

RESOLUTION
**OF THE EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO CONCUR WITH THE CITY
OF WARREN TO TERMINATE THEIR “DESIGNATED RECIPIENTS STATUS” FOR FEDERAL
TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5307 URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM
FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (Eastgate), is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, Ohio and the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission, is the designated MPO for Mercer County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2010 Census, the Sharon, PA Small Urbanized Area remains part of the Youngstown, OH-PA Urbanized Area (UZA) which incorporates Mahoning, Trumbull, and a portion of Mercer County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Warren and the Western Reserve Transit Authority were authorized to file applications with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), of the United States Department of Transportation, for Federal transportation assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, Title 23, United States Code; and other Federal statutes administered by the FTA; and

WHEREAS, Eastgate, the City of Warren, the Trumbull County Commissioners, the Trumbull County Participating Communities, the City of Sharon and the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission concur that the Western Reserve Transit Authority (WRTA) be appointed by the Governor of Ohio with the concurrence from the Governor of Pennsylvania as the “Designated Recipient” in the Ohio Portion of the Youngstown, OH-PA urban area; and

WHEREAS, the designation change will reflect one “Designated Recipient” in the Ohio Portion of the Youngstown, OH-PA urban area by this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the WRTA a “Designated Recipient” for Mahoning County, and the Trumbull County Transit Board (TCTB) a “Designated Recipient” for Trumbull County’s allocation of FTA Section 5310 - Enhanced Mobility of Senior and Individuals with Disabilities Program does not change as a result of consolidating FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Programs in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties; and

WHEREAS; each grantee is responsible for their own respective grant applications, and project administration activities under the FTA Section 5310 Programs in the Youngstown, OH-PA urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, all “Designated Recipients” operating in the Youngstown, OH-PA urbanized area have the legal capacity to assume all of the specific responsibilities as a designee, and shall hold each other harmless for any findings that the Federal Transit Administration, or other offices and agencies, may issue against their respective sub-allocation of Urbanized Area Formula Funds; and

WHEREAS, Eastgate and the City of Warren in-consultation with all agencies, concur with establishing one “Designated Recipient” to receive Urbanized Area Formula Funding in the State of Ohio, for the Youngstown, OH-PA UZA; and

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WHEREAS, Eastgate, the City of Warren, the Trumbull County Commissioners and the existing Participating Communities recognize the importance of establishing one regional transit system in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties through regionalization efforts with the WRTA; and

WHEREAS, any Urbanized Area Formula Program funds that are allocated and separated for the Youngstown OH-PA UZA shall only be utilized in the Youngstown, OH-PA UZA, and any unused portion of these funds can be reallocated for redistribution in the Youngstown, OH-PA UZA with concurrence from FTA Region V; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Policy Board of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, State of Ohio, hereby request the Governor of Ohio to concur with establishing one designated recipient of FTA Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program Funds in the Ohio Portion of the Youngstown, OH-PA Urbanized Area, and recommend the appointment of the Western Reserve Transit Authority as the "Designated Recipient" for Mahoning and Trumbull Counties.

Passed this 28th day of October 2019

ATTEST:



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



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