birmingham-Jefferson County.”

The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority is the public transportation leader in Central Alabama. The Authority averages three million riders per year with more than 300 employees. For more information, visit www.maxtransit.org.