RESOLUTION

ADOPTING THE EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 2018 REVISED TITLE VI PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND ASSURANCES

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, Eastgate's Metropolitan Planning Organization is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive manner in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 1607; and

WHEREAS, Eastgate's 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, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin, and related statutes that prohibits sex, disability, and age discrimination in Eastgate's programs, activities, services; 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, the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments is adding, updating and adopting all necessary policies and procedures to satisfy all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related Assurances; and

WHEREAS, Eastgate incorporates the principles of Environmental Justice (EJ) Executive Order 12898 and Executive Order 13166 on Limited English Proficiency (LEP) into its programs, policies, and activities to ensure there are no transportation system that disproportionately impacts low-income and minority populations, and to ensure meaningful access to persons who are limited in the English Language; and

WHEREAS, Eastgate's Title VI Plan 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;

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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 Title VI Plan 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 and certifies compliance with policies, procedures and assurances regarding Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Passed this 30th day of April 2018.

ATTEST:

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

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