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**Honoring Teresa Wernecke for her service to the City of Minneapolis during her career with the Downtown Minneapolis Transportation Management Organization (TMO).**

Whereas, Teresa Wernecke started with the TMO in September 1992 as the first full-time Executive Director; and

Whereas, Teresa Wernecke devoted 18 years to fulfilling the mission of the TMO to advocate for and promote a sustainable transit and transportation system that supports a vital and growing downtown Minneapolis; and

Whereas, Teresa Wernecke led TMO efforts to keep downtown workers moving efficiently and effectively through two bus strikes in 1995 and 2004, the 35W bridge collapse in 2007 and the Republican National Convention in 2008 ; and

Whereas, Teresa Wernecke fostered an environment of support and empowerment, such that TMO staff were able to obtain a high level of success and receive recognition for their efforts, including securing the 2002 Governor's Award for Excellence in Waste and Pollution Prevention and the designation of downtown Minneapolis as a "Best Workplaces for Commuters District" by the US Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Transportation in 2005; and

Whereas, Teresa Wernecke creatively secured a number of fee-for-service contracts, which provided key local-match dollars to complement federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grants, maximizing the federal dollars available to support the TMO and its mission; and

Whereas, Teresa Wernecke represented the interests of the TMO, the City of Minneapolis and the downtown business community with passionate grace and charm;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That Teresa Wernecke be recognized and commended for the service and leadership she has provided to the City of Minneapolis.

Be It Further Resolved that the residents of the City of Minneapolis wish Teresa Wernecke and her family all the peace, happiness and prosperity the world can offer as she ends her exemplary career with the Downtown Minneapolis Transportation Management Organization.