

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, pursuant to federal law, the Governor of the State of Texas designated the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Austin region in 1973; and

WHEREAS, (CAMPO) is the organization responsible for coordinating regional transportation planning in the six county region that includes Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties; and

WHEREAS, this organization approves the use of federal and state transportation funds within the region via the Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, CAMPO is governed by the Transportation Policy Board, comprised of regional and local officials representing member counties and cities with a population of at least 50,000, per the Joint Powers Agreement; and

WHEREAS, currently, the City of Austin is by far the most under-represented entity on the Transportation Policy Board with Austin at 43% of the population in the region but only 20% of the representation on the board; and

WHEREAS, a 2003 Virginia Tech study found that underrepresentation of urban areas is prevalent among Metropolitan Planning Organizations across the country, and correlates with a decrease in funding for transit and other alternative modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, there are other ways of addressing proportionality on MPO boards such as weighted voting or thresholds for small city representation; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council will expand from 7 to 11 members on January 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the representation of the board can be changed through an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The Austin City Council supports the addition of at least one City of Austin representative to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board.

BE IT RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to take the necessary steps to initiate this change to the Joint Powers Agreement.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk