

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-54

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

WHEREAS, the biennial session of the 84th Texas Legislature will convene on January 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the 84th Legislature may consider the adoption of legislation relating to tolling, regional mobility authorities, transportation financing, and other areas of potential interest to the NET RMA; and


WHEREAS, NET RMA consultants have developed a list of proposed legislative priorities, attached hereto as Attachment "A", reflecting the interests and priorities of the NET RMA with regard to various legislative issues that may be considered by the 84th Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the NET RMA believes that the proposed legislative priorities are in the best interest of the NET RMA and the residents of North East Texas.

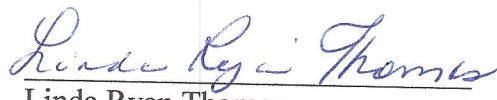
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the NET RMA hereby approves the list of proposed legislative priorities, attached hereto as Attachment "A".

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

Submitted and reviewed by:


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Texas Regional Mobility Authority

Approved:


Linda Ryan Thomas
Chair, Board of Directors
Resolution Number 14-54
Date Passed 11/12/14

Attachment "A" to NET RMA Resolution No. 14-54

**NET RMA Legislative Priorities
84th Legislative Session**

The following is a list of priorities for the 84th Legislative Session:

1. **Increased Transportation Funding:** There is a continuing need for increased funding for the state's transportation system. The NET RMA will support viable options to increase funding at the state or local level, including dedication of vehicle sales tax revenues to the state highway fund, ending diversions, and enhanced local options for transportation funding.
2. **Data Protections:** The NET RMA supports efforts to enhance protection of customer and trip data on NET RMA toll facilities from public disclosure, including efforts to clarify the definition of a "customer" under Chapter 370 of the Transportation Code in regard to the information that is subject to disclosure under Chapter 552 of the Government Code.
3. **Transportation Reinvestment Zones:** Transportation Reinvestment Zones ("TRZs") offer an important tool for generating local funding for projects. The NET RMA supports efforts to improve TRZs to facilitate further use of this valuable project financing tool, and will support legislation, including a constitutional amendment, if necessary, to clarify the ability of counties to pledge TRZ revenues to secure bonds to pay the cost of a transportation project.