

Praise for Neil Peterson

- While Neil was responsible for the Los Angeles transportation system from 1989 to 1993, *The Washington Post* called the progress made “a remarkable four-year record of accomplishment during which Los Angeles began building its first modern rail system.”

Then President George H. Bush said in September 1991 “your work...is exciting, and I’m happy I had the opportunity to see firsthand the great job you are doing.”

Jerry Baxter, State of California Caltrans District Director, said, “I don’t think anyone else could have accomplished what you have done. In fact, the entire rail program in Los Angeles has progressed further under your direction than it had in the last twenty years.”

- Under Neil’s leadership as executive director of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, the foundation was laid for a light rail line called the Green Line to be installed between the South Bay region of Los Angeles and Norwalk. A frequent contributor to the *Los Angeles Times* called the Green Line car procurement a “novel, aggressive pursuit of technology transfers, new product development, job creation, and defense conversion that...generated innovative solutions to even the most intractable urban problems. Local transit officials have demonstrated what the region can accomplish with imaginative, determined public leadership...”
- While Neil served as CEO of AC Transit, the agency responsible for public transportation in the East Bay of the San Francisco Bay area, *The Oakland Tribune* said, “After years of decline, scandal and demoralization, AC Transit is finally on a roll. Its interim general manager, Neil Peterson, invigorated the agency and set a clear course of budget and service reform.”

The Daily Review wrote, “The transportation troubleshooter...accomplished precisely what he was brought in to do—right a sinking ship and get it sailing out of very troubled waters.”

- While head of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (1977–1983), the regional agency providing water quality and public transportation services, the agency received the American Public Transit Association’s first-ever award given to the nation’s best large transit system. *The Seattle Weekly* commented that Neil was “a remarkable public servant we have had in our midst.”

Awards

- Neil was selected by *Seattle Magazine* as one of Seattle's "Living Legends" and "City Shapers." Neil also was selected by *Time* magazine as one of the "100 Newsmakers of Tomorrow," and nominated for *Esquire* Magazine's "Register of Outstanding Americans under Age 40."
- His former company, Flexcar, was featured in *Time* magazine, *Fortune Small Business*, *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, and on *NPR*, *ABC World News Tonight*, and *Good Morning America*, among others.
- Some of the awards Flexcar received include the 2005 Top Brand With a Conscience, the 2004 Sustainable Community Outstanding Leadership Award, the 2004 It's Not Easy Being Green Award, the 2002 Clean Air Award, the 2002 Spirit of the Northwest Award, the 2001 Environmental Excellence Award, and the 2001 VISION 2020 Award.
- While serving as CEO of Los Angeles' Metro, Neil received several awards, including the prestigious Tranny Award for "Manager of the Year," presented by the California Transportation Foundation; the Clean Air Award for "Individual Excellence in Leadership in Government," presented by the Southern California Air Quality Management District; the Visionary Leadership Award, presented by UCLA's Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning; and the Administrators Award for Outstanding Public Service, presented by the Urban Mass Transit Administration.
- While Neil served as its CEO, Seattle METRO received the national Outstanding Large Transit Agency in the U.S. Award from the American Public Transportation Association. Similarly, under his leadership the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission received the National Management Innovation Award, also from the American Public Transportation Association, as well as the Women's Transportation Seminar's Employer of the Year Award, presented for providing opportunities to women in the transportation field.