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ABSTRACT

MTC Resolution No. 4738

Resolution of Appreciation for **Therese Trivedi** on the occasion of her retirement from Metropolitan Transportation Commission after more than 23 years of dedicated service.

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RE: Resolution of Appreciation for **Therese Trivedi**

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, Therese Trivedi this month retired from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission after more than 23 years of dedicated service to the agency, during which she worked across a broad range of planning and policy initiatives covering everything from paratransit to bicycle facilities and parking management to PDAs; and

WHEREAS, after working for four years on workforce development programs at San Francisco International Airport, Therese arrived at MTC in early 2002 to launch the Community-Based Transportation Planning program; and

WHEREAS, Therese justifiably can take pride in the ongoing success of the Community-Based Transportation Planning program, which is still going strong after more than two decades and through which more than 30 communities in all nine Bay Area counties already have completed CBTPs, with more to follow in the years ahead; and

WHEREAS, among Therese's other early-career triumphs is her skillful management of the Transit Access to Health Care and Social Services study project, which culminated in a summit of government leaders and other policymakers honed strategies for ensuring newly developed health and social services facilities are located in areas with sufficient transit access for patrons and staff alike; and

WHEREAS, Therese's preternatural ability to interpret bureaucratic language and take direction from policy directives made her a 'triple-threat' player in the field of planning, able to design, message and deliver an endlessly evolving set of programs; and

WHEREAS, after eventually taking her talents to the intersection of transportation and land-use, Therese worked as a project manager for the Transportation for Livable Communities, Station Area Planning, and Priority Development Area Planning programs; helped conduct

corridor-level analyses to determine compliance with MTC's original Transit-Oriented Development policy; launched the initial PDA Technical Assistance program; guided the PDA Assessment initiatives arising from adoption of the landmark 2013 Plan Bay Area; and later led a team shaping the Transit-Oriented Communities Policy adopted by the Commission in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Therese was an equally prolific contributor to MTC climate programs, guiding a group of agency staff to develop new strategies to help Plan Bay Area and its subsequent incarnations meet state emissions-reduction mandates — efforts that led to such 'off-model' initiatives as planning and capital grants for mobility hubs, transportation electrification and parking management, as well as strategies to help local governments transition to the post-SB 743 world that dawned in 2020 when vehicle-miles-traveled replaced congestion levels-of-service as the main gauge by which the environmental impacts of new transportation and development projects are measured; and

WHEREAS, perhaps unsurprisingly for someone whose first Bay Area job was peddling Trek bicycles, Therese also shifted into the field of active transportation, managing a team to develop MTC's first Regional Active Transportation Plan, encompassing an update to the agency's complete streets policy, development of a regional active transportation network, and a five-year implementation plan complete with a technical assistance component; and

WHEREAS, Therese not only has been a guest lecturer on transportation, land-use and regional planning at the University of California, San Jose State University and Merritt College but also cheerfully agreed to represent MTC as part of a group hashing out policy and governance issues around redevelopment of San Jose's Diridon Station; served as an ex officio member of the Valley Transportation Authority's Technical Advisory Committee; put her Economics degree to work as a project manager and MTC's representative on the steering committee charged with development of the 2014 Bay Area Regional Economic Prosperity Strategy; served on the Urban Land Institute's Technical Assistance Panel; and represented MTC on the steering committee for the annual transportation nerd convention now known as MPact (née Railvolution); and

WHEREAS, Therese is a valued mentor and inspiring leader who played a pivotal role in the 2017 consolidation of the once-separate MTC and ABAG workforces, during which she supported her new colleagues by helping them navigate the MTC onboarding process; and

WHEREAS, Therese is beloved by her now-former coworkers for her perpetually positive attitude, her keen sense of humor and the kindness and empathy with which she effectively managed teams and projects large and small; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the staff and commissioners of MTC pay tribute to Therese for her distinguished career; applaud the culture of collaboration, innovation and integrity that she fostered; and extend to Therese and her husband Kunjal and their son Devan best wishes for a happy and rewarding retirement in which the O'Dowd Dragon is successfully slain; hikes in the East Bay Regional Parks take *canis giganticus* ever farther afield; and the intrepid exploration, preparation and enjoyment of new recipes continues unabated.

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Sue Noack, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California, and at other remote locations, on November 19, 2025.