

Louisiana Planning District 5
RESOLUTION NO. 2282

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CHARGING AND FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE DISCRETIONARY GRANT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SHREVEPORT, ALEXANDRIA, BATON ROUGE AND NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission (SWLA-RPC) has recognized a unique opportunity to advance the critical importance of establishing a reliable and sustainable fueling infrastructure to support the transition to zero-emission vehicles: **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board has determined the alternative fuels initiative is vital for both economic growth and environmental stewardship in the region; **AND**

WHEREAS, a strategic step towards creating a robust hydrogen economy, development of LAUNCH, the Louisiana (LA) Network for Clean Hydrogen, will create hydrogen fueling stations along key freight routes in Louisiana in coordination with similar efforts in Texas linking Dallas and Houston and concurrent with an I-10 initiative linking Los Angeles and Houston; **AND**

WHEREAS, LAUNCH will result in a hydrogen corridor from the west coast to New Orleans, and will close a loop from Houston to Lake Charles, Alexandria, Shreveport and Dallas; **AND**

WHEREAS, Louisiana is ideally positioned to become a pivotal hub for hydrogen fuel, given its existing industrial base and proximity to major transportation corridors: **AND**

WHEREAS, the collaboration with Texas in the initiative will not only enhance interstate commerce but also establish a model for regional cooperation in clean energy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CHARGING AND FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE DISCRETIONARY GRANT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SHREVEPORT, ALEXANDRIA, BATON ROUGE AND NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS.

THIS RESOLUTION BEING ADOPTED ON THE 14TH DAY OF AUGUST 2024.



Mayor Marcus Rerrow
Chair

ATTEST:



Michael Hollier, AICP
Director