

**RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZING THE EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO SPONSOR AND FILE THE YOUNGSTOWN SMART<sup>2</sup> NETWORK APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENT TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT (BUILD) DISCRETIONARY GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (Eastgate) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, Ohio and the Economic Development District and Local Development District for Ashtabula, Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, and;

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the City of Youngstown, Eastgate seeks to sponsor and participate in the efforts to align a vision and mission, for the implementation of collaborative priority projects for the city and the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Youngstown's transportation infrastructure was built for a different time and economic structure and seeks to connect recent and planned investments by completing a multimodal network that links critical components to an overall economic resurgence of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, this submission exemplifies all facets of smart investments of public funds, and will promote economic development, more efficient transport, a cleaner environment, and improved safety; and


**WHEREAS**, all information for the above project has been presented and reviewed by Eastgate's Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Advisory Board; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Policy Board of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, State of Ohio, hereby supports the sponsorship and submission of this project for funding via the BUILD discretionary grant program.

Passed this <sup>13<sup>th</sup> July,</sup> day of, 2018.

**ATTEST:**

  
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James G. Kinnick, P.E., Executive Director

  
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Patrick T. Ginnetti, P.E., P.S., Chair