



STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution

Number 2017-01

TRIBUTE TO

Randel R. Van Portfliet

WHEREAS, Randel R. Van Portfliet, P.E., has been a trusted leader at the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for 39-and-a-half years, beginning his career in June 1977 as a bridge designer in Lansing and serving in many positions across the department, including six years as resident engineer in the Grand Rapids District and statewide construction staff engineer for grading and drainage, moving to the Newberry District Office as a traffic and safety engineer in 1994, serving as interim executive secretary for the Mackinac Bridge Authority, and was named the Superior Region engineer in 1997, making Mr. Van Portfliet the first region engineer appointed during MDOT's reorganization from a district to region structure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Van Portfliet was appointed director of the Bureau of Field Services in May 2011 while retaining his responsibilities as Superior Region engineer, a dual role where he demonstrated leadership in organizational transition, a focus on customer service, and support for a culture of innovation across MDOT; Mr. Van Portfliet was a Director's Award winner in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Van Portfliet was instrumental in MDOT's organizational transition to the Region/Transportation Service Center structure, he led the development of the Transportation Technical Skills Program, has led many MDOT initiatives, including establishing a contractor evaluation process, alternate project delivery methods, construction partnering, and the transformational transition to e-Construction, and he has been a staunch advocate for safety throughout his career, including support for the Toward Zero Deaths initiative; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Van Portfliet has represented MDOT on numerous statewide, regional, and national boards and committees, including the Governor's Safety Traffic Advisory Commission, Governor's Council on Tourism, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Standing Committee on Research, AASHTO Special Committee on Wireless Communication Technology, Great Lakes Regional Transportation Operations Center, Lake Michigan Interstate Gateway Alliance, and Civil Engineering Industry Technical Advisory Committee at Michigan Technological University; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Van Portfliet has been a strong leader and mentor to many, he has been an advocate for workforce development, has supported programs that expose high school and college students to transportation-related professions, and has strengthened MDOT's recruiting process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Transportation Commission, on behalf of the people of Michigan, does hereby acknowledge the many valuable contributions made by Mr. Randel R. Van Portfliet to promote quality government in our state, particularly in the field of transportation, and wish him all the best in the years ahead.



Adopted by the Michigan State Transportation Commission on January 26, 2017

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Todd A. Wyett
Chairman
Michigan State Transportation Commission