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**SUSIE SMITH NAMED NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

*The new director brings more than 20 years of Springfield experience.*

Susie Smith has been selected as Springfield's new Public Works Director and is expected to begin in her new role on July 1.

Susie currently serves as the city's Environmental Services Manager and General Manager of the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission. She has a Master of Science degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon and a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of California, Berkeley. She started her career at the City of Springfield in 1987, as an Assistant Planner.

Springfield City Manager Gino Grimaldi said the choice was made after an extensive national search. "This position is extremely important to Springfield's future success and Susie possesses the skills that will help us meet the many changes and challenges ahead," said Grimaldi.

The public works director oversees an operating budget of \$32 million, a capital budget of \$130 million and 129 employees.

"I am excited for the opportunity to lead this group of incredibly dedicated, talented and caring people as we continue our stewardship of the vital infrastructure assets our community relies on every day," said Smith.

Susie is replacing the current Public Works Director Dan Brown, who is retiring after 31 years of dedicated service.