

RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE 2040 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)
OF THE EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO MEET
THE QUADRENNIAL APPROVAL DATE OF JUNE 15, 2013

WHEREAS, the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (Eastgate) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Transportation Management Area (TMA) consisting of Mahoning and Trumbull Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), was signed into law on August 10, 2005 and remained in effect through continuing legislative resolution until September 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) Transportation Bill was signed into law on July 6, 2012 and went into effect on October 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Eastgate as the MPO, is required to prepare and/or update the MTP in accordance with the requirements of SAFETEA-LU based on the U.S. Department of Transportation (FHWA/FTA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) Air Quality Conformity requirements, the MTP must be prepared and/or updated every four years; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the General Policy Board of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, State of Ohio, previously approved the final FHWA, FTA, and U.S. EPA comments regarding the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) through General Policy Board Resolution #022-2009 supporting the plan; and

WHEREAS, that previous planning process for the 2030 LRTP was reviewed by the FHWA and FTA, and approved for air quality conformity by U.S. EPA on June 14, 2009; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Eastgate recently completed the process of developing the 2040 MTP to meet the upcoming quadrennial approval date of June 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, all information on the development processes for the 2040 MTP were presented and reviewed by Eastgate's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizen Advisory Board (CAB), at various TAC and CAB meetings from July 2010 through December 2012; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 MTP was locally developed to meet the requirements of the SAFETEA-LU legislation by being: financially constrained, in conformance with air quality requirements of the CAAA of 1990, has satisfied the Air Quality Conformity Interagency Consultation process, has met planning and public participation requirements, and was recommended to the General Policy Board for approval by Eastgate's Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen Advisory Board at their April 4, 2013 meetings; and

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WHEREAS, the General Policy Board approves the 2040 MTP and the associated air quality conformity analyses, which demonstrates that the emission burdens from the transportation plan do not exceed the mobile source emissions budgets established in the Ohio EPA State Implementation Plan (SIP), and that the sum of the modeled and non-modeled areas for both volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx), are less than the established Ohio SIP budgets and meet the transportation conformity test for Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Policy Board of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, State of Ohio, hereby supports this resolution of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments by approving the 2040 MTP, as presented, to meet the upcoming quadrennial approval date of June 15, 2013, subject to the following:

1. The General Policy Board recognizes and approves the 2040 MTP and the associated air quality analyses demonstrating that: the air quality conformity of Eastgate's 2040 MTP; the redetermination of the air quality conformity of the existing FY2012 - FY2015 TIP; the air quality conformity for the new FY 2014-2017 TIP that becomes effective on July 1, 2013, as components of this Transportation Plan's conformity findings and consistent with the Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 CFR 93.
2. If applicable, any final comments regarding the plan received from the FHWA, FTA, and/or the U.S.EPA, will be addressed upon their receipt by Eastgate.

Passed this 29th day of April, 2013.

ATTEST:



John R. Getchey, Executive Director



Glenn W. Holmes, Chairman