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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-04

A RESOLUTION BY THE HAGERSTOWN/EASTERN PANHANDLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (HEPMPO)

SUPPORT FOR THE WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING **ORGANIZATIONS**

RECITALS

WHEREAS the HEPMPO partners with the West Virginia Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration to develop short term planning studies and long term multi-modal metropolitan transportation plans through a "continuous, cooperative and comprehensive planning program" that identify and address the transportation needs of our community in an open collaborative process that builds community consensus; and

WHEREAS, all MPO's in West Virginia work with these same agencies to accomplish this mission for their respective area's through the same open planning process that seeks to develop a community consensus; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia's eight metropolitan planning organizations' have identified a need to share information on the best practices for transportation planning and operations including administrative functions and communications with partner agencies; and

WHEREAS. it has been identified that metropolitan planning organization's in many states including Virginia and Ohio have identified that an Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations can facilitate discussions with their State and Federal partners and that an Association can assist each MPO's ability to effectively represent their communities to their partners; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia's MPO's have formed an Association in partnership with the West Virginia Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration; to enhance their effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the WV Association of MPO's has developed a five year vision for the operation of the Association;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hagerstown/Eastern Panhandle MPO supports the West Virginia Association of MPO's in their mission to further transportation planning within the State and the MPO Policy Board agrees that MPO staff should be reasonably available to support the mission of the Association.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 24th day of August 2016.



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