## **RESOLUTION #2016-01**

- WHEREAS, on June 23, 2004, pursuant to Chapter 370 of the Texas Transportation Code and 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 26. 1 et. seq., Gregg and Smith Counties filed a petition with the Texas Transportation Commission ("Commission") for authorization to form a regional mobility authority; and
- WHEREAS, on October 28, 2004, in minute order 109829, the Commission authorized the creation of a regional mobility authority composed of Gregg and Smith Counties known as the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("NET RMA"); and
- WHEREAS, on June 29, 2006, in minute order 110569, the Commission authorized the expansion of the NET RMA by the addition of Cherokee, Harrison, Rusk, and Upshur Counties; and
- WHEREAS, on July 26, 2007, in minute order 110996, the Commission authorized the expansion of the NET RMA by the addition of Bowie, Cass, Panola, Titus, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties; and
- WHEREAS, on November 21, 2013, in minute order 113763, the Commission approved of the withdrawal of Cass County from the NET RMA; and
- WHEREAS, on November 21, 2013, in minute order 113764, the Commission authorized the expansion of the NET RMA by the addition of Kaufman County; and
- WHEREAS, since its creation the NET RMA has pursued the development of its initial project, Toll 49, and has also been active in facilitating planning of regional mobility improvements throughout its expanded geographic area; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 370.261 of the Texas Transportation Code, the NET RMA is required to make a strategic plan ("Strategic Plan") for its operations expected to occur over the next five fiscal years; and
- WHEREAS, Section 370.261 of the Texas Transportation Code further provides that a majority of the commissioners courts of the counties of the NET RMA are required to determine the types of information required to be included in the NET RMA Strategic Plan; and
- WHEREAS, a committee of the NET RMA Board of Directors has proposed types of information be included in the NET RMA Stategic Plan, a description of which is attached hereto as Attachment "A"; and
- WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court of Panola County has considered the proposed types of information to be included in the NET RMA Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court of Panola County finds that the inclusion of the proposed types of information will be beneficial to residents of Panola County and to residents throughout North East Texas, as it will facilitate regional planning and development of critical transportation infrastructure, thereby enhancing economic vitality and quality of life for North East Texas residents.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Panola County Commissioners Court agrees that the proposed types of information attached hereto as <u>Attachment "A"</u> should be included in the NET RMA Strategic Plan.

ADOPTED this 8th of February, 2016.

Honorable Ronnie LaGrone

Commissioner, Precinct One

Honorable John Gradberg Commissioner, Precinct Two

ATTEST:

Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

Leé Ann Jones, County Judge

Honorable Frank R. Langley, Jr. Commissioner, Precinct Three

Honorable Dale LaGrone Commissioner, Precinct Four

## Attachment A

## Types of Information to Include in the NET RMA Strategic Plan

- Internal activities of the NET RMA related to planning and project development
- Efforts to advance future segments of Toll 49
- Potential regional partnerships to develop future transportation projects
- Status of current NET RMA toll facilities
- Overview of partnerships with other RMAs, local toll project entities, and industry expert