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## **NEW GENERAL MANAGER NAMED FOR SUN TRAN AND VAN TRAN**

TUCSON , Ariz. - Professional Transit Management, Ltd. (PTM) announces the promotion of Katrina Heineking to General Manager for both Sun Tran and Van Tran. She replaces George Caria, who is now the Transit Administrator for the City of Tucson Department of Transportation.

"Katrina, with her energy, commitment and passion for public transportation, will be an excellent leader, building upon the past solid leadership of George Caria," said Thomas P. Hock, President and Chief Executive Officer of PTM.

Actively involved with city governments since 1983 and the transit industry since 1995, Ms. Heineking most recently served as the Assistant General Manager for Sun Tran. Before moving to Tucson, Heineking was Assistant General Manager at Charlotte Area Transit System in North Carolina, where she oversaw the operations of a 280-vehicle system. As the General Manager of South East Area Transit in Zanesville, Ohio, from 1995 to 2000, she managed to triple the fleet and staff size and balance an operating budget that had previously been in deficit.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to lead Sun Tran and Van Tran into the future," said Ms. Heineking. "These organizations strive to provide quality service to the Tucson community. We will continue to focus on our goal of achieving premium customer satisfaction."

PTM offers transit management, labor relations and management consulting services to public transit systems across the country. Currently, PTM provides transit management services to 17 public transit clients. PTM also provides fleet management and maintenance services for cities and counties. Headquartered in Cincinnati, OH, PTM is an employee-owned company.

Sun Tran is Tucson's regional public transportation system, which is operated by the City of Tucson and managed by PTM. Recently named "America's Best Transit System" for 2005 by APTA, Sun Tran has 520 employees, 37 fixed routes and an active fleet of 189 buses. Sun Tran's mission is to provide safe, well maintained and cost effective public transportation with a team of innovative and diverse employees, dedicated to our customers, the environment and the community.

Van Tran of Tucson, with 232 employees, provides public transportation service to persons with disabilities who are unable to use Sun Tran. Recently named "Arizona's Best Transit System" for 2005, Van Tran has been providing paratransit service to eligible residents of the City of Tucson since 1987. Van Tran schedules approximately 430,000 passenger trips annually with an active fleet of 126 lift-equipped vans.