



## **SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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### **A RESOLUTION**

#### **APPROVING ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND VARIABILITY: PLANNING TOOLS FOR TWIN CITIES AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

WHEREAS, The Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (TwinCATS) comprises thirteen political jurisdictions identified as a U.S. Census Metropolitan Statistical Area;

WHEREAS, TwinCATS provides a crucial local component in a partnership among federal, state, and local agencies for the delivery of a national transportation system for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; and

WHEREAS, Decisions on transportation priorities, projects, and investments are critical to individual communities and the larger metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Transportation decisions are based on their long-term regional impacts and as a response to short and long-term inputs that influence transportation movement; and

WHEREAS, The community forums hosted by Great Lakes Integrated Sciences and Assessments Center (GLISA) climate scientists and Michigan State University (MSU) Extension specialists will discuss locally relevant climate data, answer questions, and seek to understand the uniqueness of that community's needs; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That TwinCATS commits to provide a location for the community forums; and
2. That TwinCATS will consider the incorporation of climate change data and other information produced by the GLISA and MSU in appropriate planning documents such as the TwinCATS Long Rang Plan; and
3. That TwinCATS commitment to see the project through to its completion of the policy language; and
4. That TwinCATS staff will support the above activities.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Twin Cities Area Transportation Study

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: December \_\_\_\_, 2012

Mr. Robert Judd-Policy Chair

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