

**RESOLUTION**

**UPDATING EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS TO REFERENCE THE TRANSPORTATION BILL FIXING AMERICAN'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation planning in the Youngstown Metropolitan Area which include in its study area Mahoning and Trumbull Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fixing American's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) was signed into law on December 4, 2015, and became effective on October 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, all Metropolitan Transportation Plans, Transportation Improvement Programs, and State Transportation Improvement Programs, adopted after October 1, 2015, remain in compliance with FAST Act planning provisions; and

**WHEREAS**, Eastgate remains committed to a transportation planning process that includes a proactive public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and supports early and continuing involvement of the public in developing the MTP, TIP, and all ongoing program activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Eastgate's Public Participation Process was updated in January 2018 and included in Eastgate's Title VI Plan Update; and

**WHEREAS**, Eastgate's Public Participation Process, previously known as the Public Participation Program, was originally presented to Eastgate's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) in February 2018; and was open for public review and comments from February 1, through April 2, 2018;

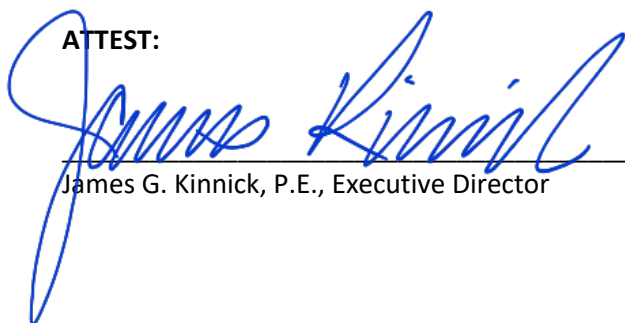
**WHEREAS**, Eastgate's objective to reaffirm this commitment through a specific plan of action designed to provide maximum opportunity for public involvement in consultation with all interested parties who participate in the metropolitan planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, Eastgate's Public Participation Process was updated and presented to Eastgate's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) on April 5, 2018; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Policy Board of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, State of Ohio, hereby approves this resolution Updating Eastgate's Public Participation Process

Passed this 30th day of April 2018.

**ATTEST:**

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

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