

RESOLUTION 2020-4 APPROVING THE 2020-2023 MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION AS REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR MICHIGAN REGION 4

WHEREAS, the SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION has been designated as the state regional planning organization for the Michigan planning region 4; and

WHEREAS, the SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION is authorized and qualified to assist in designing and conducting a regional transportation planning process to be described in a work program (PROGRAM) on its own behalf and for MDOT; and

WHEREAS, the SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION desires to have the continuing cooperation of MDOT in the regional transportation planning process, and MDOT, having an interest in the regional transportation planning process as it relates to regional transportation planning, is willing to cooperate with the SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to annual state legislation, certain funds included in MDOT's budget are to be allocated among the designated state planning regions for the purpose of carrying out regional transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 23 United States Code (USC) Section 133, certain Surface Transportation Program funds, and pursuant to Title 23 USC Section 307, certain federal State Planning and Research (SPR) funds are to be made available to the states through the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), for the purpose of conducting highway planning and research studies necessary for the development of safe and efficient transportation systems, and certain State Planning funds are available to local areas for cooperating with MDOT in developing the State Long-Range Transportation Plan and the statewide Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 49 USC Section 26 of the Federal Transit Act Amendments of 1991, certain Transit Planning and Research Program funds are to be available to states for the purpose of encouraging and promoting the development of transportation systems, embracing

various modes of transportation in a manner that will serve the states and local communities efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), which is responsible for administering the Title 49 USC Section 5303 and Section 5304 programs, has designated MDOT as the state agency to control and administer certain Section 5303 and Section 5304 funds; and

WHEREAS, MDOT, in cooperation with the FHWA and the FTA, desires to enter into an agreement with the SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 25th of August, 2020 that the SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION shall formally agree as the regional planning organization for Michigan Region 4, to be a party to the 2020-2023 Master Agreement with the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

ATTEST:

Teri Sue Freehling – SWMPC Chair