

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY REQUESTING AND
AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN THE COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS AND DESIGNATING REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designated by the Governor of the State of Washington for the Longview-Kelso-Rainier Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), and as such is charged with the responsibility of carrying out transportation planning and programming processes that lead to the development and operation of an integrated, intermodal transportation system in accordance with RCW 36.64.080; and

WHEREAS, the City of Longview is a designated recipient of federal transit funding within the MPA and operates RiverCities Transit, the primary public transit system within the MPA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Longview and the Cowlitz Transit Authority (CTA) jointly fund and establish the operating policies and procedures and planning for RiverCities Transit; and

WHEREAS, consistent with federal requirements, the CWCOG, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the City of Longview, and the CTA, are developing an interlocal agreement to formalize the roles and responsibilities of each agency in order to cooperatively carry out metropolitan and statewide transportation planning and programming; and

WHEREAS, to ensure proper representation for public transit and the CTA in the metropolitan transportation planning processes, it is beneficial for the CTA to become a member of the CWCOG and be represented on the CWCOG board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cowlitz Transit Authority as follows:

Section 1. The Cowlitz Transit Authority requests and authorizes membership in the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments. At this time, membership would be as an Associate Member (non-voting) due to the provisions of the CWCOG Articles of Incorporation. At such time as the Articles of Incorporation may be modified and allow the CTA to upgrade to a Special or General or other newly established voting membership, such upgrade is requested and authorized.

Section 2. The Cowlitz Transit Authority designates the Transit Manager as its primary representative on the CWCOG board, and designates each Transit Supervisor and the City of Longview Public Works Director as alternate representatives to the CWCOG board in the absence of the Transit Manager.

PASSED by the Cowlitz Transit Authority in regular session and approved this 14th
day of June, 2017.

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ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board