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**MATA Statement Regarding the Passing of  
MATA Board Commissioner Tommy Pacello**

The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) today is mourning the recent passing of MATA Board of Commissioner Tommy Pacello with profound sadness and extends condolences to the Pacello family.

Pacello, who served as President of the Memphis Medical District Collaborative, began serving as a Commissioner on the MATA Board in August 2016. Appointed by Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland, he was selected because of his passion for urban planning and mobility.

His passion for progressive public transportation resulted in the recent partnership with MMDC to create the Groove Shuttle commuter shuttle service in the Medical District and the future Downtown/North Memphis alternative transit project.

**About MATA**

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).

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