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METRO Honors its Executive Director Robert K. Pfaff *Transit Center Renamed the Robert K. Pfaff Transit Center*

Akron, Ohio (May 16, 2012) - In a ceremony led by Mayor Don Plusquellic, the METRO Board of Trustees announced the renaming of its downtown Transit Center. The Transit Center, which is three years new, will bear the name of its current Executive Director Robert K. Pfaff.

Board President Sandra Foster led the initiative for the renaming and announced the resolution at METRO's March Board of Trustees' meeting.

Pfaff has worked at METRO for 38 years. He began his career at METRO in 1974 as an Operator. In 1976, Pfaff was promoted to the position of Road Supervisor. He became Assistant Director of Operations in 1978 and Director of Operations in 1981. In 1995, METRO's Board of Trustees appointed Pfaff Executive Director of METRO Regional Transit Authority. He also serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

"I can think of no better way to honor Bob and his years of dedicated service to METRO and to our community. His long-standing commitment to Summit County is exceptional and good people should be recognized for a job well done," said Sandra Foster, METRO Board of Trustee President.

Pfaff's biggest personal achievement at METRO was the introduction of Sunday bus service. When METRO was created in 1969, the transit system began operations with weekday and Saturday service. For twenty-five years, those who depended on public transportation had no access to bus service on Sundays. In 1995, under Pfaff's leadership, METRO implemented the now very popular Sunday bus service.

"Bob Pfaff has been a beacon for our community, always looking for new and better ways to serve our citizens," said Mayor Plusquellic. "A number of innovative transit services have been introduced under Bob's leadership. When Bob sees a need in the community he works tirelessly to address that need. The community will be losing a great public servant when he retires."

Pfaff announced he will be retiring at the end of this year.