Linda Watson, President/CEO

Linda S. Watson is the president/chief executive officer of the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority in Austin, Texas. She has more than 25 years of transportation related experience.

Before coming to Capital Metro, Watson was the chief executive officer of LYNX, the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties covering more than 2500 square miles. She also previously served as the general manager of the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority and was the assistant general manager of the Fort Worth Transportation Authority.

She is the past chair of the Transportation Research Board, a past member of the American Public Transportation Association Executive Committee, a lifetime National Associate of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences and a past member of the Texas Transportation Institute Advisory Council.

She is currently serving on the:

- Board of the National Transit Institute at Rutgers University
- Board of the University of Florida, Center for Multi-Modal Solutions for Congestion Mitigation
- Board of the Florida Public Transportation Association
- Transit Research Analysis Committee which serves as an adviser to the Federal Transit Administration on their strategic agenda for transit research.

She is one of two transit executives serving on the Board of Directors for ITS America, the leading advocate for technologies that improve the safety, security and efficiency of the nation's surface transportation system. She recently testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Highways and Transit on "Maintaining our Nation's Highway and Transit Infrastructure."

She is an alumni of Leadership Texas, Leadership Fort Worth, Leadership Corpus Christi and Leadership Orlando. She graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. in Urban and Regional Affairs and was recently honored as a "Distinguished Alumni."