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BOARD OF DIRECTORS VALLEY TRANSIT

In the Matter of Approving an Interlocal)
Agreement to Govern the Walla Walla Valley)
Metropolitan Planning Organization) RESOLUTION NO. <u>2013-02</u>

A RESOLUTION, attesting to Valley Transit's support to form the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (WWVMPO) and recognition of the need to form a governance structure for this organization which is required to be formed and approved by the governors of the states of Washington and Oregon by March 26, 2013 as a condition for continued receipt of federal transportation funds.

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, the Walla Walla, WA-OR Urbanized Area encompasses the cities of Walla Walla and College Place, Washington, in Walla Walla County, and the city of Milton-Freewater, Oregon, in Umatilla County, and includes numerous entities responsible for transportation facilities and services: and

WHEREAS, Valley Transit acknowledges the need to engage in seeking designation as an MPO, and the need to develop an Interlocal Agreement in order to engage in cooperative planning and decision making on transportation issues and the benefits to be derived therefrom; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Valley Transit Board of Directors authorizes the Board Chair, two other board members and General Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement, attached as Exhibit 1, establishing and providing a system of governance for the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Valley Transit Board of Directors authorizes payment of Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization dues and miscellaneous charges as a regular business expense in accordance with agency payment procedures, and

further authorizes agency representatives to the MPO to attend out-of-state Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization meetings.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VALLEY TRANSIT at a regular meeting thereof this 21th day of March, 2013.

Jerry Cummins Valley Transit Board Chair

Dick Fondahn, Clerk of the Board