

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
RELATIVE TO THE CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA PORTION
OF THE DALTON-WHITFIELD COUNTY URBANIZED AREA (UZA)**

This MOU is between the Chattanooga-Hamilton County/North Georgia Transportation Planning Organization (CHCNGATPO) and the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization (GDMPO).

Relative to the transportation planning activities and responsibilities for the portion of Catoosa County, Georgia, that lies within the GDMPO UZA and extends into the boundaries of the CHCNGATPO.

- I. IT IS UNDERSTOOD BY THE PARTIES:**
- A. That the United States Bureau of Census establishes boundaries for Urbanized Areas (UZAs);
 - B. That the Governors of Tennessee and Georgia designated CHCNGA TPO as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Chattanooga UZA which includes a major portion of Catoosa County, Georgia;
 - C. That the Governor of Georgia designated the GDMPO as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dalton-Whitfield County UZA;
 - D. That the UZA boundary established for the GDMPO extends into the southeast portion of Catoosa County, Georgia, which lies adjacent to Whitfield County, Georgia;
 - E. That said portion of Catoosa County presently lies within the boundaries of the CHCNGATPO;
 - F. That said portion of Catoosa County is already served by the CHCNGATPO (confirmed by previous agreements dated 2007 and 2010); and

II. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE PARTIES:

- A. That transportation planning activities/responsibilities be conducted within the confines of the metropolitan planning boundaries of the respective Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and
- B. That the CHCNGATPO administer all planning responsibilities and funding activities associated with said portion of Catoosa County and the boundaries of CHCNGATPO; and
- C. That coordination between both the GDMPO and CHCNGATPO be established; and

III. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GDMPO WILL:

- A. Release any and all transportation planning responsibilities/activities associated with said portion of Catoosa County and the boundaries of CHCNGATPO; and
- B. Share and coordinate products, documents and studies which impacts said portion of Catoosa County and the boundaries of CHCNGATPO; and
- C. Continue involvement/availability for input on decisions concerning transportation issues and projects impacting said portion of Catoosa County and the boundaries of CHCNGATPO.

IV. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CHCNGATPO WILL:

- A. Assume any and all transportation planning responsibilities, activities and funding associated with said portion of Catoosa County and the boundaries of CHCNGATPO; and
- B. Share and coordinate products, documents and studies which immediately impacts said portion of Catoosa County and the boundaries of CHCNGATPO; and
- C. Administer the development of documents or other requirements necessary to fulfill the planning process for said portion of Catoosa County and the boundaries of CHCNGATPO.

This MOU expresses the intentions of the parties to carry out the responsibilities for said portion of Catoosa County and the boundaries of CHCNGATPO. Nothing contained herein shall allow the undertaking of any act, project, study, analysis or expenditure of funds by either party until a contract is executed. Furthermore, nothing contained herein shall prohibit either party's undertaking any act, project, study or analysis which the party is required by law or contract to undertake as part of any other program.

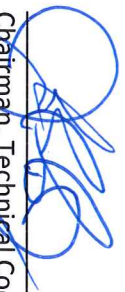
This MOU shall remain in effect until either party requests amendment or dissolution of this agreement.

These parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding, this 5th day of March 2012.

Chattanooga-Hamilton County/North Georgia Transportation Planning Organization



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Chairman, Technical Coordinating Committee
Executive Director, Chattanooga-Hamilton County
Regional Planning Agency

Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization



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