

Ronald J. Hartman
Chief Executive Officer, Rail
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Ronald is Veolia Transportation North America's Chief Executive Officer of the Rail division. Ronald is responsible for North American \$350 million rail operations including transportation, maintenance of equipment, of way and related activity.

In his current role at Veolia Transportation, Ron is bringing his unique expertise alongside with his global vision, rooted in 20 years of distinguished top level management experience both in public and private sector. He focused on managing a comprehensive business development program, including new contracts and public-private partnerships (ppp).

"International expertise"

Ron also created and directed a special new unit in Paris to expand new on-demand services throughout France, by bringing American paratransit techniques to existing and new on-demand services to people with disabilities.

He also developed projects in new markets including airport ground transportation, health care-related transportation personal service.

Prior to this position, Ron served as the Executive Vice President of Yellow Transportation (purchased by Veolia Transportation), focusing on operations operations, business development In late 1990's, Ron was Amtrak's Vice President for Planning and Development where he successfully negotiated and numerous service contracts across the nation for the 2.5 billion corporation.

Ron served first as Deputy Administrator and then General Manager of Maryland's Mass Transit Administration for more than a decade.

As Chief Executive officer, he managed 2.800 employees, 1.000 vehicles, including buses, subway, light rail and commuter rail cars with a great sense of public service.

Under his guidance, MTA was awarded the Most Outstanding Public Agency of 1992 by an industry association and given the US Department of Transportation's Outstanding Service Award. Ron was written up for his leadership abilities in Tom peter's book "Thriving on Chaos".

Ron started his transit career with the American public Transit Association where he developed policy, legislative proposals, and technical assistance to advocate the interests of the public transit community.

"Team building and managing growth"

Ron received his undergraduate degree from State University of new York at Stony Brook and his Master's Degree from the George Washington University.

Ron is also a visiting scholar at NYU's Transportation Policy & Management Center.

He is a member of Leadership Washington's Class of 2003, and served on a number of non-profit boards including the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore.

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