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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	44416	Agenda Number	20.
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Meeting Date:	5/7/2015	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Approve a resolution to designate alternates for the City of Austin council members serving on the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is the official Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Central Texas region. An MPO is a federally funded and required transportation policy-making body with representatives from local jurisdictions and transportation service providers. The purpose of an MPO is to provide a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive ("3 C") transportation planning process. Federal funding for transportation is channeled through the MPO planning process specified by federal law (23 USC § 134 and 49 USC § 5303).

CAMPO is governed by the Transportation Policy Board (TPB), which provides policy guidance and direction for the continuing transportation planning process. The TPB has ultimate responsibility for the total transportation process including, but not limited to, review and approval of the recommended transportation plan and transportation improvement program. There are 20 voting members of the Board including a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The TPB meets on a monthly basis and requires at least 10 members to be present to have a quorum to conduct business.

The CAMPO Bylaws state that a TPB member may designate an alternate to exercise some or all of that member's authority as a member of the TPB. The alternate designated by a member will count toward quorum and may vote on any matter authorized by the member designating the alternate. A person designated as a voting alternate may vote as an alternate on behalf of only one designating member. A member who designates an alternate shall file written notice of the alternate's name and voting authority to the Chairperson prior to the first meeting for which the alternate is designated and the authority of an alternate designated shall continue until it is rescinded or changed by written notice from the designating member to the Chairperson. A member of the TPB may appoint a proxy to attend and speak at the meeting, but that proxy does not count towards quorum nor can the proxy vote, unless designated by the organization's appointing body as an alternate.

Of the 20 voting TPB members, the City of Austin is represented by four City Council members. As the appointing body for the City of Austin, the Council may appoint TPB alternates in case a council member representative is unable to attend a TPB meeting, thus allowing the alternate to vote and count towards quorum. Previous councils have passed a resolution that allows any one of the Council Members serving on the TPB to act as an alternate for another in the event the original council member is unable to attend a TPB meeting. Transportation Department staff recommends approval of this action to establish similar proxy designations.