

RESOLUTION NO. 712

WHEREAS, Aubrey Davis served as a member of the Transportation Commission from 1992 to 2004, including three years as Chairman, and also served on several local and regional transportation bodies, leaving a lasting imprint on our state's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, Aubrey Davis was an exemplar of leadership in the public, private and nonprofit sectors, including service in the US Army during World War II, creating public housing in post-war Seattle, nurturing the development of Group Health Cooperative for over 50 years, and developing and managing successful businesses; and

WHEREAS, Aubrey Davis served on the Mercer Island City Council from 1967 to 1978, and as Mayor from 1969 to 1974; and beginning in 1967, led efforts to reduce the scale and size of the I-90 bridge as it crosses Mercer Island to include lids with trails and ball fields over portions of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, Aubrey Davis became chair of Metro's Transit Committee in 1971 and in developing a regional transit system, also ushered in the Seattle ride-free zone, use of higher-capacity articulated buses, and accessibility for the disabled; and

WHEREAS, Aubrey Davis in 1978 was appointed regional administrator of the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration, leading that agency for nearly 10 years and helping bring light rail to Portland and build Seattle's bus tunnel; and .

WHEREAS, Aubrey Davis chaired the blue-ribbon commission that investigated the November 20, 1990 sinking of the Interstate 90 bridge connecting Seattle and Mercer Island across Lake Washington during a storm; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Transportation Commission, Aubrey Davis consistently advocated that the Department of Transportation focus on all transportation modes and evolve from its beginning as a Department of Highways, initiating the successful state rail program and stressing the need to include transit and pedestrian initiatives; and

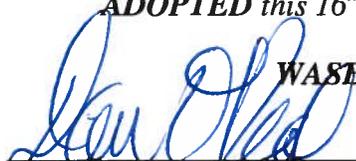
WHEREAS, even after leaving the Transportation Commission, Aubrey Davis remained active on transportation issues, leading the effort to build a new SR 520 bridge across Lake Washington, working with the Puget Sound Regional Council on long-range transportation planning and helping to steward early efforts at mileage-based pricing; and

WHEREAS, this Commission and the State of Washington sorely miss Aubrey Davis, who passed away February 17, 2013;

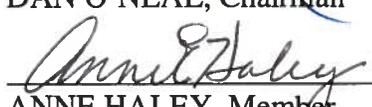
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Transportation Commission expresses to the family of Aubrey Davis its gratitude and thanks for his generosity, his wisdom and his leadership.

ADOPTED this 16th day of April, 2013.

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



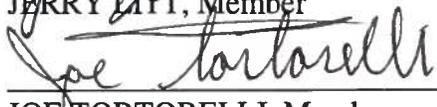
DAN O'NEAL, Chairman



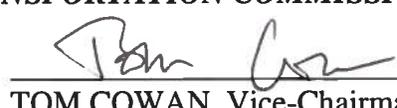
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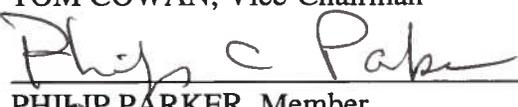
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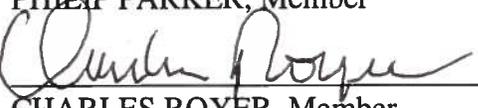
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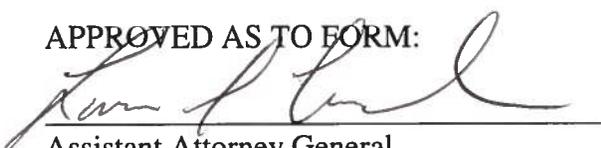
CHARLES ROYER, Member

ATTEST:



REEMA GRIFFITH, Executive Director

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