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### **Statement of RCTC Chair Robert Magee on Passing of Roy Wilson**

On behalf of my colleagues on the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), I want to extend our condolences to the family of Roy Wilson.

Last week, we received the disappointing news of his resignation, and our thoughts focused on his accomplishments and the looming void of leadership we faced with his departure. Last night, we learned the tragic news of his passing, and our thoughts center on the loss of an extraordinary man, devoted family member, exceptional friend, and thoughtful mentor.

Roy Wilson served as a Riverside County Transportation Commissioner since 1980 when he was a member of the Palm Desert City Council. He was the longest serving member of RCTC since the organization's inception in 1976. Since that time, every mile of transportation progress can be traced back to the leadership of Roy Wilson. This includes the fabulous network of arterial roads in the Coachella Valley

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and on this county's entire freeway system and transportation providers. Moreover, funding for these improvements, primarily through Measure A and the TUMF programs, were made possible thanks to Roy.

We should also be mindful that in Roy's commitment to progress was his concern for the environment. Roy was a long-time member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District and a champion of habitat conservation. He proved that you can build and protect at the same time.

Undoubtedly when the history book of Riverside County is written, one of the longest and most important chapters will chronicle Roy Wilson's accomplishments. RCTC certainly mourns the passing of our colleague but we take comfort knowing that our constituents will be served by his legacy and accomplishments for many decades.

RCTC's next meeting takes place on September 9 and will look forward to having the opportunity to reflect on his contributions at that time.

Sincerely and with great admiration,

  
Robert E. Magee, Chair  
Riverside County Transportation Commission

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