

RESOLUTION NO. 2288

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF THE PROPOSED SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (SWLA-RMA) INCLUDING FUNDING RESOURCES REQUIRED AS A CRITICAL NEED FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission has worked to develop a comprehensive plan of transportation infrastructure and program needs for its member governments; **AND**

WHEREAS, federal and state governments are resources to help facilitate transportation improvements locally and regionally; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the SWLA-RPC have experience and observe increasing costs for transportation infrastructure construction and maintenance resulting in significant delays that jeopardize economic development throughout the region affecting all modes of traffic and transport; **AND**

WHEREAS, the inadequacy of available funding for the regional transportation network has prompted concern and challenges for both short term and long term investment; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) have initiated "Public/Private/Partnerships" (3P) options in recent years; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors have determined the critical need to advance transportation technology in the most practical manner and in the most efficient timeline politically and financially available; **AND**

WHEREAS, Regional Mobility Authorities (RMA) have been initiated in Texas and Arkansas with successful outcomes that benefit regional transportation needs; **AND**

WHEREAS, Louisiana Law does allow and provide several legal instruments in establishing funding options for multijurisdictional transportation investment mechanisms;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOAD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF THE PROPOSED SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (SWLA-RMA) INCLUDING FUNDING RESOURCES REQUIRED AS A CRITICAL NEED FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.

THIS RESOLUTION BEING VOTED ON AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED ON THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.

A blue ink signature of Mayor Marcus Renfrow, written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Marcus Renfrow, Chair

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Michael Hollier, written over a horizontal line.

Michael Hollier, AICP
Executive Director