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To Whom It May Concern:

I am applying for a seat on the Surface Transportation Board's Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC), specifically as a "representative from commuter rail operators whose operations use facilities owned and/or utilized by Amtrak, other intercity passenger rail operators, or rail freight operators."

My current role is President & Chief Executive Officer for Trinity Metro, an owner and operator of two passenger rail lines and a host railroad for Amtrak. Amtrak operates over the Trinity Railway Express between Dallas Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station and Fort Worth Central Station.

I have 25 years of passenger rail experience with NJ Transit, Connecticut Department of Transportation and Trinity Metro. I have worked closely with Amtrak, Metro-North Railroad, Long Island Rail Road, SEPTA, and other commuter railroads throughout my career.

I previously served as the State of Connecticut's representative to the Northeast Corridor Commission. My involvement with the Commission included negotiating operating and capital cost-sharing agreements between Amtrak and other Northeast states pursuant to the Passenger Rail Investment & Improvement Act of 2008.

I also worked closely with Amtrak and rail freight carriers to coordinate passenger rail service initiatives and advance critical capital projects. One notable example was the launch of the Hartford Line intercity passenger rail service between New Haven, Connecticut and Springfield, Massachusetts. The project was funded in large part by the Federal Railroad Administration's High-Speed Intercity Rail Program, which required extensive collaboration with Amtrak on construction activities as well as fare policy, fare collection, schedules, equipment and customer service. I successfully secured operating rights for the state's passenger rail operator, Herzog, over the Amtrak-owned line. This partnership yielded very positive results with maximum operating speeds of 110 mph, more frequent train schedules, integrated fares, coordinated marketing and customer service and strong ridership.

If selected, I would bring my experience and solutions-oriented approach to all matters pending before the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee. The stated goals



of the committee align well with my experience and general philosophy, which is to look for common ground between parties wherever it might exist. Across the country and here in Fort Worth, Texas, we are seeing strong bi-partisan support for passenger rail. We need to continue to find new ways to partner in the rail industry to meet rising public expectations.

Please feel free to contact me at Richard.Andreski@ridetm.org or 817-215-8704. I look forward to hearing from you and to serving as a representative to PRAC or in any related capacity that might be helpful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Andreski
President and CEO





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It is with great pleasure I write this letter of recommendation in favor of the appointment of Richard Andreski to the Surface Transportation Boards' Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC), specifically as a "representative from commuter rail operators whose operation use facilities owned and/or utilized by Amtrak, other intercity passenger rail operators, or rail freight operators."

I have had the pleasure of working closely with Richard in the capacity of President & CEO for Trinity Metro in Fort Worth. In his role at Trinity Metro, Richard manages and maintains a host railroad for Amtrak over the Trinity Railway Express between Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas.

His inclusive leadership with a track record of engaging external stakeholders and building critical business partner relationships needed for success is impressive. His focus on innovation to improve the customer experience and deliver outstanding service is commendable.

Prior to his work at Trinity Metro, while working with the launch of the Hartford Line intercity passenger rail service, Richard successfully secured operating rights by securing rights for the state's passenger rail operator, Herzog, over the Amtrak-owned line. Because of his leadership and track record of success, he served as the State of Connecticut's representative to the Northeast Corridor Commission. This included negotiating operating and capital cost-sharing agreements between Amtrak and other Northeast states.

I am confident he will bring a fresh perspective, dedication, and a wealth of experience and expertise to the PRAC, contributing significantly to its success. I look forward to the positive impact he will make.

Sincerely,

Mattie Parker
Mayor

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