MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. <u>25-02</u>

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MPO POLICY BOARD TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION

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

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Mexico designated the Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization on February 10, 1982 to carry out the Federal planning requirements of 23 CFR 450.300 and 49 USC 5303; and

WHEREAS, the Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization was renamed to be the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization via the Joint Powers Agreement of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization has historically been housed within and treated as an organic part of the municipal government of the City of Las Cruces; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the City of Las Cruces requested that the MPO administratively separate from the City organization; and

WHEREAS, an essential component of the separation is the establishment of an Executive Director position to oversee the day-to-day operations of the MPO; and

WHEREAS, by MPO Resolution 24-09 the MPO Policy Board stated its intention to convert the current MPO Officer position into the Executive Director position; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Andrew Wray has been the incumbent MPO Officer since April 2019: and

WHEREAS, the Policy Board wishes to convert Mr. Wray from the MPO Officer position into the MPO Executive Director position; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Board wishes to enter contract negotiations with Mr. Wray to implement this conversion; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the MPO that this resolution be APPROVED.

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

(1)

THAT the Policy Board wishes to enter contract negotiations with Mr. Andrew Wray to convert his position into that of MPO Executive Director; and.

(II)

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

DONE and **APPROVED** this <u>12th</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2025.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary

Motion By:	Trustee Johnson-Burick
Second By:	Councilor Corran
VOTE:	
Chair Sanchez	Yes
Vice-Chair Hernandez	Yes
Commissioner Chaparro	Absent
District Engineer Chavarria	Yes
Councilor Corran	Yes
Mayor Enriquez	Yes
Commissioner Gameros	Yes
Trustee Merrick	Absent
Trustee Johnson-Burick	Yes
Councilor McClure	Yes