

PROCLAMATION NO. 34-24

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission  
on the date of May 2, 2024  
on the motion of Commissioner Alternate **Schiffrin**  
duly seconded by Commissioner **Montesino**

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

***Luis Pavel Mendez***

*Whereas*, Luis Pavel Mendez has provided exemplary service, leadership and commitment from 1994 thru 2024 at the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, first as a transportation planner and as Deputy Director since 2005; and

*Whereas*, during his tenure, Mr. Mendez has earned the respect and admiration of Commissioners, management, coworkers, colleagues and community members for his professionalism, dedication, understanding, tenacity, cooperation, work ethic, caring, and enthusiasm; and

*Whereas*, Mr. Mendez has provided his professional expertise and dedication to a wide range of projects and programs and significant RTC accomplishments: he managed the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP), SAFE call-box, Bike Parking, and RTC legislative programs; staffed the Transportation Policy Committee and the Bicycle Advisory Committee; oversaw the relocation of the RTC offices from the County building to Pacific Avenue in 1997 and the establishment of the RTC as an autonomous entity in 2006; assisted on and led staff teams developing the Regional Transportation Plan. the 2016 Measure D, the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan, the Unified Corridor Investment Study, and numerous other transportation plans and funding applications; led with persistent commitment the acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail line, all the while ensuring that the RTC's planning and administrative functions were all running smoothly; managed rail bridge construction projects successfully averting legal claims from contractors; mentored and supervised transportation planners; produced the agency's overall work program and budget for many years, working with the entire office and ensuring that RTC priorities and commitments to the community were consistently delivered; served as in-house Spanish translator and interpreter; and as Deputy Director reviewed and edited almost everything produced by the RTC imparting his critical analysis as well as his appreciation for effective communication; and

*Whereas*, as part of his dedication to help ensure good working relations and an effective RTC team, Mr. Mendez served as union steward and leader from 1994 to 2005 and participated in multiple negotiating teams and compensation studies in order to help ensure sound resolution to labor negotiations and as Deputy Director has mentored and supervised dozens of staff, ensuring a high quality workforce;

***Therefore***, Be it proclaimed by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission that we, the Members of the Regional Transportation Commission Board, do hereby commend Luis Pavel Mendez for his 30 years of dedicated service with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and the community of Santa Cruz County.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS **Pedersen, S. Brown, Johnson, Montesino, Hernandez, Koenig, McPherson, K. Brown, Pageler, Rotkin, and Commissioner Alternates Quinn and Schiffrin**

ATTEST:

*Kristen Brown*

Kristen Brown, Chair



Mitch Weiss, Interim Executive Director

PROCLAMATION NO. 35-24

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission  
on the date of May 2, 2024  
on the motion of Commissioner Alternate **Schiffrin**  
duly seconded by Commissioner **Montesino**

A PROCLAMATION HONORING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

***Rachel Moriconi***

*Whereas*, Rachel Moriconi began her tenure at the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission in 1997 as a volunteer and quickly became a student worker and then a Transportation Planner I a few months later; and

*Whereas*, Ms. Moriconi has completed over 25 years of service to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and the Santa Cruz County community; and

*Whereas*, during her tenure, Ms. Moriconi has earned the respect and admiration of Commissioners, management, coworkers, colleagues and community members for her demonstrated professionalism, dedication, understanding, tenacity, cooperation, work ethic, caring, and enthusiasm; and

*Whereas*, during her years of service, Ms. Moriconi has worked on and led many of the Regional Transportation Commission's programs and projects including bicycle plans, rideshare and vanpool program implementation, legislative program development and implementation, Regional Transportation Plan production and implementation, Regional Transportation Improvement Program development and implementation, staffing of the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee, implementation of the Transportation Development Act, development and implementation of Measure D and other funding measures, Highway 9/SLV Complete Streets, rail transit, and numerous other plans ; and

*Whereas*, Ms. Moriconi's dedication have helped to ensure sound transportation planning for the Santa Cruz County community to ensure that it can qualify for all available transportation funding sources; and

*Whereas*, Ms. Moriconi's tenacity have made her an invaluable asset to the Santa Cruz County community enthusiastically advocating for the maximum available transportation funding for Satna Cruz County programs and projects from regional, state and federal sources; and

*Whereas*, Ms. Moriconi quickly developed a mastery of transportation funding programs and helped the Santa Cruz County community not only secure impressive levels of funding but also use the transportation funding programs strategically to effectively advance community priorities and address community needs; and

*Whereas*, Ms. Moriconi served the people of Santa Cruz County with the highest level of loyalty, integrity, respect, professionalism and dedication; and

***Therefore***, Be it proclaimed by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission that: we, the Members of the Regional Transportation Commission Board, do hereby commend Rachel Moriconi for her 25 years of dedicated service with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and most importantly to the community of Santa Cruz County.

**AYES: COMMISSIONERS Pedersen, S. Brown, Johnson, Montesino, Hernandez, Koenig, McPherson, K. Brown, Pageler, Rotkin, and Commissioner Alternates Quinn and Schiffrin**

ATTEST:

*Kristen Brown*

Kristen Brown, Chair

*M. Weiss*

Mitch Weiss, Interim Executive Director