

7. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS TO AT-LARGE POSITIONS

Background

The Transportation Policy Council (TPC) serves as the Policy Board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The [TPC Bylaws](#) define the membership and other policies related to the TPC. The TPC approves the membership of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Transportation Safety Committee (TSC). The TAC reviews and evaluates H-GAC's regional transportation plans and provides its recommendations to the TPC. The TSC advises the TPC on the development of its safety programs, as well as promote traffic safety coordination with other planning activities. The [TAC Bylaws](#) and [TSC Bylaws](#) show the composition of those committees. Staff invites member appointments and nominations for at-large positions on the TPC and TAC at the end of each year. TSC membership terms are for two (2) years.

Current Situation

TPC voting members and alternates are invited to appoint a representative and designated alternate to the TPC and TAC as per the membership included in the Bylaws. In addition, staff is requesting nominations to at-large positions on the 2022 TPC, TAC, and TSC.

An at-large position on the TPC approved by the TPC members is Other Transportation Interests (1 position).

The 21 at-large positions on TAC include:

- Cities of less than 50,000 population (3 positions)
- Public Transit Agencies (3 positions excluding METRO, which has a separate position on TAC)
- Ports (1 position for Ports excluding Port of Houston, which has a separate position on TAC)
- Toll Roads (2 positions)
- Airports (1 position)
- Environmental (2 positions)
- Planning (3 positions)
- Active Transportation (2 positions)
- Business Interests (2 positions)
- Citizen Interests (2 positions)

The 23 Traffic Safety Committee positions include:

- Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Emergency Management (5 positions)

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- Healthcare/Education/Social Service/Advocacy Groups or Interested Citizens (6 positions)
- Private Shippers & Carriers (2 positions)
- Public Transit, State, City, County Engineering & Planning (8 positions)
- Railroads & Ports (2 positions)

Consideration to diversity (geography, race, ethnicity, gender) in the nominations to the above committees is highly encouraged in an attempt to balance nominations to create broad-based committees representing the region's diversity in terms of population and demographic characteristics. Nomination forms must be returned to Lucinda Martinez at lucinda.martinez@h-gac.com by December 3, 2021 to be considered by the TPC nominating committee.

The nominations for the at-large positions will be discussed by the 2022 TPC Nominating Committee and the recommendations will be presented to the TPC for approval in January.

Action Requested

Information only.