



City of Winston-Salem City Council Council Agenda Item Summary

Title	Resolution Adopting the Memorandum of Understanding for Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive Transportation Planning for the Winston-Salem Area Transportation Planning Organization
City Council Committee	Public Works Committee
Staff Lead (Presenter)	Hunter Staszak, TPO Administrator
Department Head	Jeff Fansler, Director of Transportation
City Manager/ACM	Aaron King, ACM

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Recommended Council Action	Resolution Approval
Suggested Motion Options	I Move to approve the Resolution Adopting the Memorandum of Understanding for the Winston-Salem Area TPO.
Strategic Focus Area	Good Government
Strategic Plan Objective	GG1: Delivering Efficient and Effective Core Services
Anticipated Fiscal Impact	No Material Fiscal Impact

Summary of Information

The Winston-Salem Area Transportation Planning Organization (WSATPO) is the federally funded and mandated planning organization charged with carrying out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Winston-Salem Urban Area. The WSATPO carries out several key duties for the region, including the development of the long-range transportation plan and programming of federal and state funds toward local transportation projects.

As a community located within the Winston-Salem Urban Area, and current lead planning agency (LPA) for the WSATPO, the City of Winston-Salem plays a vital role in regional transportation planning. The WSATPO is asking each of its member municipalities to review and sign on to the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The MOU outlines policies, structure, membership, and the roles and responsibilities of the WSATPO and its member agencies. It is the governing document of the WSATPO, which guides the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process among the parties therein. The current MOU for the WSATPO has been in effect since 2014.

The enclosed proposal for the MOU makes no major changes to the existing structure and membership, but includes minor modifications reflecting changes to titles, organization names, weighted vote adjustments based on the decennial Census, and suggested language from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). Changes from the 2020 Census have resulted in a weighted vote adjustment of one additional vote for Davie County, Davidson County, and Stokes County on the TPO's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and a related decrease of one vote for the City of Winston-Salem and two for Forsyth County. The City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County are still the two largest entities within the WSATPO and have 45 weighted votes and 12 votes respectively under the proposed MOU. Weighted voting is typically only used for the purposes of determining quorum on the TAC. The WSATPO's TAC is the policy board made up of local elected officials. The City of Winston-Salem has three primary members on the TAC; the Mayor's votes count for 25 and the two Council Member representatives are worth ten each.

The MOU becomes effective upon execution by the Town of Bermuda Run, Town of Bethania, Village of Clemmons, Town of Kernersville, City of King, Town of Lewisville, Town of Midway, Town of Rural Hall, Village of Tobaccoville, Town of Walkertown, Town of Wallburg, City of Winston-Salem, Davidson County, Davie County, Forsyth County, Winston-Salem Transit Authority, and the NCDOT.

Analysis of Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact is associated with the adoption of the MOU for the WSATPO. However, as LPA for the WSATPO, the City of Winston-Salem and Winston-Salem Department of Transportation will continue to be responsible for the financial administration of the WSATPO. The responsibilities of the City of Winston-Salem as they relate to the WSATPO are unchanged from the previous MOU, effective January 24, 2014.

Attachments

- Resolution
- Exhibit A: Memorandum of Understanding

Committee Action	
For:	Against:
Remarks:	