

*The Board of Supervisors of  
Contra Costa County, California*

**In the matter of:**

**Resolution No. 2022/331**

**In the Matter of Recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)**

**Whereas**, BART's Mission is to provide safe, reliable, clean, quality transit service for riders; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1947, a joint Army-Navy review Board concluded that another connection between San Francisco and Oakland would be needed in the years ahead to prevent congestion on the Bay Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1957, the California Legislature formed the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District and was granted a taxing power of five cents per \$100 of assessed valuation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, the voters narrowly approved a \$792 million bond to finance a 71.5-mile high-speed transit system, consisting of 33 stations serving 17 communities in three counties: Contra Costa, Alameda and San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of the system, as of 1962, was projected at \$996 million and it would be the largest single public works project ever undertaken in the U.S. by the local citizenry; and

**WHEREAS**, BART construction officially began on June 19, 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 1972, the first 28-mile segment of the system between the Fremont and MacArthur stations opened for service; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 29, 1973, the second segment opened between Oakland to Richmond, which extended the operating system to 39 miles and 18 stations; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 21, 1973, the Concord line opened adding 17 miles; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 1973, the 7.5-mile San Francisco line with eight stations opened; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 1974, Transbay service began, representing a major milestone in placing the full original 71.5-mile system in operation; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 27, 1976, the Embarcadero Station opened; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 1996, the Pittsburg/Bay Point Station opened which completed a 7.8-mile extension from the Concord Station; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 22, 2003, BART opened a new line to the San Francisco International Airport, which included the South San Francisco, San Bruno and Millbrae Stations; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 22, 2014, the people mover extension opened between the Coliseum Station and Oakland International Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 26, 2018, the eBART/extension to Antioch connected BART to Pittsburg and Antioch in Contra Costa County using Diesel Multiple Unit vehicles on standard-gauge track; and

**WHEREAS**, pre-pandemic, BART carried more than twice the people per hour through the Transbay Tube than used the Bay Bridge and carried over half the passenger miles traveled on transit in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, BART connects with 18 of the 26 regional transit operators; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, Bart has 131 miles of track, 817 rail cars, 50 stations and 39 miles of tunnels; and

**WHEREAS**, for 50 years, BART has provided fast, reliable transportation to downtown offices, shopping centers, tourist attractions, entertainment venues, universities and other destinations for Bay Area residents and visitors.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors recognizes BART on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and applauds their dedication to transporting our residents and interconnecting the Bay Area.

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
Chair, District IV Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

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**DIANE BURGIS**  
District III Supervisor

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: October 11, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy