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(DESIGNATING RC)

Lancaster County

Resolution No. R-10-0007

**Whereas:** Lancaster County has a full-time public employee on staff, or has obtained the services of a full-time public employee (an interlocal cooperation agreement, if applicable, is attached) who is fully qualified and has the time and interest in serving as a "Responsible Charge" (RC) for this project. The designated RC will be in day-to-day responsible charge of all aspects of the project, from planning through post-construction activities, with the express purpose of doing all things necessary for the project to remain eligible for federal-aid transportation project funding; and

**Whereas:** the RC will ensure that, at a minimum, (1) the project receives independent and careful development, supervision and inspection, (2) the project is constructed in compliance with the plans and specifications, (3) all aspects of the project, from planning through construction activities, including all environmental commitments, remain eligible for federal funding, and (4) decisions made and actions taken for the project have adequate supporting documentation filed in an organized fashion.

For purposes of this resolution, the following definitions will apply:

**Fully qualified** means a person who has satisfactorily completed all applicable Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) training courses and who has met the other requirements necessary to be included on the NDOR list of qualified Local Public Agency (LPA) RCs.

**Full-time public employee** means a public employee who meets all the requirements and is afforded all the benefits of full-time employees as that phrase is applied to other employees of the employing public entity. A person is not a full-time public employee if that person provides outside private consulting services, or is employed by any private entity, unless that person can prove to NDOR in advance, that employee's non-public employment is in a field unrelated to any aspect of the project for which federal aid is sought.

**Public employee** means a person who is employed solely by a county, a municipality, a political subdivision; a Native American tribe; a school district; another entity that is either designated by statute as public or quasi-public; or an entity included on the list of entities determined by the NDOR, and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as fulfilling public or quasi-public functions.

**Responsible charge** means the public employee who is fully empowered by the LPA and has actual day-to-day working knowledge and responsibility for all decisions related to all aspects of the federal-aid project from planning through construction project activities, including all environmental commitments. The RC is the day-to-day project manager, and the LPA's point-of-contact for the project. Responsible charge does not mean merely delegating the various tasks; it means active day-to-day involvement in identifying issues, investigating options, working directly with stakeholders, making decisions, and actively monitoring project construction. It is understood that the RC may delegate or contract certain technical tasks associated with the project so long as the RC actively manages and represents the owner's interests in the delegated technical tasks.

**Be It Resolved:** by the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County that:

Doug Pillard, Road Design Engineer, is hereby designated as Responsible Charge (RC) for pre-construction and Jim Plouzek, Construction Engineer, for construction phases, in accordance with the Project Program Agreement previously executed, the NDOR LPA Guidelines Manual for Federal-aid Projects, and all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines for the following Federal-aid transportation project:

NDOR Project Number STPE - 3305(9),

NDOR Control Number 12541,

Denton East.

Lancaster County assures and agrees that:

- 1) It has authorized and fully empowered the RC to be in day-to-day responsible charge of the subject federal-aid project; this does not mean merely supervising, overseeing or delegating the various tasks, it means active day-to-day involvement in the project including identifying issues, investigating options, working directly with stakeholders, and decision-making.
- 2) The RC is a full-time public employee.
- 3) The RC is fully qualified and has successfully completed required training to serve as a RC.
- 4) It will allow the RC to spend all time reasonably necessary to properly discharge all duties associated with the project, including ensuring that all aspects of the project, from planning through post-construction activities, remain eligible for federal-aid highway project funding.
- 5) It will not assign other duties to the RC that would affect his or her ability to properly carry out the duties set out in this agreement.
- 6) It will provide necessary office space, materials and administrative support for the RC.
- 7) It will fully cooperate with, support and not unreasonably interfere with the day-to-day control of the RC concerning the acts necessary for making the project eligible for federal funding.
- 8) It will take all necessary actions and make its best good faith efforts to comply and assist the RC in complying with all federal and state requirements and policies applicable to federal-aid transportation projects, including, but not limited to, all applicable requirements of 23 CFR 635.105.
- 9) It will take all necessary actions and make its best good faith efforts to ensure that the RC's work on the project would be deemed to meet the same standards that the Nebraska Department of Roads must meet under 23 CFR 635.105.
- 10) It will comply with the conflict-of-interest requirements of 23 CFR 1.33.
- 11) It will notify NDOR immediately in the event the designated RC(s) will no longer be assigned to the project. **A supplemental agreement designating a replacement RC may be required by NDOR.**
- 12) It is ultimately responsible for complying with all federal and state requirements and policies applicable to federal-aid highway projects. This includes meeting all post-construction environmental commitments. The LPA understands that failure to meet any eligibility requirements for federal funding may result in the loss of all Federal funding for the project. In the event that the acts or omissions of RC, the LPA or its agents or representatives result in a finding that a project is ineligible for Federal funding, the LPA will be required to repay NDOR some or all previously paid Federal funds and any costs or expenses NDOR has incurred for the project, including but not limited to, those costs for the RC.

Lancaster County understands that the following are the duties of the RC:

- a) Serve as the LPA's contact for issues or inquiries for Federal-aid projects assigned by the LPA;
- b) Ensure that all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines are followed during the development and construction of the project;

