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For Immediate Release:

**Lee Ann Eager and Carl Guardino Re-Elected as Chair and Vice  
Chair of the California Transportation Commission**

ROSEVILLE, Calif. — At its January 25, 2023, meeting, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) re-elected Lee Ann Eager as its Chair and Carl Guardino as its Vice Chair, effective immediately.

“My focus from this last year has been on communication and partnership, and I want to continue with that this year,” Ms. Eager said. “In particular I’d like to acknowledge Secretary Omishakin for his collaborative work with the Commission to ensure that the people of the state of California have the best transportation system in the world. Also, in the coming year, I would love for the Commission to go to cities that we have never been to before to hear from those communities about their transportation needs.”



Lee Ann Eager was appointed to the Commission in June 2020 by Governor Newsom. Ms. Eager is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation, where she is responsible for guiding programs and initiatives that 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 is also a board member on the California Workforce Development Board.

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. She spends her spare time 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 on the Commission 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 Vice President of Government Affairs at Tarana Wireless, whose mission is to “accelerate the world’s progress on closing its persistent digital divide through faster, more affordable broadband for literally billions of people on the planet.” Prior to joining Tarana Wireless, he served as the Executive Vice President of Global Government Affairs and Policy for Bloom Energy, and nearly 24 years as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, a public policy trade association that represents more than 350 of Silicon Valley’s most respected employers.

His 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 to Santa Clara County. In 2008, Mr. Guardino managed the successful Measure B campaign which authorized a 1/8-cent sales tax for 30 years to fund a 16-mile Santa Clara County Bay Area Rapid Transit extension. He led a three-year effort that culminated in Measure B on the November 2016 ballot, which generates 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 generates \$4.5 billion in its first 25 years. In 2020, Mr. Guardino co-led the successful 3-County effort to fund Caltrain Commuter Rail Service along the San Francisco Peninsula through the Measure RR Campaign.

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. He 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 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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