

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-23

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

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2014, the NET RMA requested financial assistance from the Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT") for the purpose of purchasing an unused Union Pacific ("UP") railway right-of-way corridor; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2014, by Minute Order 114027, the Texas Transportation Commission approved the 2015 Unified Transportation Program ("UTP") which allocated for the purchase of the UP right-of-way corridor \$500,000 of Category 12 funds, of which \$400,000 is comprised of federal funds and the remaining \$100,000 is to consist of local match funds; and

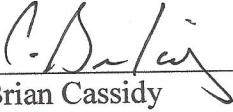
WHEREAS, the Interim Executive Director recommends entering into a funding agreement with TxDOT for the transfer of the \$400,000 to the NET RMA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NET RMA Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Interim Executive Director to negotiate, finalize, and execute a funding agreement with TxDOT for the transfer of the \$400,000 to the NET RMA to fund the purchase of the unused UP railway right-or-way corridor.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 12th day of May, 2015.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:



C. Brian Cassidy
General Counsel for the North East
Texas Regional Mobility Authority



Gary Halbrooks
Vice Chair, Board of Directors
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