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ABSTRACT

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Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Jake Mackenzie upon his relinquishing the chairmanship of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission after two years of outstanding service.

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RE: Resolution of Appreciation for Jake Mackenzie

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, Commissioner Jake Mackenzie is relinquishing the chairmanship of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission after two years of outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, Jake will continue to serve the people of Sonoma County as their representative on the Commission, as he has done with his distinctive Caledonian flair since 2008; and

WHEREAS, city and county leaders in Sonoma County have had the good sense to reappoint Jake to the Commission four times; and

WHEREAS, Jake served with distinction as a member of the CASA Steering Committee, an exercise for which the adage ‘no good deed goes unpunished’ regrettably has been reaffirmed; and

WHEREAS, Jake in 2017 advanced the cause of regional government efficiency by overseeing the consolidation of the MTC and ABAG staff as well as the adoption of Plan Bay Area 2040; and

WHEREAS, Jake’s leadership was instrumental in prioritizing North Bay recovery efforts for multiple MTC funding decisions, including loans funded through the Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing program; the award of a grant to update the development plan for downtown Santa Rosa; and allocations of Transit Emergency Contingency Fund money to reimburse North Bay transit operators for costs incurred evacuating residents, running shuttles and providing free rides in the aftermath of devastating 2017 wildfires; and

WHEREAS, Jake spearheaded the State Route 37 Policy Committee, galvanizing efforts not only by MTC staff but also by the staff of the four North Bay congestion management agencies to develop a memorandum-of-understanding for the Resilient SR 37 Program,

delivering to the people of our region a safer, greener, less congested more flood-resistant connection between U.S. 101 in Marin County and Interstate 80 in Solano County; and

WHEREAS, Jake consistently was willing to make the sacrifices necessary to execute the duties of MTC Chairman, from groundbreakings for the Caltrain electrification project and the Golden Gate Bridge suicide-deterrent system to ribbon-cuttings for SMART and the Salesforce Transbay Transit Center to the launch of the Ford GoBike service; and

WHEREAS, Jake was an effective proponent of critical transportation funding measures such as Senate Bill 1 and Regional Measure 3; and

WHEREAS, Jake was an ever-enthusiastic participant in early morning Bike to Work Day festivities; and

WHEREAS, Jake set new standards for sartorial comfort among the members of the Commission by imbuing even Wednesday meetings with the Aloha spirit of Casual Friday; and

WHEREAS, MTC's newly-energized social media campaigns can rightly be described as a belated effort to keep pace with Jake's Facebook postings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the commissioners and staff of MTC thank Jake for his term of service as Chairman, and look forward to working with him on transportation and land-use issues of critical importance to the region for years to come.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Chair

The above resolution was approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California, on February 27, 2019.