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### **Supervisor Cortese Takes Over as Chair of the MTC**

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President Dave Cortese was elected Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission board at its meeting on Wednesday, February 25, for a two-year term.

The unanimous vote was taken by 18 voting members of the 21-member regional commission in charge of planning, financing and coordinating transportation for nine counties that comprise the San Francisco Bay Area.

“I am honored to be steering MTC during this time of tremendous challenge and opportunity for the agency and the region,” Cortese said. “The Bay Area is blessed with renewed economic growth, but we must contend with the transportation impacts of this growth, and work to ensure that people at all income levels have access and mobility options.”

Cortese noted that he is the first Santa Clara County representative to lead the MTC since Jim Beall, who was a commissioner from 1987 to 2006, and Chair from 1999 to 2001. Beall, now a state senator, recently became chair of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

“I feel fortunate to be stepping into the MTC chair role at a time when the Senate Transportation Committee is being chaired by someone as knowledgeable about transportation and the Bay Area as Jim Beall,” Cortese said. “The close working relationship we’ve developed over our many years in government will be helpful as the region partners with the state to implement the Cap and Trade Program and address other urgent issues.”

Cortese served eight years as an MTC commissioner, with the past two years as MTC’s vice chair. He was first appointed to MTC in 2007 as the Association of Bay Area Governments’ (ABAG) representative, later transitioning to Santa Clara County’s seat on the Commission.

Cortese has served on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors since 2008, and in January of this year, was elected to serve as the 2015 Board President. He also chairs the Board’s Housing, Land Use, Environment and Transportation Committee.

MTC’s Commission also serves as the governing board of the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) and the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE), and Commissioner Cortese will chair those as well.

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