

**MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-15**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MPO TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT FOR  
LEGAL SERVICES**

The Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board is informed that:

**WHEREAS**, the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the regionally entity charged with carrying out the requirements of 23 CFR § 450 for the urban area of central Doña Ana County, New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO is currently undertaking a process to establish greater administrative independence in its operations; and

**WHEREAS**, obtaining independent legal counsel is a requirement for the completion of this process; and

**WHEREAS**, in consultation with MPO Staff, the Policy Board wishes to enter into a relationship with Kemp Smith, LLP of El Paso, Texas to provide legal counsel for the MPO; and

**WHEREAS**, the Policy Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the MPO for the Resolution to be approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Policy Board of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization:

**(I)**

**THAT** the Mesilla Valley MPO designates Kemp Smith, LLP of El Paso, Texas as the legal counsel of the Mesilla Valley MPO.

(II)

THAT staff is directed to take appropriate and legal actions to implement this Resolution.

DONE and APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary

Motion By:	Vice-Chair Graham
Second By:	Councilor Bencomo
VOTE:	
Chair Johnson-Burick	Yes
Vice-Chair Graham	Yes
Mayor Barraza	
Councilor Bencomo	Yes
Dist. Eng. Chavarria	Yes
Councilor Corran	
Trustee Merrick	
Commissioner Murillo	Yes
Commissioner Sanchez	
Commissioner Schaljo-Hernandez	Yes