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Lee Ann Eager and Carl Guardino Named as Chair and Vice Chair of the California Transportation Commission

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — At its January 26, 2022 meeting, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) elected Lee Ann Eager as its Chair and Carl Guardino as its Vice Chair, effective March 1, 2022.

“As Chair, my highest priorities are to continue the Commission’s work toward enhancing equity and climate considerations in transportation funding decisions; bringing our state’s transportation system up to a state of good repair; and ensuring all areas of the state have efficient mobility options for people and goods movement ,” Ms. Eager said. “I also look forward to maintaining our strong partnerships with transportation agencies, advocates, and community members.”



Lee Ann Eager was appointed to the Commission in June 2020 by Governor Newsom. Ms. Eager is President and CEO of the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC). Ms. Eager joined the EDC in September 2009 and is responsible for guiding programs and initiatives to drive inclusive economic growth throughout Fresno County. Ms. Eager plays a key strategic and leadership role within Fresno County’s local landscape, working with stakeholders within the private, public, philanthropic, and academic sectors, nationally and internationally. She has been a vocal proponent of high-speed rail for the past 10 years, working closely with the trades and workforce partners to align training and employment opportunities for Fresno’s residents. As a business advocate, Ms. Eager launched programming to retain several hundred businesses facing relocation and closures due to high-speed rail right-of-way acquisition and construction, spurring one of the largest job retention efforts in the region. Ms. Eager serves as Co-Chair of Fresno Works, an initiative to galvanize investments around high-speed rail in Fresno County, and she is on the board of California State University Fresno’s Transportation Institute promoting innovation in transportation throughout the San Joaquin Valley. A fourth-generation Fresnan, Ms. Eager graduated Summa Cum Laude from California State University, Fresno, with a degree in Criminology and earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of California, Davis School of Law. In her spare time, she spends it with her children and grandchildren, reading, watching sports, and going to the theater.

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Carl Guardino was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to a four-year term in 2007, reappointed twice by Governor Jerry Brown, and in 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom appointed him to his fourth consecutive four-year term.

Mr. Guardino serves as the Executive Vice President of Global Government Affairs and Policy for Bloom Energy, whose mission is to “make clean, reliable energy available to everyone in the world.” Prior to joining Bloom Energy, Mr. Guardino served for nearly 24 years as the President and CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, a public policy trade association that represents more than

350 of Silicon Valley’s most respected employers.

Mr. Guardino’s transportation leadership includes successful management of ballot Measures A & B in 1996 that funded 19 key road and rail improvements. In 2000, he co-managed a traffic relief initiative that will generate some \$7.5 billion in local funds to bring Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) to Santa Clara County. In 2008, Mr. Guardino managed the successful Measure B (BART) campaign which authorized a 1/8-cent sales tax for 30 years to fund a 16-mile Santa Clara County BART extension. He led a 3-year effort that culminated in “Measure B” on the November 2016 ballot, which will generate an additional \$6.5 billion in local funds for traffic relief improvements. In June of 2018, he co-led the Bay Area’s first 9-County transportation measure – Regional Measure 3 – which will generate \$4.5 billion in its first 25 years.

Mr. Guardino was born and raised in San Jose and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from San Jose State University, where he is a Distinguished Alumnus. Carl is married to Leslee Guardino. In their spare time, they compete in marathons, triathlons, and duathlons. They have two daughters, Jessica, and Siena, and one son, Jake.

The Commission conducted its meeting today via a public teleconference in accordance with Governor Newsom’s January 5, 2022 Executive Order N-1-22 addressing the conduct of public meetings during periods when public health officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures.

The California Transportation Commission is an independent public agency responsible for programming and allocating state and federal transportation funds used in the construction of highway, intercity passenger rail, active transportation, transit, and aeronautic improvements throughout California.

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