

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-624**

**A RESOLUTION, BY THE CITY OF CITY OF WAITSBURG, 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 Urbanized Area 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 (RTPO's) 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; and

**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 RTPO as a rural component of the new Walla Walla Valley MPO. Due to these requirements, the City of Waitsburg along with the City of Prescott and non-urbanized unincorporated Walla Walla County remained with 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 transportation planning functions; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waitsburg acknowledges the need to engage in seeking designation as a member of an RTPO, and the need to agree to the enclosed Interlocal agreement in order to



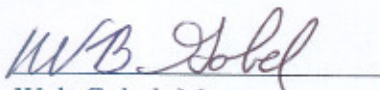
engage in cooperative planning and decision making on transportation issues and the benefits to be derived therefrom;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Waitsburg resolves as follows:


1. The Walla Walla Valley MPO Interlocal Agreement is hereby approved, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to affirm membership of the City of Waitsburg in the MPO so created and to execute such agreement.
2. The Mayor is also authorized to make minor changes to the agreement of a non substantive nature prior to execution, with the advice of the City Attorney and City Administrator, without returning the matter to the Council if, in his judgment, such changes are needed to meet the pending deadline established by the federal government in order to avoid loss of federal funding for pending projects.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Waitsburg city Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013

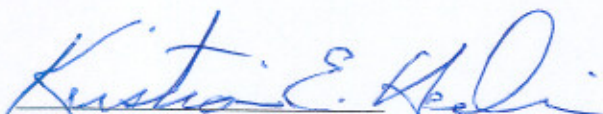
APPROVED:

  
Walt Gobel, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Kristian E. Hedine  
City Attorney