



CITY OF ATLANTA
Department of Public Works



Richard Mendoza, P.E.
Commissioner

Richard Mendoza joined the City of Atlanta in 2010 as the Commissioner of Public Works. Mendoza is responsible for leading the department offices of Transportation, Solid Waste, and Fleet Services. The department is comprised of 783 full time equivalent personnel with an annual operating budget of \$100.3 million, and a capital budget of \$50 million.

Under his direction, the Department of Public Works has realized several significant accomplishments including but not limited to: completed the \$150M Quality of Life Infrastructure Bond Program and developed plans for a new \$250M infrastructure bond; repurposed \$10.8 million of dormant residual bond and trust funds to critical transportation needs; completed several critical bridge replacements and started a high priority sidewalk repair program; restored numerous interstate highway lights which lay dormant for years and piloted new LED street light conversions; implemented micro paving of city streets saving the city thousands of dollars in material costs; consolidated and reorganized the solid waste services division to increase service levels and resume residential street sweeping; accelerated the City's residential recycling program increasing participation by 40 percent; purchased the City's first alternative fuel compressed natural gas powered garbage trucks; conducted the City's first successful on-line auction of surplus vehicles and equipment generating additional revenue; and completed construction of the \$97 million Atlanta Streetcar project.

Prior to his current position with the City of Atlanta, Mendoza served as the Assistant Director of Public Works for the City of San Antonio, Texas, America's seventh largest city. A registered Professional Civil Engineer, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Natural Gas Engineering from Texas A&I University and a Master of Public Administration from Texas State University-San Marcos.

Mendoza is a member of the American Public Works Association and serves on the board of the National Association of City Transportation Officials.

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