

Appendix M – Self Certification Resolution

WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SELF-CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION of the Williamsport Area Transportation Study, (WATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization, (MPO) to certify that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable federal requirements and that the local process to enhance the participation of the general public, including transportation disadvantaged, has been followed in developing the Transportation Improvement Program, (TIP) and the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

WHEREAS, 23 CFR § 450.334 specifies that, concurrent with the submittal of the proposed TIP to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transportation Administration, (FTA) as part of the Statewide TIP (STIP) approval, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, (MPOs) shall certify that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements; and

WHEREAS, Sections 134 and 135 of Title 23 USC, 49 USC 5303-5304, and 23 CFR § 450 set forth national policy that the MPO designated for each urbanized area is to carry out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive multimodal transportation planning process, including development of a TIP and LRTP, and establish policies and procedures for MPOs to conduct metropolitan planning process; and

WHEREAS, the TIP continues to be financially constrained as required by 23 CFR § 450.324 and the FTA policy on the documentation of financial capacity, published in FTA Circular 7008.1A; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended (42 USC 2000d-1) and 49 CFR § 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age in employment or business opportunity; the Older Americans Act, as amended (42 USC 6101), prohibiting the discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance; 23 USC § 324 prohibiting discrimination based on gender; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et. seq.), and 49 CFR § 27, 37, and 38, regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities have been met; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Section 1101(b) of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation, (FAST) Act (Public Law 114-94) and 49 CFR § 26 regarding the involvement of

disadvantaged or minority business enterprises in FHWA funded planning projects and FTA funded projects have been met; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of 23 CFR § 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on federal and federal-aid highway construction contracts have been addressed; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Executive Order 12898 (Federal Order to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations) have been met; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of 49 CFR § 20 prohibiting recipients of federal funds from using those funds for lobbying purposes has been met; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Williamsport Area Transportation Study, (WATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization, (MPO) certifies that its metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable provisions of federal law and certifies that the local process to enhance the participation of the general public, including transportation disadvantaged populations, has been followed in developing the region's transportation plans and programs, including the WATS MPO FFY 2021-2024 TIP and the WATS MPO LRTP (See [Appendix B – WATS Public Participation Plan](#)).

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted in accordance with the WATS Bylaws, by the WATS MPO at their June 15, 2020 publicly advertised meeting, and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

WATS MPO Secretary

WATS MPO Chairperson