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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 12-09**

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 NET RMA, the East Texas Council of Governments ("ETCOG"), NDMJ, Ltd. Transportation ("NDMJ"), and Smith County have a shared interest in improving public transportation in the East Texas region and have agreed to form the "East Texas Regional Transportation Partners" and to engage in joint efforts to promote and advance public transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2011, the East Texas Regional Transportation Partners submitted a proposal to the Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT") to request funds from the Job Access and Reverse Commute ("JARC") and New Freedom programs in response to TxDOT's coordinated call for projects; and

WHEREAS, if the request for funding is approved, the NET RMA will procure the services of a Transit Oriented Capital Project Mobility Manager who will be responsible for identifying and procuring additional grant funds and pursuing the completion of various public transportation projects as may be identified by the oversight board of the East Texas Regional Transportation Partners; and

WHEREAS, the NET RMA intends to enter into a memorandum of understanding ("MOU") with the other members of the East Texas Regional Transportation Partners reflecting the agreement between and identifying the roles and responsibilities of the parties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of Directors of the NET RMA hereby approves entry into an MOU with ETCOG, NDMJ, and Smith County regarding the formation of the East Texas Regional Transportation Partners and the roles and responsibilities of the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair or her designee is authorized to negotiate and execute the MOU on behalf of the NET RMA.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 18th day of January, 2012.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

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Chair, Board of Directors Resolution Number 12-09

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