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## York Region Rapid Transit Chief Engineer, Paul May, P.Eng, Named 2017 Top Ten Public Works Leader

KANSAS CITY, MO. – May 8, 2017 – York Region Rapid Transit Corporation's Chief Engineer, Paul May, P.Eng. of Markham, Ontario, Canada, was named to the American Public Works Association (APWA) 2017 Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year. Each national Top Ten Public Works Leader will be honored during the Awards Ceremony of the APWA 2017 PWX annual conference taking place in Orlando, FL. during August 27 - 30, 2017 at the Orange County Convention Center. Mr. May will also be presented the award locally on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA), Ontario Chapter, during a National Public Works Week event at the Mississauga Grande, 35 Brunel Road, in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

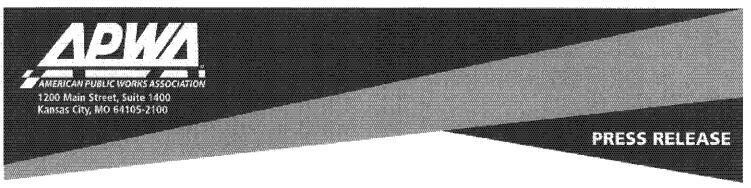
The APWA Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year program honors excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing career service achievements of individual public works professionals and officials, from both the public and private sectors. As one of the most prestigious awards presented by the association, the Top Ten Public Works Leader award is given to honor the public works professional's career, in which he or she demonstrated excellence in public works, services and infrastructure in his or her community through advancement of public works services and technology.

May began working at York Region in Ontario, Canada, as Manager of Transportation in 1988, and eventually held positions of Director of Transportation Planning Approvals and then Director of Infrastructure Planning. As the director, he planned and implemented the first phase of Viva Rapid Transit, a bus rapid transit system that has since led in the transformation of York Region's road and transit infrastructure. In his current role as Chief Engineer with York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, he oversees several complex rapid transit projects on behalf of the region, totaling over \$3 billion in new infrastructure.

May also contributed to the technical working groups for the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension Project. His team worked with the Toronto Transit Commission to coordinate complex construction where the subway infrastructure connects to transit and road infrastructure owned by York Region and one of its municipalities, the City of Vaughan. The results will include a large bus rapid transit project and a nine-bay bus terminal with an underground pathway opening within months of the subway opening.

Also, May directed all technical input for establishing the transportation component for five major updates in York Region, which required a comprehensive 30-year horizon for infrastructure requirements, for the Development Charges Bylaw and annual updates for the 10-year capital program for budgeting and planning purposes. He met frequently with stakeholders (Urban Development Institute and Greater Toronto Homebuilders Association) to resolve major issues. He also directed and coordinated annual updates of roads, transit, water and wastewater 10-year capital programs.

For more information about the APWA National Awards Program for the Top Ten Public Works Leaders, visit the web page at http://www.apwa.net/Library/about/awards/2017/17PWX\_AwardsPrg\_TopTenPWLeadersAward.pdf. For media queries, contact APWA Media Relations/Communications Manager Laura Bynum, M.A., at <a href="http://www.apwa.net">http://www.apwa.net</a>, or 202.218.6736.



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The American Public Works Association (<u>www.apwa.net</u>) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 29,800 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, MO, has an office in Washington, D.C. and 63 chapters in North America.

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