

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 502

Commending Tom Biesiadny.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 25, 2023

WHEREAS, Tom Biesiadny, Director of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), will retire from his position in May 2023; and

WHEREAS, Tom Biesiadny has worked in public service for Fairfax County for 34 years, and has served as the FCDOT Director since 2011; and

WHEREAS, Tom Biesiadny has served in various roles throughout his years with Fairfax County government, including transportation planner, legislative liaison, Coordination and Funding Division Chief, and Director, working with surrounding jurisdictional partners and elected leaders to shape regional transportation policy and processes for selecting and funding projects and programs in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Tom Biesiadny is a strong supporter of transit, overseeing the growth of the Fairfax Connector as it has become the largest local bus system in the Commonwealth, helping maintain Fairfax County's relationship with the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), and playing a crucial role in the continued success of vital transit service; and

WHEREAS, Tom Biesiadny, as Director, has been at the helm of FCDOT for some of the largest transportation projects in the nation, including the completion of the Metrorail Silver Line, the expansion of the Express Lanes network throughout Northern Virginia, and the Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit scheduled for completion in 2031; and

WHEREAS, Tom Biesiadny has brought to fruition numerous infrastructure projects, including roadway, bicycle, sidewalk, and intersection improvements, as well as transit programs, including the Free Student Pass Program, enhancing the transportation network for those driving, bicycling, walking, and using transit; and

WHEREAS, as a genial and pragmatic leader who builds consensus, has strengthened relationships with regional transportation partners, and champions creative, multimodal transportation solutions for the people of Fairfax County and the region, Tom Biesiadny has received the A. Heath Onthank Award, which recognizes accomplishments of outstanding worth by an individual County employee in advancing and improving public service in Fairfax County government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the General Assembly hereby commend Tom Biesiadny on the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tom Biesiadny as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the residents of Fairfax County.

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