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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4407

Resolution of appreciation for Susan Bransen on the occasion of her departure from the California Transportation Commission.

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RE: Resolution of Appreciation Susan Bransen

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, Susan Bransen is retiring from the California Transportation Commission after four years of service as the Commission's Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Susan in her role as Executive Director served as the Commission's liaison to the state Legislature and the California State Transportation Agency while answering to the agency's 13 Commissioners and capably directing the Commission's regular affairs, including programming and allocating billions of dollars each year for the construction of highway, passenger rail, transit and active transportation improvements throughout California; and

WHEREAS, prior to her time as Executive Director, Susan served the CTC from 2013 to 2016 as the Chief Deputy Director, from 2012 to 2013 as Deputy Director, and from 2007-2011 as Associate Deputy Director, a position she attained after a 20-year career with Caltrans' Division of Audits and Investigations; and

WHEREAS, Susan during her tenure with the CTC successfully navigated the major State Transportation Improvement Program reductions in the 2016 STIP cycle; and

WHEREAS, Susan served as CTC's representative on the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee along with her compatriots from MTC and Caltrans, and as such oversaw completion of the state Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program; and

WHEREAS, Susan played an instrumental role in the development and passage of the landmark Senate Bill 1 transportation funding package in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Susan went on to help develop and implement competitive SB 1 programs such as the Solutions for Congested Corridors, Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, and Local Partnership Program initiatives; and to allocate funds to the Cap and Trade Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Programs; and

WHEREAS, Susan led the charge toward a more performance-based program of projects, including development of consistent performance measures against which to measure project success; and

WHEREAS, with clear vision Susan maintained a strong focus on the open and responsible administration of taxpayer dollars, including helming the development and approval of SB1 Accountability and Transparency Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Susan oversaw the shift in the State Highway Operation and Protection Program to an asset-management-based investment approach, following requirements set forth in Senate Bill 486; and

WHEREAS, under Susan's leadership, the CTC approved new tolling facilities, including the U.S. 101 managed express lanes project in San Mateo County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the staff and commissioners of Metropolitan Transportation Commission thank Susan for her years of service to the travelers of the San Francisco Bay Area and the entire state of California; commend her for the considered and balanced way she navigated the oft-turbulent waters of transportation infrastructure funding; and wish her and her loved ones many successful endeavors in the future.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



Scott Haggarty, Chair

The above resolution was approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California, on January 22, 2020.