



PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR NAMED

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Interim Public Works & Transportation Director Abe Forney has been named as the director for the Public Works & Transportation Department for the City of St. Joseph.

Forney was named as the interim director of the department in early May. Serving as airport manager of Rosecrans Memorial Airport, and a division head for the public works department, for the past nine years, Forney has been familiar with the day-to-day operations of the department. His role as a division head interacting with the other department divisions provides Forney extensive knowledge of those divisions and will provide for a smooth transition.

City Manager Bryan Carter has been impressed with Forney's leadership and professionalism since taking over as interim director. Carter states, "Abe has a natural leadership ability that will allow him to successfully, and respectfully, lead the department. He excels at problem-solving and understands the importance of communication and establishing relationships. Through his role as airport manager, Abe worked closely with leadership at the 139th Airlift Wing and will continue that relationship in his new role." Carter has confidence in Forney's experience and knowledge of the public works department. He states, "Abe will be a solid factor in further developing and serving the infrastructure needs of our community."

Forney's appointment is effective immediately and his salary will be \$125,000.

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