

**RESOLUTION NO. R2018-21**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority recognizing Mr. Ahmad Fazel for his service to Sound Transit on the occasion of his departure from the agency after nearly 18 years.

WHEREAS, Ahmad Fazel began his career at Sound Transit in September 2000 as the Director of Systems Engineering, became Link Interim Director in July 2001 and Link Director in January 2002, and became the Executive Director of the Design, Engineering and Construction Management department in November 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ahmad Fazel's time at Sound Transit spanned from the region debating the merits of even having a mass transit system to designing and building Link light rail's initial 22 miles, with another 37 miles in the works; and

WHEREAS, under Ahmad Fazel's leadership, more than 800 actions have been brought to the Board to advance the Sound Move, Sound Transit 2 and Sound Transit 3 capital programs, beginning with the delivery of light rail to downtown Tacoma, the connection from downtown Seattle to Sea-Tac Airport, and laying the groundwork for the future delivery of the Link system north, east, west and south; and

WHEREAS, under his careful stewardship of tax dollars, Sound Transit was able to acquire properties, negotiate agreements, secure funding, design and construct the initial segment of light rail, which opened in 2009 on schedule and within budget, Airport Link which opened later in 2009, and the University Link Extension which opened ahead of schedule and under budget in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ahmad Fazel led the East Link Extension through a partnership with the Washington State Department of Transportation to utilize Interstate 90's center roadway for light rail, along the way resolving technical issues and enabling the agency to be the first in the world to run light rail across a floating bridge; and

WHEREAS, Ahmad Fazel was involved in negotiations around joint operations in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel to deliver a unique and innovative way of operating buses and light rail in a tunnel; and

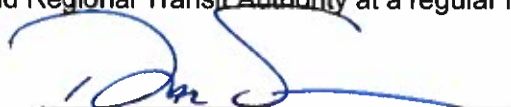
WHEREAS, Ahmad Fazel's relationships with the Federal Transit Administration helped secure federal funding and full funding grant agreements for the agency; and

WHEREAS, Ahmad Fazel's leadership built the technical capacity and discipline of the agency to deliver capital projects, from hiring outstanding staff, to establishing the rigorous internal controls and procedures to build confidence in the agency to deliver the voter-approved plan, and

WHEREAS, the people of the Puget Sound region enjoy the increased mobility offered by Sound Transit trains and buses due in large part to the creativity, dedication and talent of Mr. Ahmad Fazel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority hereby extends its best wishes, gratitude and appreciation to Ahmad Fazel for his long and brilliant career, exemplary service and accomplishments that will continue shaping regional transit for years to come.

PROCLAIMED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on June 28, 2018.



Dave Somers  
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator