

Flint, Michigan

Ed Benning is the GM/CEO of the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA). He is responsible for a transit system employing 691 employees, serving Flint, Genesee County, and five adjoining counties in Michigan, with an operating and capital budget of over \$50 million



annually. The MTA operates an expansive family of services, including new innovative nonemergency transportation services for area residents and veterans. The MTA has received national recognition for its dedication to medical-related transportation, which is considered a model for the country. Benning's service to the community extends well beyond the MTA. His professional and personal memberships are extensive, and his involvement with the community is all-encompassing.

## Board and Civic Memberships

- Michigan Public Transit Association, *Member, Past President (two terms)* Currently, Legislative Committee Chair
- City of Flint Mayor's Blue-Ribbon Committee, Member
- Powers Catholic School Board, Past Board Chair / Member
- Catholic Charities, Member, Past Board Chair
- Catholic Charities Sacred Heart Veterans Village (Tiny Homes) Chair
- Kiwanis Downtown Flint, *Member*
- Flint & Genesee Chamber, Strategic Leadership Team Member
- American Public Transportation Association Legislative Committee, Member
- The Bus Coalition, *Executive Committee Member*
- Flint & Genesee Chamber Regional Leadership Council, Board Member
- Technical Advisory Council/ Metropolitan Planning Commission, Chair/Member
- Friends of Public Transportation, Member
- Michigan Council for Rehabilitation Services, Past Board Member
- Disability Works, Past Board Member
- Mi Works, Past Board Member
- Salvation Army of Genesee County, Past Board Member
- Genesee / Lapeer Chapter of the American Red Cross, Past Board Chair
- Genesee County Council for the Blind, Past Board Chair
- Visually Impaired Center / Past Board Chair

Special Recognition: Honors and Awards

- ✓ Mass Transportation Authority Awards.
- 2023 Flint & Genesee Group Business Impact Award
- CTAA Urban Community Transportation System of the Year

- Wreaths Across America Participant
- Bureau of Services for Blind Persons Business Partner Honor Roll Award
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters Celia Turner Above & Beyond Award
- United Way of Genesee County Live United Award
- US House of Representatives Special Tribute Award
- American Cancer Society Community Partners Award
- Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services Save Our STARS Award
- Howell Chamber of Commerce-Special Tribute-Transportation Innovation
- United Way Certificate of Appreciation Flint Water Response Volunteer
- Livingston County Economic Development Partner of the Year
- American Cancer Society Making Strides Official Pacesetter
- Roush Clean Tech Independent Service Location Best in Class
- Fleet Technical Expo 2015 Top Tier Heavy Duty Sustainable Fleets
- Flint & Genesee Chamber Gloria J. DeHart Art of Achievement Award
- Genesee County Metro Planning Innovations in Transportation Award
- Michigan Public Transit Association MI Ad Wheel Marketing Award
- Valley Area Agency on Aging Aging Partner of the Year
- Crim Fitness Foundation Be Crim Strong Partnership Award
- Flint & Genesee Chamber Outstanding Green Business Award
- Flint & Genesee Chamber Outstanding Business Award
- GREEN FLEET Achievement Award Sustainability All-Star Award
- Michigan Business Associations Best & Brightest Sustainability Company
- Recognized as Silver Sponsor by Michigan Transportation Planning Association
- ✓ Individual Awards Received
- 2023 Bryant "BB" Nolden Community Champion Award
- Jack A. Hamady Good Scout Award
- Robert P. Gerholz Award Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce
- Outstanding General Manager Award Presented by MTA Employees
- Real Men Wear Pink of Flint American Cancer Society Making Strides
- Flint Rotary Club Service Above Self Appreciation Award
- Resource Genesee Sybil Award Nominee
- American Red Cross Genesee-Lapeer Chapter, Board Member of the Year
- Salvation Army Jack Hamady Humanitarian Award
- Valley Area Agency on Aging, Aging Partner of the Year

Benning's career in transportation dates to 1980, and he has served in several leadership capacities in his 43 years since joining the MTA. Benning has a master's degree in public administration with a bachelor's in business administration and has taught at local colleges; he has a strong background in management and previously served in executive roles in the Automobile industry. Benning advocates for leadership, employing those affected by disabilities, and building community partnerships.