



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING
INCREASED STATE FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS the 84th Texas Legislature passed historic legislation proposing a constitutional amendment on the state ballot (Proposition 7) affecting the state's roads, highways and bridges; and

WHEREAS this is "The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for non-tolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt;" and

WHEREAS the proposed amendment will aid in maintaining the current transportation infrastructure and will ease congestion by funding new projects for added capacity without any new or increased taxes, fees or debt; and

WHEREAS a strong transportation system is fundamental to Texas' quality of life and economic vitality, attracting new businesses and generating new jobs; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendment would result in an estimated \$3 billion per year for the state highway fund;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **AUSTIN AREA RESEARCH ORGANIZATION (AARO)** supports the proposed Proposition 7 Amendment on the November 3, 2015 ballot to address Texas' transportation infrastructure needs.

ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015 BY THE MEMBERS OF AUSTIN AREA RESEARCH ORGANIZATION.

Ashton Cumberlandbatch, President