



NAME: SHARON D. BANKS
TITLE: GENERAL MANAGER

YEARS OF SERVICE: 9

AC Transit General Manager Sharon D. Banks was the first African American and first woman to head the agency. Banks joined AC Transit as its general counsel in March 1990. She was named General Manager in May 1991 after serving as the interim chief for six months. Banks was particularly proud of her success in getting the district and its three unions to engage in collaborative bargaining.

Banks was regarded as a leader in the national public transit industry. She was named chairwoman of the executive committee of the Transportation Research Board, an arm of the National Academy Of Sciences. She was a past chairwoman of the California Transit Association, which represents transit operators across the state.

General Manager Sharon Banks passed away in December of 1999 at the age of 53. The Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship continues to be awarded by Women’s Transportation Seminar to women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation.



PIONEER:
First black
General Manager,
first female
General Manager
at AC Transit

Leader in state
and regional
transit

Joined AC Transit
in 1990

Personally connected
with employees

