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Frederick County Transit Director Steichen Named Among Top '40 Under 40' in Nation *Mass Transit Magazine* Honors Industry's Young Stars

FREDERICK, Md. – Frederick County Transit Services Director Roman Steichen ranks among the nation's top "40 Under 40" mass transit professionals in the United States, according to *Mass Transit Magazine*. The program recognizes the industry's best and brightest for their contributions, capacity for innovation, demonstrated leadership, and commitment to making an impact in transit.

"We can all be proud of Roman and his team for the outstanding service they provide to our community," Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner said. "Their innovative and award-winning programs are why Frederick County Transit leads the way in the state and nationally."

"It is an honor and a privilege to lead this agency," Steichen said. "I feel very proud that my team is able to deliver this essential service to the residents of Frederick County. While I am the Director, I know that the actual service delivery happens as a result of the rest of the work that happens here. This is not a one-person show. I am surrounded by a capable, motivated, and proud team who understands the mission and are as passionate about it as I am."

More than 180 nominations were submitted to *Mass Transit Magazine* for the 2022 awards, which Executive Editor Mischa Wanek-Libman said was a new record. Nominees were selected based on several factors, including job commitment, industry involvement and contribution, and achievement in his or her position and innovation in his or her field. Mr. Steichen's [profile](#) in the magazine highlights his collaborative approach to challenges that emerged when the COVID-19 outbreak began. He took over the leadership of Transit Services in February of 2020, first as Acting Director and a few months later as Director of the division. The 14th Annual 40 Under Forty edition of *Mass Transit Magazine* can be viewed online at <https://www.nxtbook.com/endeavor/masstransit/july-august-2022/>.

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