

FRANK KRUESI

Since becoming President of the Chicago Transit Authority in October 1997, Frank Kruesi has worked to rebuild service and reverse more than 15 years of declining ridership and public support. Under his direction, CTA has implemented numerous customer-focused improvements to its service and facilities, resulting in ridership gains in seven of the last eight years. These initiatives include major capital improvements such as the rehabilitation of the Cermak (Douglas) branch of the Blue Line and the Dan Ryan branch of the Red Line, and the ongoing capacity expansion of the Brown Line. Additionally, investments have been made to upgrade the CTA's bus and rail fleets.

Mr. Kruesi's more than 30 years of public service has included service at every level of government – local, county, state and federal. President Clinton nominated, and the Senate unanimously confirmed, Mr. Kruesi's appointment as Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy in the United States Department of Transportation. In that post, he was responsible for developing policy initiatives in all modes of transportation – aviation, rail, transit, highway, bicycle, pedestrian and maritime.

Mr. Kruesi also teaches at the Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy, where he is a visiting Professor.