

RESOLUTION NO. 2334

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SWLA-RPC) FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SWLA-RPC TO APPLY FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT (BUILD) GRANT FOR A MULTIMODAL TRANSIT HUB IN LAKE CHARLES.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission (SWLA-RPC) and the Lake Charles Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) prepare and adopt metropolitan and regional comprehensive plans; **AND**

WHEREAS, transportation is an essential element in both metropolitan and regional plans for both short-term and long-term implementation; **AND**

WHEREAS, transit is a demonstrated need among multiple public and private riders including students, elderly, handicapped, and employees; **AND**

WHEREAS, transit affects both intra and inter city transportation providing access to public and private transit operators across a broad spectrum of the population; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Lake Charles Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has considered amending its 2050 Metropolitan transportation Plan to include a new consolidated urban and regional transportation hub in the City of Lake Charles to incorporate rail access; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) identifies multimodal transportation and transit access a critical public asset encompassing tourism oriented transit; **AND**

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Charles conveniently owns the current AMTRAK Passenger rail terminal; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Greyhound/Flexbus Transport Company is currently seeking a permanent new terminal within the City of Lake Charles; **AND**

WHEREAS, there is currently additional available property to accommodate an expanded transportation hub for the metropolitan and regional area by leveraging scarce resources among several public and private stakeholders; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is desirous of taking advantage of the unique circumstances for extended coordination and public benefit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SWLA-RPC) FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SWLA-RPC TO APPLY FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT (BUILD) GRANT FOR A MULTIMODAL TRANSIT HUB IN THE CITY OF LAKE CHARLES.

THIS RESOLUTION BEING APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

ATTEST: 
Michael Hollier, AICP, Director


Jacob Dillehay, Chair