

JAMES P. SPERING

A PROCLAMATION OF THE SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY THANKING JAMES P. SPERING FOR HIS MANY EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (STA) AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES THROUGHOUT SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Jim Spering in his capacity as Mayor for the City of Suisun City and Solano County Supervisor served as a representative on the Board of Directors for the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) from January 1990 to December 2022; and

WHEREAS, during 2003, 2009, and 2017 Jim Spering served as the Chair of the STA, was a founding member of the STA Board and was instrumental in the STA's formation and successful implementation of transportation plans and projects and mobility programs; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the STA Board, he served on the STA's Executive Committee, Arterial, Highway and Freeway Element, as chair of the Active Transportation Element Subcommittees for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) that guided the implementation of multiple highway, roadway, transit, bike and pedestrian projects in support of Priority Development Areas (PDAs), and funding for Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) as part of the CTP; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the STA Board and Solano County Board of Supervisors, he successfully advocated for the establishment of the Regional Traffic Impact Fee (RTIF) to help fund local projects, the establishment of the Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S) to promote students' safety and public health, and the allocation of County Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds to mobility programs for older adults and persons with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, he was a founding member of and effectively represented the STA on the governing Board for the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board (CCJPB) which included adding service to a new train station named the "Fairfield/Vacaville Hannigan Station" and expanding intercity rail service provided by the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) that provides rail service for the residents of Fairfield, Suisun City, Vacaville, Travis Air Force Base, and Solano County; and

WHEREAS, he served as a founding member and Chair of the Consolidated Transit Service Agency (CTSA) advisory committee which provides guidance and recommendations to the STA Board on the development and implementation of Solano Mobility programs focused on providing mobility options for older adults, persons with disabilities, low income residents, and veterans; and

WHEREAS, he served as a founding member of the Board for Solano County Transit (SolTrans), formed to operate local transit service for the cities of Benicia and Vallejo, and to operate Solano Express service through a contract with STA, and

WHEREAS, he has ably represented Solano County on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the federal metropolitan planning organization for the Bay Area where he has successfully advocated for hundreds of millions of dollars of federal, state, and regional transportation funds for Solano County projects and programs, and

WHEREAS, while serving at MTC, he helped develop the regional Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) program which, for the first time, linked land use and the investment of transportation funds, and helped develop the expenditure plans for Regional Measure 2 and Regional Measure 3 ensuring Solano County would receive significant capital and transit operating funds; and

WHEREAS, during his term on the STA Board, James P. Spering has been a strong, innovative, and proactive advocate for obtaining federal and state transportation funds for projects benefiting all of Solano County, and on multiple occasions represented the STA in successful lobbying trips to Washington D.C. and Sacramento, and his role at MTC that resulted in the STA landing federal, state and regional funding for two phases of the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange, the Fairfield/Vacaville Hannigan Rail Station, the construction of the Eastbound and design of the Westbound Cordelia Truck Scales, the widening of SR 12 Jameson Canyon, multiple phases of the Jepson Parkway and North Connector, Solano Express capital improvements and annual operating funds, and the construction of the I-80 Express Lanes project.

THEREFORE IT IS PROCLAIMED, I, Robert McConnell, on behalf of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), in recognition of his departure from the STA Board, expresses its appreciation and heartfelt thanks to James P. Spering for all of his efforts and accomplishments on behalf of the STA and transportation issues throughout Solano County.



Robert McConnell, STA Board Chair
Mayor, City of Vallejo