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# EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

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December 5, 2019

Dear Guests:

Thank you for joining us today to honor the exemplary public service of Dorval R. Carter, Jr. The Civic Federation is pleased to join with the Motorola Solutions Foundation in our twenty-eighth year of celebrating the talent and dedication of our public servants.

As President of the Chicago Transit Authority, President Carter oversees the nation's second-largest transit agency, which provides approximately 1.5 million rides on an average weekday. Appointed as CTA President in 2015, he now heads the agency where he first began his career. President Carter started as a Staff Attorney at CTA in 1984 and worked his way up to Deputy General Attorney before taking a position in the legal department at the Federal Transit Administration. President Carter returned to CTA in 2000 to serve as Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, a position he held for nine years before moving to the FTA as Chief Counsel.

Most recently, President Carter served as the U.S. Department of Transportation Acting Chief of Staff to Secretary Anthony Foxx where he helped manage a Department with more than 55,000 employees and a \$70 billion budget that oversees air, maritime and surface transportation.

In his current position, President Carter has overseen unprecedented investment in the CTA, including the largest railcar order in the agency's history, the reconstruction or rehabilitation of more than 40 rail stations and the largest construction project in CTA history, the Red and Purple Modernization.

A graduate of Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin, where he is a member of the Board of Trustees, President Carter also holds a Juris Doctor degree from Howard University School of Law and is a member of the Illinois and Federal bars.

On behalf of the board and staff of the Civic Federation, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Dorval Carter for his commitment to public service.

Sincerely,

Monica Mueller  
Chair  
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Laurence J. Msall  
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# HISTORY

THE 28TH ANNUAL MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION

## EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

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In 1990 executives at Motorola recognized the need for business and civic leaders to identify and promote the exemplary work of public servants throughout the State of Illinois. Now in its 28th year and presented and administered by the Civic Federation, the Excellence in Public Service Award annually recognizes a non-elected government official who has had an extraordinary impact on the quality of state and local government services in Illinois. The award seeks to honor individuals who show dedication to a vision of quality management, leadership and innovation that leads to lasting achievements and more effective government in Illinois.

The 2019 Motorola Solutions Foundation Excellence in Public Service Award is an original 1961 CTA map showing bus, “L” and subway lines.

The Civic Federation greatly appreciates Motorola Solutions Foundation’s continued generosity in providing essential financial support for the 2019 Excellence in Public Service Award.



# 2019 HONOREE



## **DORVAL R. CARTER, JR.** PRESIDENT CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**D**orval R. Carter, Jr. is President of the Chicago Transit Authority, the nation's second-largest transit agency, which provides approximately 1.5 million rides on an average weekday and serves the City of Chicago and 35 surrounding suburbs. Overseeing more than 10,000 employees, President Carter carries out CTA's mission of delivering quality, affordable transit services that link people, jobs and communities.

Appointed as CTA President in 2015, President Carter has overseen unprecedented investment in CTA. Since

the beginning of his tenure, more than \$8 billion of projects have been completed, begun or announced—including the largest construction project in CTA history (the Red and Purple Modernization), the largest railcar order in the agency's history, and the reconstruction or rehabilitation of more than 40 rail stations.

Prior to becoming CTA President in 2015, President Carter served as the U.S. Department of Transportation Acting Chief of Staff to Secretary Anthony Foxx. President Carter helped manage a Department with more than 55,000 employees and a \$70 billion budget that oversees air, maritime and surface transportation while working to ensure that America maintains the safest, most efficient transportation system in the world.

President Carter previously served as Acting Deputy Administrator for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), leading a staff of more than 500 in the Washington D.C. headquarters office and 10 regional offices throughout the United States, and implementing an annual budget approximating \$10 billion. Before that, he served as the FTA's Chief Counsel, where he advised the FTA Administrator and his Executive team on a broad range of legal issues including appropriations, emergency operations, procurement, grants, ethics, personal and real property, labor protection, innovative finance, personnel, legislation, regulations, and litigation. He also provided support to the Department of Transportation's General Counsel on legal matters concerning the federal transit program. During his time as a political appointee, President Carter also served on the President's U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness and the Interagency Task Force for Support of Military Families.

