

RESOLUTION NO. 487

A RESOLUTION, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT, APPROVING THE WALLA WALLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP THEREIN.

WHEREAS, current federal law requires that every Urbanized Area (UZA) with a population threshold of 50,000 residents or more be represented by an MPO, and the Census Bureau has designated the Walla Walla, WA-OR UZA with over 50,000 people in population, requiring the formation of a bi-state Metropolitan Planning Organization in Oregon and Washington; and

WHEREAS, current Washington state law authorizes the creation of regional transportation planning organizations within the state through the formation by a voluntary association of local governments within a county, or within geographically continuous counties and shall:

1. Encompass at least one complete County;
2. Have a population of at least one hundred thousand, or contain a minimum of three counties; and
3. Have as members all counties within the region, and at least sixty percent of the cities and towns within the region representing a minimum of seventy five percent of the cities' and towns' populations

WHEREAS, due to designation of the Walla Walla Valley MPO, the rural non-urbanized areas of Walla Walla County could not meet state requirements for the creation of a new Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) as a rural component of the new Walla Walla Valley MPO. Due to these requirements, the City of Prescott along with the City of Waitsburg and non-urbanized unincorporated Walla Walla County remained with the former Benton-Franklin Regional Transportation Planning Organization, now known as the Tri-Mats MPO until such time as an agreement could be approved between the new Tri-Mats and the Walla Walla MPO related to rural planning functions;

WHEREAS, an agreement was approved between the two MPOs, transferring rural transportation planning requirements to the Walla Walla MPO, creation a new Sub-RTPO under the direction of the Walla Walla Valley MPO and allowing the City of Prescott membership into the MPO, subject to approval by the MPO Policy Board; and

WHEREAS, the City of Prescott acknowledges the need to engage in seeking designation as a member of an RTPO, and the need to agree to the Walla Walla Valley MPO's Interlocal

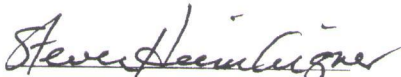
agreement in order to engage in cooperative planning and decision-making on transportation issues and the benefits to be derived therefrom;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Prescott resolves as follows:


1. The Walla Walla Valley MPO Interlocal Agreement is hereby approved, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to affirm membership for the City of Prescott in the MPO so created and to execute such Agreement.
2. The mayor is also authorized to execute any and all other documents, with the advice of the City Attorney as needed, without returning the matter to the Council if, in his judgment, such changes are needed to accomplish the objectives of this Resolution or to meet the pending deadline established by the federal government in order to avoid loss of federal funding for any pending projects.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Prescott city Council this 12th day of November, 2013


APPROVED:


Steve Heimbigner, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jill Borup, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Kristian E. Hedine
City Attorney