EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-16

Policy Regarding the Expenditure of MPO Surface Transportation Funds

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the organization designated by the Governor of the State of Alabama as being responsible, together with the State of Alabama, for implementing the applicable provisions of 23 USC 134 and 135 (amended by MAP-21 Sections 1201 and 1202, July 2012); 42 USC 2000d-1, 7401; 23 CFR 450 and 500; 40 CFR 51 and 93; and

WHEREAS, the MPO receives Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds every fiscal year in the amount of approximately \$1.2 million. Whereas, these funds must be spent within the MPO Planning Area pursuant to the provisions of 23 USC 134 and 135; 42 USC 2000d-1, 7401; 23 CFR 450 and 500; and 40 CFR 51 and 93; and

WHEREAS, the MPO desires to establish a policy regarding the types of projects on which the MPO will expend its annual allocation of STP funds; and

WHEREAS, the MPO recognizes the need to focus on projects that increase the efficiency of the transportation network in a manner that has a positive effect on as many of the MPO member governments as possible; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization, establishes the following Policy regarding the expenditure of the MPO's annual allocation of Surface Transportation Program funds:

- 1. MPO Surface Transportation Program funds should be spent on projects that will in some way increase the capacity of the existing transportation network. A project increases the capacity of the existing transportation network if the project results in an increase in the number of vehicles that can pass through the project area in a given amount of time.
- 2. MPO Surface Transportation Program funds should be spent on improvements that have a regional impact. Improvements that have the greatest positive impact on the greatest number of MPO member governments will be deemed to have the greatest regional impact.

The foregoing resolution was adopted and approved on the 24th day of September, 2014, by the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board.

Mayor Timothy Kant, Chairperson

My Commission Expires 03/23/2015