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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-22

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, a Transportation Reinvestment Zone ("TRZ") is a beneficial tool that can provide locally generated funding to support development of needed transportation infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has consistently supported legislative efforts to strengthen TRZ statutory provisions since the TRZ concept was created in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has expressed its interest in pursuing the development of additional segments of Toll 49; and

WHEREAS, the NET RMA Interim Executive Director and consultants, working with TxDOT, have identified the formation of a TRZ in Smith County as a means to help support the financing of the development and construction of Segment 4 and certain pre-development work on Segment 6.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NET RMA Board of Directors hereby requests that Smith County create a TRZ to support the financing of development and other work associated with Segments 4 and 6 of Toll 49; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Interim Executive Director and consultants are directed to work with Smith County to support the formation of a TRZ.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 9th day of July, 2013.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

C. Brian Cassidy

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Chair, Board of Directors Resolution Number 13-22

Date Passed: 07/09/13