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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 21-37**

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, Kaufman, Cass and Camp joined the Authority and are represented on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2013, in Resolution 13-13, the NET RMA Board of Directors approved the selection of Atkins North America ("Atkins") to serve as one of the general engineering consultants ("GEC") to the NET RMA and authorized the Chairman to execute an agreement with Atkins for the provision of general consulting civil engineering services; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2017, in Resolution No. 17-23, the NET RMA Board of Directors selected Upshur County as a recipient of \$250,000.00 of the 2017 Priority Project Program grant funds (the "Priority Project Funds"), with such funds to be used for a feasibility study of the Gilmer Loop (the "Gilmer Loop, Phase I Feasibility Study"); and

WHEREAS, Upshur County requested that the NET RMA conduct the Gilmer Loop, Phase I Feasibility Study utilizing the Priority Project Funds; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2018, in Resolution No. 18-31, the NET RMA Board of Directors approved Work Authorization No. 21.0 with Atkins for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 to support the Gilmer Loop, Phase I Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, the second phase of the feasibility study of the Gilmer Loop (the "Gilmer Loop, Phase II Feasibility Study") is needed in order to incorporate and further develop the findings from the Gilmer Loop, Phase I Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, Atkins has developed a proposed scope of services and a budget of \$320,000.00 for support of the Gilmer Loop, Phase II Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, a copy of that proposed scope of services and budget is contained in Work Authorization No. 15.0, attached hereto as Attachment "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors must approve Work Authorization No. 15.0 before Atkins may proceed to work thereunder; and

WHEREAS, Atkins has represented to the Board of Directors that the work reflected in Work Authorization No. 15.0 is necessary and appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the NET RMA hereby approves Work Authorization No. 15.0 in the form attached hereto as <u>Attachment "A"</u>, for an amount not to exceed \$320,000.00 for support of the Gilmer Loop, Phase II Feasibility Study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all work performed under Work Authorization No. 15.0 shall be subject to the Agreement for General Consulting Civil Engineering Services between the NET RMA and Atkins and that no additional work may be undertaken without the specific approval of the Board of Directors.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 11th day of January, 2022.

Submitted and reviewed by:

C. Brian Cassidy

General Counsel for the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Approved:

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Chair, Board of Directors

Date Passed: 1/11/22 Resolution No. 21-37