

Thomas Prendergast
CEO – TransLink

TransLink’s Chief Executive Officer is an internationally respected transportation expert, having held leadership roles with some of the best-known public and private transportation and infrastructure agencies in the world.

Tom received his degree in Socio-Technological Systems Engineering for Urban Transportation Systems from the University of Illinois and began his transportation career with Chicago Transit Authority as a planner. After serving as a Transit Safety Systems Specialist with the US Federal Transit Administration, Tom moved to New York’s Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) where he assumed increasingly senior positions, many involving responsibilities for system safety, to become the Senior Vice President for the famous New York Subway system.

In 1994, he was named President of the MTA’s Long Island Rail Road, the largest commuter rail operation in the US, where he oversaw significant infrastructure improvements and expansion. In 2000, Tom moved to the private sector, becoming Chief Executive Officer for the London Infrastructure Consortium and leading a team from the world’s leading transportation companies to develop a public, private partnership for the modernization of the London Underground.

Prior to joining TransLink in July 2008, Tom was with the international consulting firm Parsons Brinckerhoff, where he served as president of their Transit and Trail Systems subsidiary and became Director of Services, Americas, overseeing over 3,000 infrastructure projects in North and South America.

Tom is a dedicated transportation professional who thoroughly enjoys working as a public servant and being responsible for providing a leadership role in public transportation at a regional level. Both he and his family love living in British Columbia and experiencing Greater Vancouver’s “most livable city” quality of life.
