



**DATE:** February 28, 2019

**TO:** Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Resolution of Appreciation for MTC Executive Director Steve Heminger, (Action) - Agenda Item 6b

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the attached Resolution acknowledging and thanking MTC Executive Director Steve Heminger for his service.

**BACKGROUND**

Steve Heminger has served the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for 25 years, the last 17 as Executive Director. Steve has been a staunch and gracious ally in meeting the transportation needs in Marin County. From the funding of the Richmond Bridge third lane to the support of SMART, Steve has pushed forward unique funding commitments that have greatly benefited our businesses and residents.

Attached is a Resolution of Appreciation that the TAM Board is being asked to approve that recognizes and thanks Steve's contributions to the Bay Area and particularly to Marin. While staff are attempting to bring Steve to a future TAM Board meeting, staff are recommending approval of the Resolution if that visit does not transpire. The Resolution will be presented at the earliest opportunity.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft TAM Resolution No. 2019-xx

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**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**  
**MTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STEVE HEMINGER**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Director Steve Heminger has served in the capacity of Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission from 2001 to 2019 and added the responsibility of Executive Director of the Bay Area Toll Authority during his tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Director Heminger has worked diligently with and provided substantial benefit to local transportation agencies, including the Transportation Authority of Marin, to meet the travel needs of businesses, residents and visitors in Marin; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Director Heminger has worked closely with our local Marin transit operators as well and provided excellent support to Marin Transit, to Golden Gate Transit, and to Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit; and

**WHEREAS**, with Executive Director Heminger's leadership, Marin was able to complete the Highway 101 Gap Closure in San Rafael; the substantial completion of the Marin Sonoma Narrows; the opening of the Third Lane eastbound on the Richmond San Rafael Bridge - wholly funded by MTC; the implementation of the OBAG program which has supported housing growth in Marin, the Priority Conservation Area program which has guaranteed improved access to and conservation of the recreational areas of Marin; and the support of bicycle/pedestrian improvements throughout Marin; and

**WHEREAS**, with Executive Director Heminger's leadership, major investments in transportation in the Bay Area have occurred including the Transportation Congestion Relief Program, the Proposition 1B Bond Program, the Regional Measure 2 and 3 Toll Programs, the Seismic Retrofit of Bay Area Toll Bridges Program, the Express Lane Program, and the ongoing commitment of Federal and State funds; and

**WHEREAS**, with Executive Director Heminger's leadership, the SMART system successfully received hard-to-obtain Federal Transit Small Starts funds matched by MTC funds, which enabled the SMART extension to Larkspur, the Golden Gate Bridge District implemented its Moveable Barrier Traffic Management system; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Director Heminger has been consistently supportive of Marin needs, providing policy guidance, political savvy, and the all-important funding commitments that enable our highest priority needs to be met, such as the Richmond Bridge improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Director Heminger has been an icon of leadership for the Bay Area on the national and state front, which has benefitted us all; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Director Heminger has repeatedly expressed his fondness for Marin and its constituents, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Transportation Authority of Marin wishes Steve success in his retirement;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Transportation Authority of Marin thanks Steve for his dedication, wisdom, and patience in aiding Marin in addressing its transportation conundrums;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Transportation Authority of Marin will reserve March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to recognize Steve Heminger and his contribution to transportation in the Bay Area.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Transportation Authority of Marin held this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019 by the following vote:

**AYES:**      **COMMISSIONERS:**      Arnold, Campbell, Colbert, Connolly, Fredericks, Hillmer, Kuhl, Kunhardt, Lucan, Moulton-Peters, Phillips, Reed, Rice, Rodoni, Sears, Withy

**NOES:**      **COMMISSIONERS:**      None

**ABSENT:**      **COMMISSIONERS:**      None

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Judy Arnold, Chair  
Transportation Authority of Marin

**ATTEST:**

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Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director

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