

# Ernest Tollerson

## Biography



A print journalist by training and a New Yorker by choice, Ernest Tollerson joined the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in January 2007 as the MTA's Director, Policy & Media Relations. Prior to taking on his new role, he handled research projects for the Partnership for New York City, a business-led NGO that conducted a lot of the early research on the feasibility of a congestion-pricing zone covering Manhattan's two central business districts.

From the mid-1970s through 1999, he worked as a reporter and editor for a number of newspapers, including the Philadelphia Inquirer, where he was a political reporter and statehouse bureau chief; New York Newsday, where he was the editorial page editor; and the New York Times, where he was a national correspondent and later a member of the Times editorial board.

During his nine-year stint at New York Newsday from the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s, he served as the deputy op-ed editor and an editorial writer. In May 1990, he was named editor of the editorial pages and served in that post until Times Mirror folded New York Newsday in the summer of 1995. That October, he joined the New York Times as a national correspondent covering the 1996 presidential election. He later served as the political editor on the metro desk and then returned to editorial writing as a member of the Times's editorial board.

A graduate of Princeton and Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism, Ernest Tollerson chairs the board of trustees of the Nathan Cummings Foundation, and serves on the board of the New-York Historical Society. He is formerly a member of the management board of the Environmental Grantmakers Association, the affinity group for U.S.-based foundations that fund environmental NGOs and projects.