

8. TPC APPROVAL OF EX-OFFICIO MEMBER APPOINTMENT

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Bylaws authorize the TPC Chair to appoint non-voting ex-officio representatives to the TPC as may be appropriate. These appointments are subject to approval by a majority of the TPC's voting membership. Ex-officio members serve in an advisory, non-voting capacity and may participate in TPC discussions but may not initiate or second motions. This appointment process has been used by the TPC to provide representation from entities and interests that contribute to regional transportation policy and planning.

CURRENT SITUATION

The TPC Chair would like to appoint Senator Brett Ligon, representing Texas State Senate District 4, as a non-voting ex-officio member of the TPC. The appointment would provide a direct connection between the TPC and the Texas Senate District 4 area and support continued communication regarding regional transportation priorities. Consistent with the TPC Bylaws, the Chair's appointment is subject to approval by a majority of the voting TPC membership.

Senator Ligon currently represents Texas Senate District 4, which includes Chambers County and portions of Galveston, Harris, and Montgomery counties within the H-GAC region. As a state senator, he can serve as an important connection between regional transportation priorities identified by the TPC and the state legislative process, helping communicate regional needs and priorities to state policymakers.

ACTION REQUESTED

Transportation Policy Council approval of the appointment of Senator Brett Ligon as a non-voting ex-officio representative.