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GARGANO NEW UMTA
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

Secretary of Transportation Drew Lewis has sworn in Charles A. Gargano as Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

Gargano, a 46-year-old construction executive from Long Island, will be responsible for day-to-day supervision of UMTA field operations. This includes management and oversight of more than \$3 billion in annual transit grants to state and local governments. He officially assumed his duties Sept. 21.

"We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Gargano to the Department of Transportation," Secretary Lewis said. "His background in the construction industry will provide the UMTA program with the kind of real-world business experience it needs."

UMTA Administrator Arthur E. Teele, Jr., noted that Gargano's new responsibilities for managing field operations comes at a time when the UMTA program has been decentralized into 10 regional offices. "Our regional structure is the most important element in the entire UMTA program," Teele said, "and we are counting on Charlie Gargano to help it operate effectively and efficiently."

Gargano comes to UMTA from the general contracting firm of J.D. Posillico, Inc., of Farmingdale, N.Y., where he was a partner and held the position of Vice President and Director of Field Operations.

The new UMTA Deputy Administrator received the "Engineer of the Year Award" from the New York State Society of Professional Engineers in 1978 for designing and developing a new methodology for deep sewer construction. He also received a Meritorious Award for Community Service in 1981 from the same Society.

He is a registered professional engineer licensed to practice in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Vermont and Oklahoma, and holds memberships in the American Society of Civil Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers. In addition, he has been a Regional Director of the Association of General Contractors of America and Chairman of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers in Construction.

Gargano holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Fairleigh Dickinson University, a master degree in civil engineering from Manhattan College, and a master's degree in business administration from Fairleigh Dickinson. He is married and has two children.

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