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AREA TRADES LEADER JOINS RTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chicago – James Buchanan joined the Regional Transportation Authority’s (RTA) Board of Directors today as its newest member. Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley appointed Buchanan as a City of Chicago representative to the 13-member RTA Board on September 27, 2007. His term runs through June 2012.

Mr. Buchanan serves as the Business Manager of Pipe Fitters Local Union 597 where he was elected to that position in June 2001.

“Jim’s progressive leadership in the Chicago area trades makes him a welcome addition to the RTA’s Board of Directors,” said Jim Reilly, the RTA’s Board Chairman. “His work to create jobs and protect the environment will no doubt prove beneficial to the RTA as we work to maintain and enhance the transit system and improve the quality of life for people throughout the region.”

Mr. Buchanan will serve on the Board’s Administrative and Mobility Limited committees. He succeeds the late Thomas Reece who passed away last year.

Mr. Buchanan, a Chicago resident, also sits on the executive board of the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council representing pipe fitters. He also co-chairs the 24-member Illinois Labor Council at the Amalgamated Bank of Chicago. As a charitable endeavor, Mr. Buchanan works with Pirates, Inc., an organization that aids children with autism.

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