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Matt Dietrich Named ORDC Executive Director *Commissioners Approve Appointment*

(Columbus) -- ORDC Commissioners made it official, taking the "Acting" title off and naming Matt Dietrich as the Executive Director for the Commission. Dietrich had been appointed as Acting Executive Director following the retirement of James Seney in August of 2006. The vote by Commissioners was 8 to 0.

Prior to his appointment, Matt has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission since 2000: overseeing the administration of loans, grants and federal funds for rail rehabilitation, acquisition and preservation, economic development and safety projects.

Before joining the Commission, Matt worked at several public agencies including Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the Ohio Department of Development. Matt received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Toledo. A native of Amherst, Ohio, Matt now resides in Upper Arlington with his wife and children.

(The Ohio Rail Development Commission is an independent agency operating within the Ohio Department of Transportation. ORDC is responsible for economic development through the improvement and expansion of passenger and freight rail service, railroad grade crossing safety and rail travel & tourism issues. For more information about what ORDC does for Ohio, visit our website at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/ohiorail/>)