

FACT SHEET

Title A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, INC. AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.	Date November 16, 2015	Originating Department Office of the Mayor
		Sponsor Office of the Mayor

Purpose

To authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, Inc. (NLCOG), the Parish of Caddo, the Bossier Parish Police Jury, and the City of Bossier City.

Background Information

NLCOG has been designated by the State of Louisiana as the agency responsible for carrying out the transportation planning process for the Shreveport-Bossier City Urbanized Area and is a recipient of funds under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and the Federal Transit Act of 1991. Under this agreement the City of Shreveport, City of Bossier, Caddo Parish and Bossier Parish will contract with NLCOG to serve as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for this area and continue addressing the common problems and interests involving transportation planning for the metropolitan area.

Timetable

Introduction November 24, 2015.

Final adoption December 8, 2015.

Finances

\$120,000 per year to be paid to NLCOG.

Alternatives

1. Adopt the resolution.
 2. Amend the resolution.
 3. Reject the resolution.
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Conclusion The Office of the Mayor recommends adoption of the ordinance.

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RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, INC. AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, by joint action of the City Council of Bossier City, the City Council of Shreveport, the Caddo Parish Police Jury and the Bossier Parish Police Jury in October of 1966 the Caddo-Bossier Council of Local Governments (“Council”) was established and has continuously provided services to local units of government of this metropolitan region since its formation;

WHEREAS, in 1974, the service area of the Council was extended to include Webster Parish and the name of the Council was changed to the Shreve Area Council of Governments;

WHEREAS, in 1993, the name of the Council was again changed to the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments;

WHEREAS, in 2014 the member units of government found it desirable to change the membership of the Council and incorporate NLCOG as a Louisiana nonprofit corporation in order to reflect the active participation and state and federal legislation;

WHEREAS, Section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code as reaffirmed in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (“ISTEA”) requires that plans and programs for Federal-Aid Highway projects approved after December 18, 1991, in urban areas with a population of more than 50,000, must be developed by metropolitan planning organizations (“MPO”) in cooperation with the State of Louisiana (“State”) and that the process for developing such plans and programs shall provide for consideration of all modes of transportation and shall be continuing, cooperative and comprehensive to the degree appropriate, based on the complexity of the transportation problems;

WHEREAS, in 1964 and in 1973, the State of Louisiana through the Department of Highways, now the Department of Transportation and Development, entered into a written formal agreement with the local political jurisdictions whereby the responsibility of each agency regarding the continuing phase of the planning processes were outlined;

WHEREAS, NLCOG has been designated by the State as the agency responsible for carrying out the transportation planning process for the Shreveport-Bossier City Urbanized Area and is a recipient of funds under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and the Federal Transit Act of 1991;

WHEREAS, the Shreveport-Bossier City Urbanized Area has been designated as a Transportation Management Area, and as such must comply with the special requirements applicable to such areas regarding congestion management systems, project selection and certification;

WHEREAS, Section 310, 23 CFR, Part 450 requires that the responsibility for cooperatively carrying out transportation planning and programming shall be clearly defined in an agreement or memorandum of understanding between the State and the MPO;

WHEREAS, Section 310, 23 CFR, Part 450 requires that, to the greatest extent possible there shall be one cooperative agreement among the State, MPO and public owned operators of mass transportation services;

WHEREAS, Sections 104 and 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code as reaffirmed in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century of 2012 (“Map 21”) required modifications to the metropolitan planning process that includes the implementation of a performance-based approach to transportation decision making and developing transportation plans that contain performance targets to be coordinated with public transportation providers, the development of a long range transportation plan to be used in assessing the performance of the transportation system and the use of a transportation improvement plan to link investment priorities to performance targets;

WHEREAS, the member units of government within this metropolitan region continue to be cognizant of the need for, and their responsibility to provide the region’s citizens with efficient, economical, and purposeful governmental cooperation and coordination;

WHEREAS, there continue to exist many opportunities for joint consultation and planning to improve the types and quality of facilities and services provided for the people of this metropolitan region and there continues to be a need for close cooperation among the local governments to insure that growth and development of this entire metropolitan region will be well planned and coordinated to provide a more desirable living environment for all the region’s citizens;

WHEREAS, the local units of government for Shreveport, Bossier City, Caddo Parish and Bossier Parish acting under the authority of Section 1321 through 1332 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 as amended and any and all other authority they may possess, desire to contract with NLCOG, serve as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for this area and continue addressing the common problems and interests involving transportation, planning for this metropolitan area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Ollie S. Tyler, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the City of Shreveport, the Parish of Caddo, the Bossier Parish

Police Jury, the City of Bossier City and the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, substantially in accordance with the draft thereof filed in the Office of the Clerk of Council on December 8, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

City Attorney's Office