



**Michelle Lopes Caldwell**  
**Foothill Transit Authority**  
**Director of Finance and**  
**Treasurer**

Michelle began her career in the Transportation Industry in 1982 and has had the opportunity to work in a wide variety of different positions in 34 years. She has worked in Human Resources, Construction Project Management, Grants Management, Transit Bus and Rail Operations, New Business Development in the Office of the CEO, Procurement and Minority Contracting, Building Services, management of Union Station, and Financial Operations.

Her accomplishments include successfully obtaining the first Federal Transit Administration approval for implementation of a Project Labor Agreement and Construction Careers Policy which includes national targeted hiring requirements, obtaining federal approval for inclusion of a United States Employment Plan in a \$1 billion rail car procurement, negotiating a full-funding grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for the Metro Rail subway project, purchasing Los Angeles County railroad right-of-way for use by commuter rail and/or new light rail construction projects, developing and implementing a remediation plan to meet requirements of a court-ordered consent decree to improve bus service for minority riders, implementing an innovative financing lease-leaseback program for bus and rail vehicles and transportation properties earning over \$65 million in 4 years, developing a capital program and analysis system to rank and fund over \$600 million of capital projects annually, and managing a \$3 billion annual budget for ten years.

As Chief Administrative Services Officer for LA Metro, Michelle was responsible for a staff of 500 union and non-union personnel in Human Resources, General Services and Building Management, Procurement, Bus and Rail Operations Inventory and Material Management, Diversity and Economic Development, Vendor Services, and ITS. She served as a Board member of the LACMTA OPEB Trust fund and has been a member of the Transportation Finance Learning Exchange (TFLEX) since 2004. And Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) member since 1995, she recently served a two-year term on the WTS Foundation Board.

In 2014 she joined Foothill Transit as the Director of Finance and Treasurer. She is responsible for all budgeting, accounting, payroll, employee benefits and retirement program, fare revenue collection and management and human resources management. Her duties include long and short range financial forecasting and grants management.

Michelle attended the Transportation Leadership and Management Program at UCLA and earned an MBA Degree from Pepperdine University School of Business and Management. Her undergraduate degree is in Communications. She is married to a High School Principal and they have two sons.