



RESOLUTION 2023-16

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 Waco MPO recognizes that planning is necessary for equitable, sustainable, and scalable integrated mobility spaces;

WHEREAS the Waco MPO recognizes that land use and mobility are starting points for considering factors which influence desirable interactions within a mobility system;

WHEREAS the Waco MPO recognizes the need to provide an appropriate framework in anticipation of an unknown future;

WHEREAS the Waco MPO recognizes that innovative thinking and novel technologies can strengthen resiliency within a community;

WHEREAS the Waco MPO Policy Board recognizes the need to develop a "Smart Corridor Network Plan" for the planning area of the MPO, which is coextensive with McLennan County;

WHEREAS the Waco MPO was selected as a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) planning grant recipient in June 2023 to develop a "Smart Corridor Network Plan" for the planning area of the MPO.

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

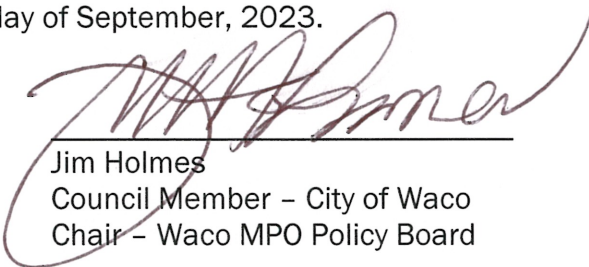
1. hereby agrees to accept a planning grant from the Federal Highway Administration through its RAISE program to develop a "Smart Corridor Network Plan" for the planning area of the MPO;

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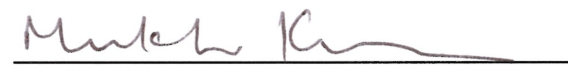
2. hereby authorizes the MPO Director to execute all grant agreements related to acceptance of the RAISE grant on behalf of the Waco MPO;
3. hereby authorizes the MPO staff to begin the process of consultant selection to develop a "Smart Corridor Network Plan" for the planning area of the MPO;
4. hereby agrees to reflect outcomes of a "Smart Corridor Network Plan in future long-range transportation plans and short-range improvement programs of the Waco MPO;
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; and,
7. hereby certifies this action complies with all applicable policies, procedures, and requirements identified within 23 CFR, Section 450, and Chapter 16 of Title 43 of the Texas Administrative Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 21st day of September, 2023.



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

ATTEST:



Mukesh Kumar
Director