Before rejoining FTA as its Chief Counsel, President Carter served for nine years as the Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of the CTA, including serving as its Acting President. From 1998 to 2000 he was FTA's Assistant Chief Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, and from 1991 to 1998 he was FTA's Regional Counsel in Region 5-Chicago. He began his legal career with the CTA, where he held various positions including staff attorney, legal assistant to the General Attorney, Acting General Attorney and Deputy General Attorney for Corporate Law.

Carter is a member of the Transportation Research Board's National Research Council and Chair of the TRB's Committee on Transit and Intermodal Transportation Law. He is a Senior Fellow from the Council for Excellence in Government Fellows Program and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for Saint Anthony Hospital. A graduate of Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin, where he is a member of the Board of Trustees, he also holds a Juris Doctor degree from Howard University School of Law and is a member of the Illinois and Federal bars.



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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**JB PRITZKER**  
GOVERNOR

Greetings!

I'm pleased to welcome everyone to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorola Solutions Foundation Excellence in Public Service Award Breakfast.

For over 25 years, the Motorola Solutions Foundation has chosen one non-elected state or local government employee who has made outstanding contributions to serving the residents of their respective communities. This year, the Foundation honors the work of Dorval R. Carter, Jr., President of the Chicago Transit Authority.

President Carter's esteemed career in public transit reaches over 30 years and has stretched from the city level to the federal level and back again. Of course, we in Illinois carry particular pride for his legacy in service: Dorval got his start as a staff attorney with the CTA, the very agency that he now leads as the first African-American president in the organization's history.

As president, Dorval oversees the CTA's \$1 billion operating budget and five-year capital improvement program, ultimately coordinating and directing the entire operational functions of the nation's second largest public transportation system. Determined to find innovative ways to improve the quality and efficiency of CTA's services, Dorval's tenure marks an era of unprecedented commitment to modernization, accessibility, and affordability for public transportation in the nation's third largest city. Today, I share my congratulations to President Carter on his nomination as the 2019 Excellence in Public Service honoree. May all Illinoisans find inspiration in his dedication to improving the lives of his neighbors, making it a little easier for each of them to visit the people and places they love.

On behalf of the people of the state of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker", written over a light gray grid background.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT  
MAYOR

December 5, 2019

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Chicago, I am honored to welcome all those gathered for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorola Solutions Foundation Excellence in Public Service Award Breakfast, and congratulate this year's honoree, Dorval R. Carter, Jr.

For over 25 years, the Motorola Solutions Foundation and the Civic Federation has hosted the Excellence in Public Service Award Breakfast to honor committed Chicagoans and their dedicated service to the city. The Civic Federation and the Motorola Solutions Foundation, established in 1894 and 1953 respectively, have long sought to benefit diverse communities through philanthropic initiatives that address education and research, housing and public safety, and business and civic leadership while demonstrating compassion for residents and neighborhoods.

This year's breakfast celebrates the contributions of Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) President, Dorval R. Carter, Jr. who has over 30 years of experience in public service at both the local and federal level. Mr. Carter began his career at CTA in 2000 holding several positions including Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, and Acting President from January to April in 2009. During his tenure, he has been responsible for directing and coordinating the planning and operating functions of CTA's operating budget; and in his current role, he is responsible for the second-largest transit agency in the country, which provides nearly 1.5 million rides each day for Chicago and 35 surrounding suburbs. With more than 10,000 employees at CTA, Mr. Carter is working to carry out CTA's mission of delivering quality and affordable services that helps to link people, jobs, and communities.

I commend Dorval R. Carter, Jr. for his indelible contributions to both the Chicago Transit Authority and the city; and I recognize the Civic Federation and the Motorola Solutions Foundation for their commitment to highlighting the importance of public service in our community. Thank you to everyone here today for your commitment to the residents of Chicago.

I hope your event is memorable and enjoyable. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori E. Lightfoot".

Mayor

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2016	<b>KARIN M. NORINGTON-REAVES</b> <i>CEO</i> Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership	2010	<b>JAMES R. REILLY</b> <i>Trustee</i> Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
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2014	<b>ROCCO CLAPS</b> <i>Director</i> Illinois Department of Human Rights	2008	<b>ARNE DUNCAN</b> <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Chicago Public Schools
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*Chief Executive Officer*  
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State of Illinois

**2000** **MARY DEMPSEY**  
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**1999** **LOIS WEISBERG**  
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Chicago Public Schools

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