

Before the Board of Directors of the
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION COMMENDING
THERESE McMILLAN

WHEREAS, Therese McMillan is retiring as the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) after a long and distinguished career in public service and the transportation sector, and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMillan returned to MTC to begin her service as Executive Director in 2019 after having served in several other roles between 1984 and 2009, concluding that term of service as the Deputy Executive Director of Policy, and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at MTC, Ms. McMillan spearheaded numerous groundbreaking initiatives, including the Resolution 3434 Regional Transportation Expansion Program that established a nexus between transit capital investments and housing by making regional support for transit expansion projects dependent on a minimum housing density near transit stations, and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMillan shepherded the development of MTC's Equity Platform, which strives to advance investments that support historically underserved communities and other marginalized groups in the Bay Area, and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMillan guided MTC and ABAG, as well as their transit agency and local government partners, through the upheaval and uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the formation of the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force and its subsequent development of a 27-point action plan to restore and augment transit ridership through improvements in the rider experience, and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Ms. McMillan was appointed by President Barack Obama as Deputy Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and served as acting FTA Administrator from March 2014 to March 2016, and

WHEREAS, after her service at the FTA, Ms. McMillan became the Chief Planning Officer at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority in April 2016, and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMillan has placed a high priority on educating the next generation of transportation officials, by the teaching a graduate-level course on transportation finance at the Norman Y. Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University and serving on the Advisory Board for the Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMillan has actively supported women in the transportation sector, exemplified by her service to the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS), including a term as President of the San Francisco Chapter. Ms. McMillan has also earned various Woman of the Year accolades from WTS chapters including those in the San Francisco Bay Area,

Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C., as well as recognition as National Woman of the Year in 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District recognize the immeasurable contributions that Ms. McMillan has made to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, transit riders across the country, and the furtherance of the District's goals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an engrossed copy of this resolution be tendered to Ms. McMillan as a token of our high esteem in which she is held by members of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District Board of Directors.

Adopted by the Board of Directors
of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District