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Karen Landers is General Counsel for San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS). MTS provides bus and light rail transit in the city of San Diego, nine surrounding cities and areas of south and east San Diego County. MTS ridership in Fiscal Year 2015 was 96,710,268, or almost 315,000 daily riders.

Landers received a B.S. in Urban Planning from the University of Southern California and her law degree from UC Hastings College of the Law. After law school, she spent nine years as litigation associate with the law firm of Best Best & Krieger LLP, primarily representing public agencies in labor and employment, eminent domain/inverse condemnation and construction disputes. She then worked as a Senior Deputy County Counsel for the County of San Diego, representing various County departments, boards and commissions. In 2011, Landers joined MTS as General Counsel. At MTS she represents the agency in all legal matters and supervises the Land Management, Risk/Workers Compensation and Internal Audit departments. MTS has two in-house attorneys and uses a panel of outside counsel firms for representation and advice related to specialized matters.