

Resolution No. 2224

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY, AND WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

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WHEREAS, the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Longview-Kelso-Rainier Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), responsible for carrying out transportation planning and programming processes leading to development and operation of an integrated, intermodal transportation system in the MPA; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is responsible for delivering a federally compliant statewide transportation plan, engaging in the metropolitan transportation planning processes as both a network asset manager and a compliance and fiduciary agent of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) by administering federal pass through funds to the MPO; and

WHEREAS, the City of Longview is the primary public transit operator within the MPA and a designated recipient of federal transit funding; and

WHEREAS, the Cowlitz Public Transportation Authority (CTA) is a public transportation benefit area encompassing the cities of Longview and Kelso, that has contracted with the City of Longview to provide public transit services on behalf of the CTA; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations section 23 CFR 450.314(a) requires the MPO, the State, and the providers of public transportation to cooperatively determine their mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process. These responsibilities shall be clearly identified in written agreements among the MPO, the State, and the providers of public transportation serving the MPA; and to the extent possible, a single agreement among all responsible parties should be developed; and

WHEREAS, the CWCOG, City of Longview, CTA, and WSDOT desire to enter into an agreement to implement metropolitan transportation planning processes in compliance with 23 CFR 450.314(a).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City Longview as follows:

**Section 1.** The City Manager is authorized to execute the final interlocal agreement with the CWCOG, CTA, and WSDOT, which draft agreement is attached as Exhibit A and forms a part of this Resolution.

PASSED by the City Council of Longview, Washington, and approved by its  
Mayor this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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City Attorney