JOINT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between the
NORTHWEST LOUISIANA REGION
the
EAST TEXAS REGION
and the
NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGION

WHEREAS, the Northwest Louisiana Region consists of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Desoto, Lincoln, Red River, and Webster parishes; and,

WHEREAS, the East Texas Region consists of Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood counties; and,

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Region consists of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise counties; and,

WHEREAS, transportation of people and goods is extremely important to the three regions of Northwest Louisiana, East Texas and North Central Texas with thousands of customers traveling between the regions every day; and,

WHEREAS, major highway and railway corridors travel through the three regions of Northwest Louisiana, East Texas and North Central Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the East Texas Corridor Council is actively seeking higher speed rail for freight and passengers along the I – 20 corridor; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need for interregional cooperation on transportation issues affecting the three regions of Northwest Louisiana, East Texas and North Central Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

Section 1 The Northwest Louisiana, East Texas and North Central Texas regions will coordinate planning for future passenger rail service traveling through the three regions.

Section 2 The Northwest Louisiana, East Texas and North Central Texas regions will coordinate planning for Intelligent Transportation Systems along the U.S. 80 and I – 20 corridors.

Section 3 The Northwest Louisiana, East Texas and North Central Texas regions will coordinate planning for truck and rail freight goods movement.

Section 4 The Northwest Louisiana, East Texas and North Central Texas regions will coordinate planning for the I-69 (High Priority Corridor 18) Corridor.

Section 5 The Northwest Louisiana, East Texas and North Central Texas regions will coordinate on public transportation, including Human Services Transportation Planning programs as directed by each state.