

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-23

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

WHEREAS, the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035 (the “2035 Plan”) serves as the State’s 24-year “blueprint” for the transportation planning process and guides the collaborative efforts between the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”), local and regional decision-makers, and transportation stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, certain portions of US 59 corridor are currently designated to be improved and redesignated as part of the I-69 corridor; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Panama Canal and continued economic growth in North East Texas would increase the need for improvements to the I-69 corridor; and

WHEREAS, the NET RMA supports improvements to portions of the I-69 corridor in the northeast Texas region, including the portion of Segment 1 of the I-69 corridor extending from Texarkana, Texas south to Center, Texas.

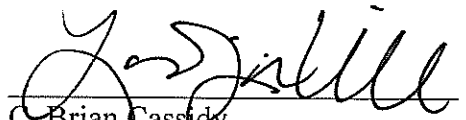
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NET RMA Board of Directors hereby requests that TxDOT consider the inclusion of projects to improve mobility and the movement of freight in the I-69 corridor, particularly in the northeast Texas region, in the 2035 Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NET RMA Board of Directors requests that TxDOT allocate funding to support planning efforts for these additional improvements in the I-69 corridor; and

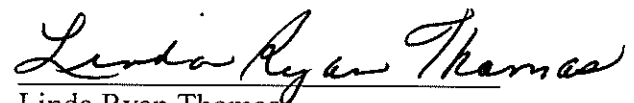
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chair to take such actions as may be necessary to communicate this request to TxDOT.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 10th day of July, 2012.

Submitted and reviewed by:


C. Brian Cassidy
General Counsel for the North East
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Approved:


Linda Ryan Thomas
Chair, Board of Directors
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Date Passed: 07/10/12