



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

for

MARIA OROZCO

Representing the
City of Gonzales on the

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

WHEREAS, Maria Orozco has served on the Board of Directors of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County since 2007, including serving as Board Chair in 2011;

WHEREAS, Board Member Orozco was instrumental in creating and expanding the Line 23 bus service to South County, providing a critical means of transportation for essential trips;

WHEREAS, Maria Orozco and her City leaders welcomed the California Transportation Commission to a town hall in Gonzales, its first in the Salinas Valley, providing a landmark event that gained statewide support for safety improvements on US 101 South of Salinas, and created a lasting memory of the importance of Salad Bowl to the World with their tour of the Taylor Farms cooler;

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure on the TAMC Board, Maria Orozco has been a staunch supporter of investments in South County transportation, including safe and active transportation activities embodied in the City of Gonzales' award-winning Health in All Policies initiative; and,

WHEREAS, her City of Gonzales successfully proposed and obtained the first Measure X loan, which not only resulted in the early reconstruction of Alta Road, but also was the envy of the other small cities, resulting in the creation of the Measure X Small Cities Loan program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED on this 2nd day of December 2020 that the Transportation Agency for Monterey County sincerely appreciates Board Member and Past Chair Maria Orozco's 13 years of dedicated service to improve regional transportation throughout Monterey County.

Luis Alejo, Chair

Debra L. Hale, Executive Director