



CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION 2022-4

A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION
FOR PATRICIA MEEK ON HER 27.5 YEARS OF SERVICE
BY THE CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, Trish began her tenure with the Centre Regional Planning Agency on December 12, 1994, and served as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Senior Transportation Planner for the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO); and

WHEREAS, Trish served as a passionate advocate for bicycle and pedestrian transportation planning in the Centre Region; volunteered countless hours to bicycle and pedestrian planning and education efforts; thoughtfully and deliberately advised leaders on the CCMPO Technical and Coordinating Committees; guided COG Committees and municipal governing bodies on many bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects, educational activities, and active transportation initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Trish was the guiding force in developing an active transportation community in the Centre Region, assisting the municipalities and Penn State University in completing municipal official maps and multiple plans focused on bicycles and recreation; working with Penn State, school districts, and several community-based bike advocacy groups and organizations to promote bicycling activities; and managing the development and adoption of the first-ever Centre Region Bike Plan in 2015 and its 2022 update.

WHEREAS, under Trish's leadership, the CRPA and the CCMPO actively planned for a variety of successful transportation projects by:

- Taking the lead in a collaborative effort to have the Centre Region designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the National League of American Bicyclists (LAB), initially at the Bronze Level in 2016, and most recently at the Silver Level in 2020.
- Facilitated the LAB's designation of the Centre Region Council of Governments and other entities as Bicycle Friendly Businesses
- Developing and implementing "Share the Path" and electric-bike education efforts that guide user behavior on the Centre Region's shared use path system
- Helping all six Centre Region municipalities secure funding for numerous projects including streetscape, sidewalk, and shared use paths
- Leading the development and delivery of bicycle education and fulfillment activities, many of which became extremely popular during the COVID pandemic when the public dramatically increased walking and biking activities; and

WHEREAS, Trish provided assistance to municipalities and PennDOT during the design and construction of projects, such as the inclusion of pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the University Drive Extension/Whitehall Road Widening, Warner Boulevard/Boalsburg Road Reconstruction, and Waddle Road Interchange Reconstruction projects; and

WHEREAS, Trish exhibited versatility and teamwork by serving in many roles within the CRPA, including serving as a local land use planner for Halfmoon Township, reviewing land development plans for the inclusion of pedestrian/bicycle elements, participating on the University Park Airport Master Plan Steering Committee, and working with the PA Public Transportation Association and CATA to develop a pilot transit bus driver training program relative to avoiding conflicts with bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, Trish fostered a strong commitment to public involvement, by preparing the CCMPO's Public Participation Plan, and leading public surveys for the Centre Region Bike Plan and PennDOT's Twelve Year Program that exhibited very high response rates from Centre County residents.

WHEREAS, Trish always demonstrated outstanding public speaking and presentation skills to officials and members of the public, frequently presenting complex materials in an easily understood manner, and delivering the information in a positive, engaging, and enthusiastic manner; and

WHEREAS, as Trish moves on from her position of Bicycle and Pedestrian Senior Transportation Planner, the Centre Region Council of Governments staff and the members of the General Forum wish to express their admiration and appreciation for her leadership, commitment, and years of service to the COG and the residents of the Centre Region.

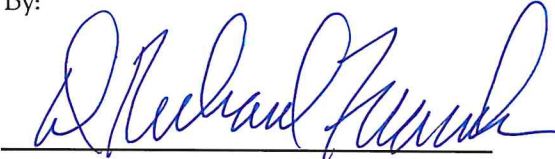
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Forum of the Centre Region Council of Governments, honors, thanks, and commends Trish for 27.5 years of service and guidance in the transportation field, wishes her the best in her future endeavors, and looks forward to working with her as she continues to serve as an advocate for people-powered transportation at the statewide level!

RESOLVED this *twenty-second day of August 2022*, meeting in regular session.

Attest:


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By:


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