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## **MATA Executive Earns Top Award from Tennessee Public Transportation Association**

*Bacarra Mauldin, Deputy CEO of MATA, named 2023 TPTA Urban Executive of the Year*

**Memphis, TN.** - The Memphis Area Transit Authority's (MATA) Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Bacarra Mauldin, was named the 2023 Urban Executive of the Year by the Tennessee Public Transportation Association (TPTA). This honor is given to CEOs or general managers that have demonstrated a deep commitment to furthering the goal of improving public transportation in Tennessee.

Mauldin joined MATA as the Chief of Staff in July 2021 and by January 2023 she was promoted to Deputy Chief Executive Officer. Since joining MATA, some of her major accomplishments include:

- Working in partnership with MATA's CEO to secure four (4) Department of Transportation grants totaling \$139.8 million, the largest federal investments MATA has received in its 47-year history.
- Leading a positive shift throughout MATA's company culture of greater inclusivity and enhanced diversity throughout every aspect of the agency.
- Leading the charge to build meaningful relationships externally throughout the Greater Memphis community and developed critical connections with local, state, and national regulators and political partners.

"I am grateful to be recognized by my colleagues and peers across the state of Tennessee," said Mauldin. "This award inspires me to continue pushing the boundaries of excellence in public transportation to improve the experiences of our riders and the Greater Memphis community."

TPTA evaluated Mauldin's management skills, public relations, employee relations, and leadership at MATA. TPTA is a non-profit statewide organization dedicated to improving public transportation in all Tennessee communities.

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### **About MATA**

The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is the public transportation provider for the Memphis area. As one of the largest transit operators in the state of Tennessee, MATA

transports customers in the City of Memphis and parts of Shelby County on fixed-route buses, paratransit vehicles and vintage rail trolleys. For more information, visit [www.matatransit.com](http://www.matatransit.com).