## RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON HONORING OZZIE GONZALEZ FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE ON THE TRIMET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**WHEREAS**, the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) and its Board of Directors (Board) wish to honor Ozzie Gonzalez for his dedicated and outstanding service to TriMet as President and member of the Board; and

WHEREAS, after earning a Master's Degree in Architecture and Environmental Design from California State Polytechnic University - Pomona and moving to Portland, Ozzie Gonzalez pursued a career as an urban ecologist, applying his professional expertise in architecture, planning, public policy and urban design to environmentally friendly developments that improve our region; and

WHEREAS, Ozzie Gonzalez has a long-standing history of service to our community, including as one of the founding members of the US Green Building Council's LEED User Group for Industrial Facilities, the President of the Jardín Portland Foundation, and as a member of the Regional Arts and Culture Council, the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, before joining the Board, Ozzie Gonzalez contributed professional design services to various TriMet capital construction projects while engaged as Director for Diversity for prime general contractors Balfour/Howard S. Wright and CH2M Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, since his June 1, 2018 appointment to the Board, Ozzie Gonzalez has represented TriMet's district 2 and has served on both the Finance and Audit Committee and the Transit Equity Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, since July 25, 2023 Ozzie Gonzales has served as Board President, and the Board's first Latino President, generously contributing his extensive professional, business and practical expertise to a wide range of TriMet initiatives, projects, and challenges; and

WHEREAS, utilizing his experience and commitment to advancing Portland's creative redevelopment, housing and overall economic improvement, Ozzie Gonzalez was instrumental in helping TriMet develop and adopt its Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Guidelines, so that the Agency can put its underused and surplus real property to more productive and beneficial uses that strengthen and enhance the transit system for all;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the TriMet Board of Directors and TriMet staff hereby express their gratitude to Ozzie Gonzalez for his thoughtful and generous service, consistently performed with professionalism, collaboration, kindness, and good humor; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a framed copy of this Resolution shall be presented to Ozzie Gonzalez as an expression of our warm respect and appreciation.

Dr. LaVerne Lewis

Vice President, TriMet Board of Directors