

RESOLUTION NO. R2011-17

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority honoring State Senator Scott White as a dedicated champion of public transportation and as a friend to Sound Transit who will be greatly missed.

WHEREAS, Scott White served in the Washington State House of Representatives and Washington State Senate representing the 46th legislative district of Seattle since 2009 and was appointed as Vice Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, upon election to the Senate, Scott White was immediately chosen to serve as Majority Caucus Whip by his colleagues who described him as noble, honorable, humble, positive and committed to collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Scott White served as Chief of Staff for the Metropolitan King County Council, and while there earned his master's of public administration from the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Scott White was admired by all who knew him for putting family first and being a tremendous husband to his wife Alison and devoted father; and

WHEREAS, Scott White was described by Governor Christine Gregoire as "a dedicated public servant and champion of important issues in Olympia" who "was never afraid to tackle the difficult problems"; and

WHEREAS, Scott White was described by the Seattle Times as a senator "advocating for transit issues as a caucus transportation leader"; and

WHEREAS, Scott White was a leader on legislation to increase funding for public transportation and was committed to advocating for public transportation to have a meaningful role in a statewide transit package; and

WHEREAS, Scott White believed that "transit is critical to help people - commuters, seniors and students in particular - get to work and school in a difficult economy"; and

WHEREAS, Scott White recognized Sound Transit as a vital link in the central Puget Sound region's quest for economic vitality and smart growth; and

WHEREAS, Scott White helped shape the future of high-capacity transit in the central Puget Sound region through his sponsorship and support of legislation important to achieving Sound Transit's mission; and

WHEREAS, the eighteen Boardmembers and the staff of Sound Transit worked with Scott White in his capacity as Chief of Staff for the Metropolitan King County Council and in his role as a dedicated state legislator; and

WHEREAS, Scott White's unexpected death has saddened all who knew him and all who worked with him.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Senator Scott White is recognized as a champion for public transportation, a friend to Sound Transit and that his passing is a loss to the Puget Sound region, the State of Washington and to all who knew him; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to Scott White's wife Alison, in appreciation for all that her husband accomplished during his public service.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on October 27, 2011.



Fred Butler
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator