

RESOLUTION 22-05-29 HONORING STEVEN WITTER

RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON HONORING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION AND PLANNING STEVEN D. WITTER FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) and its Board of Directors wish to honor Steven D. Witter for his more than 21 years of dedicated service and leadership of TriMet and public transit in the region; and

WHEREAS, Steve Witter began his service to TriMet in 2001, serving as office engineer on the Interstate MAX project and quickly rising in responsibility to direct the design and construction of the WES Commuter Rail project, which he helped open in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Steve Witter forged lasting and beneficial partnerships with leaders of local, state, and federal agencies to help shepherd, advance and deliver the WES Commuter Rail, MAX Orange Line, Gideon Pedestrian Bridge, Division Transit Project and A Better Red project; and

WHEREAS, Steve Witter led the design team and helped advance critical design elements for the critically important but now-deferred Columbia River Crossing project, navigating a complex project structure and positioning TriMet to rapidly resume work when the time comes; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Steve Witter cultivated and supported the development of competent and committed staff, strengthening his division through positive leadership and strategic vision; and

WHEREAS, Steve Witter has expertly served as Executive Director since June 2016, leading TriMet's Engineering, Construction and Planning Division (previously, Capital Projects and Construction) as it made many positive contributions to Portland and our region; and

WHEREAS, Steve Witter's guidance and oversight were critically important to the successful execution and administration of numerous state and federal safety reviews, grant awards, project requirements, financial reporting and the responsible and productive stewardship of hundreds of millions of public dollars; and

WHEREAS, Steve Witter has demonstrated strong team guidance, brilliant engineering, planning and construction acumen, innovative project management, and a steadfast dedication to TriMet and the community we serve; and

WHEREAS, Steve Witter has energetically cultivated and promoted the livability and accessibility of our region, building thoughtful connections, advocating equitable practices in design and construction, demonstrating excellence in leadership, and effectively advancing TriMet's vision, mission and values;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the TriMet Board of Directors and the TriMet staff hereby express sincere gratitude to Steve Witter for his dedicated service and leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a framed copy of this Resolution be presented to Steve Witter as an expression of our heartfelt respect and appreciation.



Dr. Linda Simmons
President, Board of Directors