

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED:

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR GENE COUNIHAN

PROPOSED
RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Gene Counihan is retiring after more than eleven (11) years of dedicated service to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the citizens of this region; and

WHEREAS, Gene Counihan, representing WMATA in the State of Maryland, has developed and fostered outstanding relationships with the various governmental bodies of Maryland, including the Governor, the Department of Transportation, the state assembly and local leadership throughout Montgomery and Prince George's counties; and

WHEREAS, Gene Counihan, maintained excellent working relationships with Maryland business groups, civic associations, environmental groups and other stakeholders to advance WMATA's goals in the region; and

WHEREAS, Gene Counihan's leadership in the field of government relations resulted in a multitude of positive benefits for WMATA. Mr. Counihan consistently displayed exceptional skill at working with other offices at WMATA to determine their needs, and to communicate those needs to elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Gene Counihan worked tirelessly to educate elected officials and their staff on critical WMATA issues, including leading efforts to successfully coordinate a variety of planning, land use, operations, construction, permitting, and other activities with state and local entities; and

WHEREAS, Gene Counihan consistently worked on a bi-partisan basis to improve and enhance the livability of the communities served by WMATA; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors and the citizens of the Washington region thank Mr. Counihan for his service to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and wish him much success in his retirement; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Carol B. O'Keeffe
General Counsel

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