

Louisiana Planning District 5

RESOLUTION NO. 2300

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF AN INITIAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AMONG THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS WITHIN THE DESIGNATED ARTERIAL CORRIDORS NOTED AND PREPARATION OF A PROPOSED JOINT COOPERATIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SWLA-RPC AND INTERESTED MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERSTATE 10 CORRIDOR, THE INTERSTATE 210 CORRIDOR, THE PROPOSED NORTH LOOP CORRIDOR AND THE PROPOSED INTERSTATE 514 CORRIDOR.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission has approved and authorized the establishment of the Southwest Louisiana Regional Mobility Authority as a critical need for regional infrastructure and plan implementation; AND

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the SWLA-RPC have experienced and observed 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, local member governments within the interstate 10, the interstate 210, the proposed North Loop and the proposed interstate 514 corridors have agreed to develop a comprehensive set of objectives and actions built on consensus, coordination, cooperation, and continuity for leveraging resources and integration of specific objectives; AND

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

WHEREAS, it is determined that a Calcasieu Corridor Coalition (3 C) Policy Group comprised of not more than nine member stakeholders should be charged with responsibilities and recommendations to develop and manage the planning and improvements as defined and adopted; AND

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Southwest Louisiana Regional Mobility Authority is the ultimate objective and entity for accomplishing intergovernmental agreement and the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission is the interim entity for administering the Calcasieu Corridor Coalition;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOAD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF AN INITIAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AMONG THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS WITHIN THE DESIGNATED ARTERIAL CORRIDORS NOTED AND PREPARATION OF A PROPOSED JOINT COOPERATIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SWLA-RPC AND INTERESTED MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERSTATE 10 CORRIDOR, THE INTERSTATE 210 CORRIDOR, THE PROPOSED NORTH LOOP CORRIDOR AND THE PROPOSED INTERSTATE 514 CORRIDOR.

THIS RESOLUTION BEING VOTED ON AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED ON THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2025.

Michael Hollier, AICP

Executive Director

Jacob Dillehay, Chair