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PEÑA NAMES OREGON NATIVE
DEPUTY CHIEF OF FEDERAL
TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Secretary of Transportation Federico Peña today announced that Grace Crunican, an experienced transportation official, has been sworn in as Deputy Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The FTA, an agency within the Department of Transportation, provides federal assistance to public transportation programs throughout the United States.

"We're extremely fortunate to have someone with Grace's knowledge and varied experience serving such a critical role in our efforts to assist public transit," Secretary Peña said. "The FTA will also benefit from the enthusiasm, energy and thoroughness she brings to the job."

"Her work in city government, with a federal agency and on the staff of a U.S. Senate subcommittee will enable her to offer us some unique insights into moving the administration's transportation programs forward," Secretary Peña said.

Crunican comes to her new post from the Surface Transportation Policy Project (STPP), where she served as Director since March 1992. STPP is a coalition that was formed in 1990 to ensure that federal transportation policies promote critical national transportation objectives for economic competitiveness and sustainability, the environment, energy conservation and community enhancement.

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For eight years prior to joining STPP, Crunican was with the Portland Transportation Department, where she was named Deputy Director. In that position, she was responsible for finance, administration and intergovernmental relations, including state and federal legislation.

Crunican previously worked in Washington, D.C., as a presidential management intern at the U.S. Department of Transportation and as a senior staff member on the U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation. From 1988 to 1990, she also served as the national president of the Women's Transportation Seminar.

A native of Beaverton, Ore., Crunican earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Criminal Justice from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. In 1979, she received a Master of Administration degree from Willamette University in Salem, Ore.

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