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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-04

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

WHEREAS, the NET RMA is dedicated to improving mobility in the North East Texas region and throughout the State of Texas, and establishing long-distance passenger rail service is consistent with that goal; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2016, the NET RMA Board of Directors adopted Resolution 16-07 supporting the efforts of the Ark-La-Tex Corridor Council, now known as the I-20 Corridor Council, to establish long-distance passenger rail service between Fort Worth to Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak has announced plans to conduct a study and to finalize a cooperative agreement with private rail operators to provide long-distance passenger rail service for the I-20 Corridor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NET RMA Board of Directors continues to support the efforts of the I-20 Corridor Council and other stakeholders to establish long-distance passenger rail service between Fort Worth to Atlanta.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 8th day of March, 2022.

Submitted and reviewed by:

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Chair, Board of Directors

Date Passed: 03/08/22

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