

RESOLUTION HONORING SHIRLEY BLOCK

RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON HONORING SHIRLEY BLOCK FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) and its Board of Directors wish to honor Shirley Block for her exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to advancing public transportation in our community; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Block has served TriMet, her co-workers and our community for more than forty-six (46) years, starting as a TriMet nurse in 1978, then making the transition in 1981 to become a Bus Operator, subsequently working as a Fare Inspector, Road Supervisor and Field Operations Coordinator, later serving several terms as a member of the Executive Board of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local #757, finally being elected President of Local #757 in 2015; and

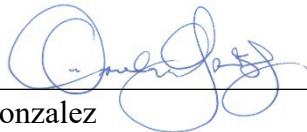
WHEREAS, throughout her long service, Shirley Block consistently advocated for diversity and equity and regularly broke race and gender barriers in the workplace, being the first Black female to serve as a TriMet Fare Inspector, Road Supervisor, Field Operations Coordinator, and President of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local #757, paving the way for others to overcome similar race, gender and societal barriers; and

WHEREAS, during her presidency of ATU Local #757, Shirley Block worked tirelessly to secure the best possible wages, benefits and working conditions for her fellow Union members, negotiating stubbornly, firmly and collaboratively with Management to secure successive Working and Wage Agreements that have enhanced the work of TriMet's Union employees and also improved working conditions for Management employees; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Block has been a dedicated, consistent and effective advocate for TriMet's delivery of high quality, efficient, clean and safe public transportation services to the community, working collaboratively to help reimagine Safety and Security on the TriMet system;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the TriMet Board of Directors and the TriMet staff hereby express their gratitude to Shirley Block for her exceptional leadership, commitment and service to TriMet, her TriMet colleagues, her Union members, and our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a framed copy of this Resolution be presented to Shirley Block as an expression of our heartfelt respect and appreciation.



Ozzie Gonzalez
President, TriMet Board of Directors