

RESOLUTION NO. 16-08-0091

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

August 22, 2016

# COMMENDING

# Michael R. Wiley

*Whereas*, Michael R. Wiley was hired as an Associate Planner on February 13, 1978; promoted to Executive Assistant on July 12, 1983; Director of Administrative Services on June 12, 1990; Assistant to the General Manager on April 3, 1995; Director of Customer Services in September 1999; Assistant General Manager of Planning and Transit System Development on July 1, 2003; appointed as Deputy General Manager on March 13, 2006; and Interim General Manager/CEO on October 25, 2007; and

*Whereas*, Michael R. Wiley was appointed General Manager/CEO on February 26, 2008, a position which he held until July 1, 2016, when he was appointed as Special Assistant to the Board until his retirement on August 1, 2016; and

*Whereas*, Michael R. Wiley provided excellent leadership to guide the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) through the opening of the light rail starter line; conversion to an all Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) bus fleet; five light rail extensions; and the great recession of 2008; and

*Whereas*, during his years of service, Michael R. Wiley's accomplishments include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Lead the completion and opening of the light rail starter line
- Restructured RT's bus network system-wide
- Garnered funds to build and operate a new 6.3-mile light rail extension to south Sacramento
- Educated for the successful passage of the 1988 Sacramento County Sales Tax Measure A, and the 2004 voter-approved Measure A Renewal that provides local funding to transit
- Secured funds to extend light rail to the City of Folsom, the Amtrak Station, the River District and Cosumnes River College
- Opened RT's first light rail extension to the Mather Field/Mills light rail station, and subsequent openings to Sunrise, Historic Folsom, Sacramento Valley, 7th & Richards/Township 9 and Cosumnes River College
- Acquired alternative fuel buses and expanded the facility to complete RT's conversion to an all clean CNG bus fleet and added a secondary CNG fueling facility for the District
- Implemented service to the River Cats/Raley Field and Neighborhood Ride shuttle bus service
- Developed the TransitAction Plan to provide a vision to address the future region-wide transportation needs
- Achieved record ridership of 34,067,000 for FY 2008/2009
- Created the annual State of RT breakfast and TransitAction Awards, which highlight RT's annual accomplishments and recognized efforts by local public transit advocates
- Expanded RT's Season of Civil Rights, highlighting public transportation's role and the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks
- Created the "GM Chat" and "Ride with the GM" programs to reach out to and further communicate with RT passengers and the community
- Developed an 18-month plan to resume, restore, and improve transit service levels to those prior to the extreme budget crisis and unprecedented budget shortfalls in state public transit funding that resulted in extreme service cuts and employee layoffs
- Implemented RT's first Park-Pay-and-Ride program
- Spearheaded the successful legislative effort to streamline the California Environmental Quality Act review for bus transit service improvements

*Whereas*, Michael R. Wiley has diligently and with dedication represented RT on numerous boards, including the:

- California Transit Association (current Chair)
- California Transit Finance Corporation (current Chair)
- Downtown Sacramento Partnership
- Friends of Light Rail & Transit
- Midtown Business Association
- MLK365
- R Street Partnership
- Regional Transit Retirement Board

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:*

*That*, the Board of Directors wishes to convey to Michael R. Wiley their appreciation for his outstanding leadership, his dedicated service for 38 years, and his commitment to public transportation throughout the District.

ATTEST:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary

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JAY SCHENIRER, Chair