

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10

EXPRESSING CONGRATULATIONS TO MARISOL SIMÓN UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) AND EXTENDING BEST WISHES FOR HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS

WHEREAS, Marisol Simón has devoted her more than 30-year career to public transit; and

WHEREAS, Marisol Simón joined the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") after nearly 20 years in the railroad and transit industries, including executive positions with Community Transit of Snohomish County in Washington State, as well as Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transit, and the Detroit Department of Transportation in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Marisol Simón, as Regional Administrator for Region 5 of the FTA, has provided executive direction over the planning, grant making and project management functions, is responsible for the delivery of \$700 million annually in grant funds to a large number of public transit agencies, manages all open grants, and is responsible for overseeing these activities to ensure that the projects are well-managed and that Federal funds are protected; and

WHEREAS, over her 12 year career at FTA, Marisol Simón has been a tireless and enthusiastic supporter of multi-modal transportation projects in Ohio and FTA Region 5 while also serving as FTA's primary spokesperson for the region, promoting new initiatives and programs mandated by FTA's Authorization Act; and

WHEREAS, under Marisol Simón's leadership, FTA Region 5 oversaw the completion of the \$200 million HealthLine BRT, the Cleveland State Line BRT, the \$46 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA") Program, commonly referred to as the "stimulus package", that funded 19 GCRTA projects, including the Puritas Rapid Station, East 55th Rapid Station and Stephanie Tubbs-Jones Transit Center, and two TIGER grants totaling \$23 million that funded the construction of the Cedar-University Rapid Station and Little Italy-University Circle Rapid Station; and

WHEREAS, Marisol Simón has been recognized by other organizations for her service and commitment to the transportation industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees express its gratitude to Marisol Simón for her diligence, insightful contributions and dedicated service to the public transportation industry, to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, and to this region.

Section 2. That the Board of Trustees offers its best wishes to Marisol Simón and sincerely hopes that she will enjoy her upcoming retirement.

Section 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: February 20, 2018



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer