

RESOLUTION NO. 55 OF 2014

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND ITS ROLE AS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, by joint action of the City of Bossier City, the City of Shreveport, the Parish of Caddo and the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments ("NLCOG") has been incorporated;

WHEREAS, Section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code as reaffirmed in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 ("ISTEA") requires that plans and programs for Federal-Aid Highway projects approved after December 18, 1991, in urban areas with a population of more than 50,000, must be developed by metropolitan planning organizations ("MPO") in cooperation with the State and that the process for developing such plans and programs shall provide for consideration of all modes of transportation and shall be continuing, cooperative and comprehensive to the degree appropriate, based on the complexity of the transportation problems; and

WHEREAS, Section 310, 23 CFR, Part 450 requires that the responsibility for cooperatively carrying out transportation planning and programming shall be clearly defined in an agreement or memorandum of understanding between the State and the MPO; and

WHEREAS, Section 310, 23 CFR, Part 450 requires that, to the greatest extent possible there shall be one cooperative agreement among the State, MPO and public owned operators of mass transportation services; and

WHEREAS, in 1964 and in 1973, the State of Louisiana through the Department of Highways, now the Department of Transportation and Development, entered into a written formal agreement with the local political jurisdictions whereby the responsibility of each agency regarding the continuing phase of the planning processes were outlined; and

WHEREAS, the Council has been designated by the State as the agency responsible for carrying out the transportation planning process for the Shreveport-Bossier City Urbanized Area and is a recipient of funds under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and the Federal Transit Act of 1991; and

WHEREAS, Sections 104 and 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code as reaffirmed in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century of 2012 ("Map 21") required modifications to the metropolitan planning process that includes the implementation of a performance-based approach to transportation decision making and developing transportation plans that contain performance targets to be coordinated with public transportation providers, the development of a long range transportation plan to be used in assessing the performance of the transportation system and the use of a transportation improvement plan to link investment priorities to performance targets; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport-Bossier City Urbanized Area has been designated as a Transportation Management Area, and as such must comply with the special requirements applicable to such areas regarding congestion management systems, project selection and certification; and

WHEREAS, the member units of government within this metropolitan region continue to be cognizant of the need for, and their responsibility to provide the region's citizens with efficient, economical, and purposeful governmental cooperation and cooperation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, this metropolitan region has many related and common problems and interest in the fields of land use, transportation, housing, economic development, population trends, community facilities and the general improvement of living environments for a population of over 350,00 people over 22 units of local government; and

WHEREAS, there continues to exist many opportunities for joint consultation and planning to improve the types and quality of facilities and services provided for the people of this metropolitan region and there continues to be a need for close cooperation among the local governments to insure that growth and development of this entire metropolitan region will be well planned and coordinated as to provide a more desirable living environment for all the region's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the local units of government in the metropolitan region have incorporated the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments as a Louisiana nonprofit corporation to continue addressing the common problems and interests in the fields of land use, transportation, housing, economic development, population trends, community facilities, the general improvement of living environments and cooperatively carrying out transportation planning and programming as the metropolitan planning organization for this transportation management area; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between those local units of government and the newly incorporated Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments to effectuate the above goals and purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the CADDO PARISH COMMISSION, in due and legal session convened, that it authorizes the execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement by Dr. Woodrow Wilson, Jr., Parish Administrator and CEO, in accordance with Resolution No. 32 adopted by the Caddo Parish Commission on August 21, 2014;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provision, items or applications of the Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Office of the Parish Attorney

Date