

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-28

WHEREAS, the North East 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, Van Zandt, Wood, Titus, and Kaufman joined the Authority and are represented on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the 83rd Texas Legislature passed SJR 1 proposing a constitutional amendment to be placed on the November 4, 2014 state ballot affecting the state's roads, highways, and bridges; and

WHEREAS, SJR 1 prescribes the ballot language as follows: "*The constitutional amendment providing for the use and dedication of certain money transferred to the state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads;*" and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment will aid in maintaining the current infrastructure and will ease congestion by funding new projects for added capacity without any new or increased taxes, fees or debt; and

WHEREAS, a strong transportation system is fundamental to Texas' quality of life and economic vitality, and the state's ability to attract new businesses and generate new jobs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would result in an estimated \$1.4 billion per year for the state highway fund; and

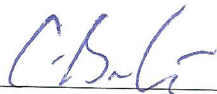
WHEREAS, while the proposed amendment would not fully fund the state's overall transportation needs, it would be an important step toward securing critical funding for transportation projects in Texas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the NET RMA supports the passage of the proposed constitutional amendment to help address Texas' transportation infrastructure needs.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 12th day of August, 2014.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:



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