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NEW YORK TRANSPORTATION OFFICIAL NAMED TO TOP POLICY POSITION IN FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Gordon J. Linton, Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), today announced the appointment of Janette Sadik-Khan, former Director of the New York Mayor's Office of Transportation, as FTA's Associate Administrator for Budget and Policy.

Sadik-Khan directed the Mayor's transportation office since 1992 and from 1990 to 1992, she was a special counsel to the commissioner and legislative director for the New York City Department of Transportation. Previously, Sadik-Khan worked as an associate in the litigation department of Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler, in New York.

"I'm delighted to have someone with Ms. Sadik-Khan's expertise filling such a key position with us as we shape and improve the federal transit assistance program," Linton said. "She has handled budgetary decisions for the nation's largest transit system, and has taken an active part in implementing the transit components of both the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Clean Air Act Amendments."

As the head of FTA's Office of Budget and Policy, Sadik-Khan will manage the agency's policy development process, in addition to presenting the FTA's annual budget to Congress.

In 1987, Sadik-Khan was awarded a law degree from the Columbia University School of Law, where she also received the Charles Evans Hughes Public Service Award. In 1982, she earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Occidental College.