

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Celebrating the **50th Golden Anniversary of Monterey-Salinas Transit.**

WHEREAS, On September 1, 2023 **Monterey-Salinas Transit** celebrated its Golden Anniversary with customers, employees, community partners, and federal, state, and local elected officials emphasizing their districts continuing commitment to connecting communities, creating opportunities and being kind to our planet; and

WHEREAS, In September 1973, **Monterey-Salinas Transit**, a joint powers agency comprising the cities of the Monterey Peninsula, started service with six well-worn buses inherited from the defunct private operator Bay Rapid Transit Company. Those six buses ran on four routes, serving the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea, and Seaside. Local legend has it that on that first day, four of the six buses suffered mechanical breakdowns; and

WHEREAS, From those humble beginnings, over the next few years, the service area continued to expand, and in 1981, the City of Salinas joined the joint powers agency creating the **Monterey-Salinas Transit** Joint Powers Agency. Over the decades as new mobility services were provided throughout the region, annual ridership grew from an initial 500,000 in 1973 to up to 5 million annual passengers. Eventually, the small and mostly rural cities of Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, King City, and Sand City joined the governance of the newly created Monterey-Salinas Transit District in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Today **Monterey-Salinas Transit** operates a fleet of 163 heavy-duty buses, minibuses, and trolleys on 36 fixed routes and **Monterey-Salinas Transit** RIDES ADA paratransit services making critical mobility connections for individuals throughout the vast Monterey Bay region including all 12 cities and unincorporated areas within Monterey County, and into communities of neighboring Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Clara, one-fifth of the California coastal region; and

WHEREAS, All of **Monterey-Salinas Transit's** heavy-duty fleet is powered by 100% renewable biodiesel or renewable electricity sources. In addition, **Monterey-Salinas Transit** offers subsidized vanpools and micro transit, along with discounted taxicabs, senior shuttles, and a variety of special mobility programs for veterans, seniors, and persons with disabilities throughout the region that are used to get to jobs, grocery stores, medical appointments, or to visit with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, MST has seen a 25 percent growth in ridership over the past year with the implementation of its new Better Bus Network and is working to complete the construction of its SURF Project! MST has also achieved its Busway and Bus Rapid Transit, a new Salinas Operations and Maintenance Facility, a South County Facility and completed its transition to 100 percent zero-emission fleet; and

WHEREAS, Monterey-Salinas Transit CEO Carl Sedoryk has led this exemplary transit agency for the last 23 years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby recognize and celebrate the **50th Golden Anniversary of Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST)** and for continuing to deliver high quality and professional public transportation services to the people of Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 2023, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy