

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AFFIRMING THAT  
THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP), AND APPROVAL OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) IS CONSISTENT WITHIN THE  
STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (Eastgate) is officially designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation, and in cooperation with locally-elected officials for Mahoning and Trumbull Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Eastgate, is the designated MPO for transportation planning in the Youngstown Metropolitan Area which include in its' study area Mahoning and Trumbull Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Eastgate, is a Transportation Management Area (TMA) formally identified and established in ISTEPA, included in TEA-21, retained in SAFETEA-LU, and MAP - 21, and continued under the new transportation legislation - the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act); and

**WHEREAS**, Eastgate, pursuant to the Ohio Office of Management and Budget Intergovernmental Review Process, is designated as the Intergovernmental Review Agency for Mahoning and Trumbull Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO has, pursuant to 23 United States Code 134, and 49 United States Code 1602(a), 1603(a), and 1604 (g)(1), completed the 2040 MTP and met the triennial approval date of June 15, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO has, pursuant to 23 United States Code 134, and 49 United States Code 1602(a)(z), 1603(a), and 1604(g)(1) and (1), prepared a Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2018 - 2021 for Mahoning and Trumbull county area; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2007, the Federal Register/Vol. 72, No. 112 / Rules and Regulations (page 32193) publication stated that the Youngstown Warren-Sharon PA-OH Counties of Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull, were in "Attainment" of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 13, 2009, the Federal Register/Vol. 74, No. 218 / Rules and Regulations (page 58697) publication stated that the Youngstown Ohio area was attaining the 24-Hour PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eastgate region is a 1997 ozone standard maintenance area with 2009 and 2018 (MOBILE based) budgets, and, the region is also a 2008 ozone standard and PM2.5 (1997 and 2006 standards) attainment area; and

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**WHEREAS**, effective July 20, 2013 the 1997 ozone standard was revoked for conformity purposes and accordingly Eastgate's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) no longer need to demonstrate transportation conformity but is still required to update its MTP on a five-year schedule – with a minor MTP update scheduled for May 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Eastgate has developed the FY2018 - FY2021 TIP and is relying on the previous analysis when no new transportation or emissions modeling is otherwise required since the transportation plan has not changed (58 FR 3778); and

**WHEREAS**, the FY2018 - FY 2021 TIP is consistent with air quality goals based on recent qualitative analyzes conducted for the 2040 MTP, and no changes to the transportation plan have taken place which adversely affect air quality; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That this Board previously approved the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as the Transportation Plan for the Youngstown-Warren area on April 29, 2013 and recommends that its members incorporate these improvements into their planning for transportation improvements in their governmental units; and
2. That this Board adopts the Fiscal Year 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program and recommends that its members incorporate these improvements into their transportation improvement programming for their governmental units; and
3. That Eastgate further determined that the FY2018 - FY2021 Transportation Improvement Program does not increase the frequency or severity of emissions of the relevant pollutants in the future, relative to emissions over the same period without the program.
4. That this Board affirms the FY2018 - FY2021 MPO TIP will become effective concurrent with US DOT approval of the FY2018 - FY2021 Ohio State Transportation Improvement Program.

Passed this 24th day of April, 2017.

**ATTEST:**

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

  
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Casey R. Kozlowski, Chairmarr