



RESOLUTION 2023-2

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 the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) have made unprecedented levels of resources to address current and future mobility needs, safety, reliability, equity, technology, and climate resilience;

Whereas member entities of the Waco MPO have limited capacity to offer shovel-ready projects eligible for federal funding under IIJA and IRA acts;

Whereas Waco MPO has a vested interest in assisting local entities become more competitive for eligible discretionary and competitive federal grant funds;

Whereas Waco MPO has submitted grant applications to develop a *Comprehensive Safety Action Plan* under the federal grants program of Safe Street for ALL (SS4A) and to develop a *Plan for Reconnecting McLennan County Communities* under the Reconnecting Communities Program (RCP);

Whereas Waco MPO intends to pursue more planning grants to assist the member entities in their preparation for implementation grant applications;

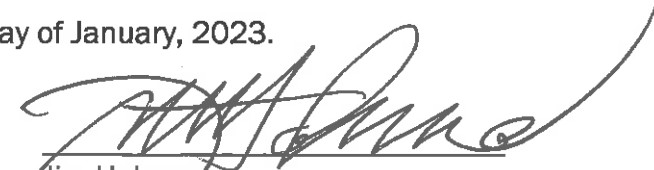
Whereas most of these federal grants require a twenty percent (20%) local match and no current source of funds exist for such a purpose;

Whereas The Waco MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is recommending the MPO Policy Board to create a "Local Fund" with membership dues.

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


1. Establishes a “Local Fund” with annual contributions from member governments beginning fiscal year 2022-2023 at following levels of dues –
 - a. Cities with population above 5000 but below 50,000 will contribute \$5,000 at the beginning of each fiscal year,
 - b. Cities with population above 50,000 will contribute \$50,000 at the beginning of each fiscal year,
 - c. McLennan County will contribute \$ 20,000 at the beginning of each fiscal years
2. further resolves that the fiscal agent of the Waco MPO (City of Waco) will manage the “Local Fund” account similar to the other comparable federal grants;
3. further resolves that the MPO staff will make available any information related to the “Local Fund” to any member of the Policy Board on request;
4. further resolves that the MPO staff will present a separate budget resolution each year in February with detailed accounting of expenditure for a board approval with a minimum of two thirds of votes among present members;
5. further resolves that all expenses charged to the Local Fund must be preapproved by a minimum of two thirds of votes among present members of the Policy Board except the categories listed below –
 - a. the MPO Director is authorized to use the funds as a local match (up to the maximum of \$100,000) for federal grants approved by the Policy Board,
 - b. the MPO Director is authorized to use the funds for workgroups related expenses (up to the maximum of \$250) per meeting, and,
 - c. the MPO Director is authorized to use the funds for maintaining professional memberships (e.g. PE, AICP) for the MPO staff.
6. 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;
7. 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:



Mukesh Kumar
Director