



RESOLUTION 2023-1

Whereas the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was established to identify and support the implementation of regionally significant transportation projects to address future mobility needs of the Waco Region;

Whereas the Waco MPO Policy Board is composed of representatives appointed by the elected City Councils and Counties located within the jurisdiction of the MPO as well as the Texas Department of Transportation;

Whereas Section 134, Title 23, USC requires a comprehensive and continuing transportation planning process must be carried out cooperatively to ensure funds for transportation projects are effectively allocated to the Waco Metropolitan Area;

Whereas the Waco MPO Policy Board recognized the changes in population growth patterns, mobility needs of the changing neighborhoods and communities, and in the practices of transportation planning processes;

Whereas the Waco MPO Policy Board formed a Strategic Planning Work Group to evaluate and recommend strategic recommendations for the future success of the Waco MPO;

Whereas the Waco MPO Strategic Planning Work Group, with assistance from Texas Transportation Institute, assembled recommendations that address several immediate needs for the Waco MPO and clarified the MPO's roles in the regional transportation planning process;

Whereas the Waco MPO Policy Board adopted the recommendations of the strategic planning work group in their entirety at its October meeting, which also constituted a quorum of the Waco City Council;

Whereas the Waco MPO Policy Board applauds and is deeply appreciative of the support of the City of Waco councilmembers, staff, and the city manager's office in their desire to support the greater good of the region;

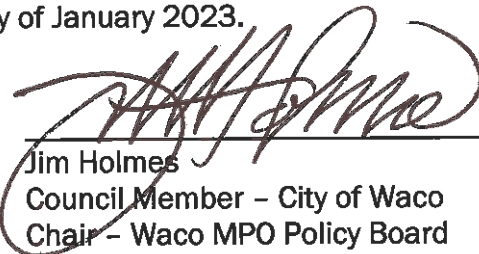
Whereas the Waco MPO Strategic Planning Work Group recommended a redesignation of the MPO from the City of Waco to the MPO Policy Board, and reassigning the sole responsibility for the hiring, firing, and oversight of the MPO director to the Waco MPO Policy Board;

Whereas such a redesignation and reassignment will bring Waco MPO in a position similar to other MPOs in Texas, and enhance its ability to serve the greater good of the region;

Now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, that the Waco MPO Policy Board


1. Requests the Governor (or TxDOT, the designated entity to act on his behalf) to redesignate the Waco MPO Policy Board as the MPO;
2. further requests the Governor (or TxDOT, the designated entity to act on his behalf) to reassign the sole responsibility for the hiring, firing, and oversight of the MPO director to the Waco MPO Policy Board;
3. further requests the Governor (or TxDOT, the designated entity to act on his behalf) to request the City of Waco to continue to serve as the fiscal agent to the designated MPO;
4. further requests the Governor (or TxDOT, the designated entity to act on his behalf) to make the effective date of redesignation and the effective date of amended planning agreement to be the same;
5. hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law;
6. hereby officially found and determined that all public participation requirements identified within the Waco MPO Public Participation Plan related to this action by the Policy Board were met and completed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 19th day of January 2023.



Jim Holmes
Council Member - City of Waco
Chair - Waco MPO Policy Board

ATTEST:



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