

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of December 2, 2004
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

APPRECIATION FOR THE SERVICES OF LINDA WILSHUSEN AS EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Linda Wilshusen has been active in transportation planning and community development in Santa Cruz County for thirty years and has provided exemplary leadership from 1985-2004 as Executive Director of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission;

WHEREAS, Linda Wilshusen oversaw the development and adoption of Commission's many public documents such as the *Regional Transportation Plan*, *Guide to Specialized Transportation Services*, and *Highway 1 HOV Lane Feasibility Study*;

WHEREAS, Linda Wilshusen advocated and secured funding for Santa Cruz County transportation projects and oversaw the distribution of over \$300 million for transportation infrastructure, transit operations, and programs throughout the county;

WHEREAS, Linda Wilshusen supported improved motorist safety and roadside assistance through establishing the Call Box and Freeway Service Patrol programs on local state highways, collaborating on the award-winning *Safe on 17 Program*, and championing operational and safety improvements to Mission Street/Highway 1, 41st and Bay Avenue Highway 1 interchanges, and the state-funded Highway 1 and 17 interchange project;

WHEREAS, Linda Wilshusen supported RTC funding for local road and transit projects such as improvements to Graham Hill Road and Highway 9, Mt. Hermon Road, Green Valley Road, Capitola Road, regional transit centers and maintenance and operations facilities, bike lanes, and sidewalks;

WHEREAS, Linda Wilshusen championed acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line, oversaw planning for future uses of the rail line, and managed three demonstration train events, including the *Return of the Sun Tan Special* in 1996;

WHEREAS, Linda Wilshusen oversaw and supported the award-winning "*Consider the Alternatives*" public information campaign, the award-winning *Clean Air Vehicle Fair*, the *Community Traffic Safety Coalition*, *Bike To Work* and the award-winning *Bicycle Parking Enhancement Program*, *Commute Solutions*, and Transportation Management

Associations - all successful public-private partnerships that encourage use of sustainable transportation modes;

WHEREAS, Linda Wilshusen supported increased special transportation services for and awareness of the needs of elderly and disabled residents;

WHEREAS, Linda Wilshusen served 15 years on the National Research Council Transportation Research Board Committee on Small and Medium Sized Communities and 8 years on the National Research Council Transportation Research Board Committee on Self-Propelled Rail Vehicles, and co-chaired national conferences;

WHEREAS, Linda Wilshusen set up public information systems to ensure that the RTC provides accurate, thorough and comprehensive information and fully engages the public in discussion of transportation plans, issues, options, funding, and policy decisions;

WHEREAS, Linda Wilshusen is leaving her position as Executive Director after nineteen years of exemplary leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

In recognition of her many years of dedicated public service, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission does hereby commend Linda Wilshusen for her efforts in advancing transportation in Santa Cruz County and expresses sincere appreciation on behalf of itself, SCCRTC staff and all the citizens of Santa Cruz County.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

Jan Beautz, Chair

ATTEST:

Pat Dellin, Secretary