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ABSTRACT

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Resolution of Appreciation for Debbie Atmaja, Gary Louie, Nancy Louie, Mabel Melkonians and Lourdes Tang on the occasion of their retirement from MTC after 17 years of service.

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RE: Resolution of Appreciation for Debbie Atmaja, Gary Louie, Nancy Louie, Mabel Melkonians and Lourdes Tang

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WHEREAS, Debbie Atmaja, Gary Louie, Nancy Louie, Mabel Melkonians and Lourdes Tang all retired this spring after 17 years of outstanding service to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the people of the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Debbie, Gary, Nancy, Mabel and Lourdes in one fell swoop joined the staff of MTC's Finance section in March 2006 after being hired away from Caltrans to safeguard the Bay Area Toll Authority's post-AB 144 inheritance from the state of the Advanced Toll Collection and Accounting System and later to midwife the implementation of ATCAS II; and

WHEREAS, after joining the MTC family, this team magnificently met the multiple challenges of appropriately and accurately accounting for toll revenue, preparing financial statements, working with toll system vendors, and integrating a new regional customer service center and its associated back-office systems, which over the ensuing years became a primary focus for Mabel; and

WHEREAS, Debbie, Gary, Nancy, Mabel and Lourdes also played key roles in accounting for the Clipper electronic transit fare payment program, setting up the accounting for BATA's regional measures, establishing revenue collection and accounting processes for the Bay Area's Express Lanes network, and managed payment and billing relationships with partner tolling agencies across the state; and

WHEREAS, Nancy spent 15 years at Caltrans before joining the MTC staff and the many years of tolling experience Gary brought to MTC from his time at Caltrans included implementation of the original ATCAS system; and

WHEREAS, Gary was a mainstay of the MTC Finance party planning team, with a particular fondness for setting up games and activities, and served as the unofficial section shutterbug despite a mysterious tendency for photography to cease as soon as the food arrived; and

WHEREAS, Lourdes frequently teamed with Gary to plan Finance section festivities and at the end of her MTC tenure bequeathed to one of the section's current staff members a filing cabinet full of party supplies; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their longtime professional partnership, Lourdes, Debbie and Nancy also share an enthusiasm for cooking, with Nancy reported to be an especially eager exchanger of recipes and Lourdes rumored to find durian so delectable that she occasionally has courted controversy by conveying the fruit into the agency offices; and

WHEREAS, after long and successful careers in the world of transportation, Debbie, Gary, Nancy, Mabel and Lourdes unsurprisingly all look forward to extensive travel during their retirement years, with Japan, Korea and Spain among the destinations already in the team members' plans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the staff and commissioners of MTC thank Debbie, Gary, Nancy, Mabel and Lourdes for their dedicated service to the agency and to toll payers and other travelers across the state; offer Debbie warm wishes for lots of quality time with her grandchildren and the rest of her family, invigorating involvement with her church community and ample opportunities to keep up with the latest K-dramas; grant glad tidings to Gary for a green thumb in his garden, a great serve for his tennis game and success in his search for the superior cruise ship buffet; extend to Nancy best wishes for unhindered access to the world's greatest art museums, a bounty of good bargains and another championship season or two for the Golden State Warriors; confer fond wishes to Mabel and her daughters for exciting trips and other excellent adventures together; and wish all the best to Lourdes as she nurtures her succulent garden, cares for her church community and prepares to voyage by van across the country with her siblings and their spouses.

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Alfredo Pedroza, 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 June 28, 2023.