## GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

## **RESOLUTION NO. 13-38**

WHEREAS, the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("NET RMA") was created pursuant to the request of Gregg and Smith Counties and in accordance with provisions of the Transportation Code and the petition and approval process established in 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.1, et seq. (the "RMA Rules"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the NET RMA has been constituted in accordance with the Transportation Code and the RMA Rules; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the initial formation of the NET RMA the Counties of Cherokee, Rusk, Harrison, Upshur, Bowie, Panola, Wood, Cass, Van Zandt, and Titus joined the Authority and are represented on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the NET RMA and the City of Bossier City, Louisiana have a shared interest in improving public transportation, including the development of passenger rail service, in the northeast Texas region and northwest Louisiana region; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 10-18, dated October 20, 2010, the NET RMA Board of Directors approved entry into an interlocal agreement with Dallas Area Rapid Transit ("DART") setting forth their intent to coordinate in state and federal transportation planning and to cooperate in the identification of potential issues of mutual interest and development of plans to facilitate safe and reliable passenger rail service (the "DART ILA"); and

WHEREAS, the NET RMA and the City of Bossier City have agreed to engage in joint efforts to promote and advance passenger rail service, including coordination in state and federal transportation planning, cooperation in the identification of potential issues of mutual interest and development of plans to facilitate safe and reliable passenger rail service in the northeast Texas region and northwest Louisiana region, and to cooperate in conjunction with DART in accordance with the provisions of the DART ILA; and

WHEREAS, the NET RMA intends to enter into a memorandum of understanding ("MOU") with the City of Bossier City reflecting the agreement between and identifying the roles and responsibilities of the parties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of Directors of the NET RMA hereby approves entry into an MOU with the City of Bossier City regarding the promotion and advancement of passenger rail service in the northeast Texas region and northwest Louisiana region and the roles and responsibilities of the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and execute the MOU on behalf of the NET RMA.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 10th day of September, 2013.

Submitted and reviewed by:

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Chair, Board of Directors Resolution Number 13-38

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