

**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO REVISE  
FUNDING POLICIES AND PROGRAMING RESTRICTIONS FOR THE FY2018 -  
FY2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (Eastgate), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, is responsible for developing a financially constrained bi-annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

**WHEREAS**, in Eastgate's efforts to manage the FY2018 - FY2021 TIP for transportation system improvements, it has become necessary to revisit, and if necessary revise, Eastgate's funding policies and implement programming restrictions for those projects using Eastgate's annual federal obligation authority of STP, TAP, and CMAQ funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the following policy restrictions for funding all project phases as stipulated in this resolution, including Preliminary Engineering (PE), Right-of-Way acquisition (R/W), and Construction (C), shall be implemented immediately upon approval of this resolution by the Eastgate General Policy Board and reviewed on an as needed basis by the Eastgate Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Advisory Board for reconsideration:

**Preliminary Engineering:** Eastgate's allocations of STP and CMAQ funding will be provided for the Preliminary Engineering phase of any project at the request of the local sponsor and approval of the GPB. Preliminary Engineering will include activities associated with environmental assessment, alternative scenario development, and the preparation of final construction plans, specifications and estimates. The project sponsor shall be responsible for all costs incurred for PE above the GPB resolution federal amount. In the event of a short fall in funding, the project sponsor must request and receive approval for additional federal funding amounts.

**Right-of-Way Acquisition:** Eastgate's allocations of STP and CMAQ funding will be provided for the acquisition of right-of-way for any project at the request of the local sponsor and approval of the GPB. The project sponsor shall be responsible for all costs incurred for R/W above the GPB resolution federal amount. In the event of a short fall in funding, the project sponsor must request and receive approval for additional federal funding amounts.

**Construction:** Eastgate's allocations of STP, CMAQ and TAP funding will be provided for the construction of any project at the request of the local sponsor and approval of the GPB. The project sponsor will be responsible for all cost incurred for C above the GPB resolution federal amount. In the event of a short fall in funding, the project sponsor must request and receive approval for additional federal funding amounts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Policy Board of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, State of Ohio, hereby supports the adoption of the funding policies and programming restrictions for the FY2018 - FY2021 TIP as listed above, which will be reviewed on a yearly basis by the Eastgate Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Advisory Board and subject to revision as approved by the Eastgate General Policy Board.

Passed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

**ATTEST:**



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



Casey R. Kozlowski, Chairman