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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GASTON-CLEVELAND-LINCOLN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GCLMPO) APPROVING THE 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Planning Organization (GCLMPO) and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) are actively involved in transportation planning for the GCLMPO planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPO) has been designated by the Governor of the State of North Carolina as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the MPO's metropolitan area; and; and

WHEREAS, the GCLMPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and policy board have prepared an update to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the GCLMPO; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the proper movement of traffic within and through the GCLMPO Metropolitan Planning Area is a highly desirable element of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the orderly growth and development of the region; and

WHEREAS, the policy board of the GCLMPO finds that the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan meets the goals and objectives for the GCLMPO; and

WHEREAS, after the full study the GCLMPO finds that the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan meets the requirements of 23 USC 134; and

WHEREAS, the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan has at least a 20-year horizon and is fiscally constrained pursuant to 23 CFR Part 450.322; and

WHEREAS, the public has had the opportunity to review and comment on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan through public meetings and document sharing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization approves and endorses the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as prepared by the Technical Coordinating Committee, policy board and the North Carolina Department of Transportation on this the 24th day of March, 2022.

I, **Scott Neisler**, Chairperson of the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Board, duly held on the 24th day of March, 2022.

Scott Neisler

Scott Neisler, MPO Board Chairperson
Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

ATTESTED:

Randi P. Gates

Randi P. Gates, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner
Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln MPO Administrator

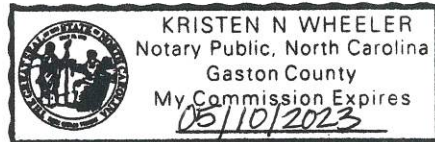
North Carolina
Gaston County

I, Kristen N. Wheeler, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that **Scott Neisler** personally appeared before me on this the 20th day of March, 2022, and acknowledge the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Kristen N. Wheeler

Kristen N. Wheeler
Notary Public



My Commission expires May 10, 2023.



**RESOLUTION FINDING THE GASTON-CLEVELAND-LINCOLN METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN
AND THE AMENDED 2020-2029 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF 23 USC 134**

WHEREAS, the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPO) has been designated by the Governor of the State of North Carolina as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the MPO's metropolitan area; and;

WHEREAS, the GCLMPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan meets the planning requirements of 23 CFR Part 450.322; and

WHEREAS, the GCLMPO Amended 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program is a direct subset of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency designated the GCLMPO as a marginal non-attainment area for the 2008 ozone standard effective on July 20, 2012 and due to improved air quality in the region was re-designated as a maintenance area on August 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the transportation conformity analysis of the GCLMPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is based on the most recent estimates of population, employment, travel and congestion; and

WHEREAS, the GCLMPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is financially constrained; and

WHEREAS, there are no transportation control measures in the North Carolina State Implementation Plan (SIP) that pertain to the GCLMPO planning area; and

WHEREAS, the most recent vehicle emissions model was used to prepare the quantitative emissions analysis; and

WHEREAS, the projects and programs included in the GCLMPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan contribute to annual emissions reductions as shown by the quantitative emissions analysis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization finds that both the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Amended 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program conform to the purpose of the North Carolina State Implementation Plan (or base year emissions, in areas where no State Implementation Plan is approved for found adequate by the EPA) in accordance with the Clean Air Act as Amended and 23 USC 134 on this the 24th day of March, 2022.

A motion was made by Mr. Eaddy and seconded by Mr. Black for the adoption of the following resolution and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

I, **Scott Neisler**, Chairperson of the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Board, duly held on the 24th day of March, 2022.

Scott Neisler

Scott Neisler, MPO Board Chairperson
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ATTESTED:

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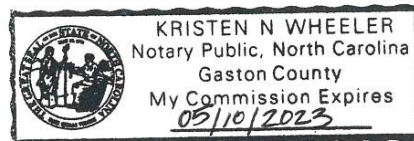
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Gaston County

I, Kristen N. Wheeler, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that **Scott Neisler** personally appeared before me on this the 28 day of March, 2022, and acknowledge the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Kristen N. Wheeler

Kristen N. Wheeler
Notary Public



My Commission expires May 10, 2023.

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GASTON-CLEVELAND-LINCOLN MPO 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN: ACRONYMS

ACRONYM	TERM
AADT	Annual Average Daily Traffic
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
BOT	Board of Transportation
BRT	Bus Rapid Transit
CAA	Clean Air Act
CATS	Charlotte Area Transit System
CE	Categorical Exclusion
CIP	Capital Improvement Program
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program
CMP	Congestion Management Process
CRAFT	Charlotte Regional Alliance for Transportation
CRTPO	Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization
CTP	Comprehensive Transportation Plan
DAQ	Division of Air Quality
EJ	Environmental Justice
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAST Act	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
GCLMPO	Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization
GIS	Geographic Information System
HOT	High Occupancy Toll lane
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle
ITS	Intelligent Transportation System
LAP	Locally Administered Project
LOS	Level of Service
LPA	Lead Planning Agency
MA	Maintenance Area
MCM	Metrolina CommunityViz Model (Land Use Model)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MRM	Metrolina Regional Model (Travel Demand Model)
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
NAA	Nonattainment Area
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NCAMPO	North Carolina Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
NCDOT	North Carolina Department of Transportation
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHS	National Highway System
PL	Planning Funds

<i>ACRONYM</i>	<i>TERM</i>
PPP	Public Participation Plan
RAISE	Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity
RPO	Rural Planning Organization
SIP	State Implementation Plan
SPOT	Strategic Planning Office of Transportation
SOV	Single Occupancy Vehicle
STI	Strategic Transportation Investment Law
STIP	Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan
STP	Surface Transportation Program
STP-DA	Surface Transportation Program - Direct Attributable
TAP	Transportation Alternatives Program
TCC	Technical Coordinating Committee
TCM	Transportation Control Measures
TCSP	Transportation and Community and System Preservation Program
TDM	Travel Demand Management
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TMA	Transportation Management Area
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
UZA	Urbanized Area
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled



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