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ABSTRACT
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WHEREAS, Peg Yamada is retiring from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission after 24 years of dedicated, distinguished and delightfully detailed duty in support of the section once and perhaps always known as Programming and Allocations, during which she mastered the byzantine inner workings of the engine of Bay Area transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, Peg's service to the public invariably has been TIP-top, as she immersed herself in the near-constant development and updating of the Bay Area's Transportation Improvement Program, which identifies every penny of federal transportation investment in the region; and

WHEREAS, through her accuracy, attention to detail and a rigorously methodical approach that never ceased revealing new opportunities for efficiency, Peg not only ensured that all Commission resolutions were coherent, correct and complete but also kept the entire section on the right track, prevented bureaucratic detours and helped ensure the on-time arrival of essential work at all appropriate destinations; and

WHEREAS, Peg leveraged this same organizational acumen and thoughtful thoroughness to establish herself as the guardian of the Contact Database and its many thousands of entries as well as to represent the animating spirit for balancing the myriad demands on the database; and

WHEREAS, Peg consistently carried the workload of a full-time staff member, even while laboring in the latter years of her MTC career as a part-timer; and

WHEREAS, Peg's knowledge and use of Gregg shorthand underscore her passionate pursuit of efficiency and her perpetual improvement of processes; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her appreciation of order, organization and efficiency, Peg is an ardent aficionado of dark chocolate and fervently in favor of all things feline, as confirmed by a colossal collection of cat calendars; and

WHEREAS, Peg is a voracious reader possessed of the seemingly miraculous ability to navigate the sidewalks of San Francisco and to sidestep scores of smartphone-obsessed pedestrians between BART and the Metro Center even while training her own focus on her current paperback; and

WHEREAS, Peg also possesses a powerful passion for the Green Bay Packers precipitated by the persistent pigskin proselytizing of her brother-in-law during her time as a Wisconsin resident, which coincided with the team's historic 1960s heyday and which fueled Peg's continued devotion through the decades, as evidenced by such cherished keepsakes as a vinyl record commemorating the Packers' 1965 NFL championship; and

WHEREAS, among the many lessons Peg imparted to colleagues is that a cheerfully upbeat yet low-key mien may in time reveal a wonderfully expressive and wise-cracking wit; and

WHEREAS, Peg's enormous generosity of spirit is evidenced not only by her festive embrace of the winter holidays and her adornment of the workplace with seasonal decorations but also by her choice to vacation with friends each summer at her brother's farm, where she volunteers to help with annual chores; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the staff and commissioners honor Peg's outstanding service to her colleagues throughout the agency, and in particular to those in what may someday be familiarly known as the Funding Policy and Programs section, as well as salute her work to support the Commission and the people of the Bay Area, pay tribute to her grace and good humor, and warmly extend to her best wishes for many years of good books, better chocolate, feline

friendship, and fun and fulfilling adventures that include another trip to Titledown and the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair

The above resolution was approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, CA and at other remote locations, on March 24, 2021.