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Agenda Information Sheet

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

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SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas, appointing a Primary and Alternate Member as official voting representatives to the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council (Hereinafter "RTC"); and providing an effective date. The Mobility Committee recommends approval (3-0).

BACKGROUND

In 2014, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved a revision to its Bylaws and Operating Procedures to reflect changes in membership based on the NCTCOG's most recent population and employment figures. The revision included a provision to cluster the City of Denton with several Denton County municipalities with populations greater than 5,000 to meet an optimal population threshold of 208,000 per each RTC seat. The Cities of Denton, Corinth, Lake Dallas, and Sanger were grouped in the same cluster. The 2008 RTC Bylaws revision allows for each seat on the RTC to have an Alternate Member in addition to the Primary Member. The Alternate Member enjoys voting authority and may represent the entity or cluster cities, should the Primary Member not be able to attend a particular meeting.

The City of Denton maintains metropolitan planning organization status due to the population threshold established in the 1990 Census, the City of Denton has the authority to appoint representatives to the RTC. Councilman Kevin Roden was appointed by the City Council on May 6, 2014, Resolution 2014-014, to represent Denton and cluster cities as the Primary Member. On July 6, 2016, the Denton City Council appointed Council Member Sara Bagheri as the RTC Alternate.

Prior to the October RTC Meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Roden notified staff that his business schedule would not permit regular attendance to monthly RTC meetings. He suggested that Council Member Bagheri step in as the Alternate and that staff initiate the process to replace him as the Primary RTC Representative for the City of Denton. Council Member Bagheri has attended three RTC meetings since her appointment as Alternate, one as an orientation and two in her official capacity as the Alternate representing Denton on behalf of Mayor Pro Tem Roden. Council Member Bagheri has also participated in several staff initiated transportation infrastructure meetings relating to priority projects, funding allocations and state/regional planning initiatives.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW:

On November 8, 2016, the Mobility Committee recommended (3-0) that Council Member Bagheri be considered by City Council to serve as the City of Denton RTC Representative and that Mayor Pro Tem Roden be appointed as the Alternate.

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint Council Member Bagheri to serve as the City of Denton RTC Representative and appoint Mayor Pro Tem Roden to serve as the Alternate.

SCHEDULE

RTC representatives and Alternates serve a two-year term beginning in June of even numbered years. Primary and Alternate Members appointed at this time will serve until the end of May 2018. The next RTC meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2016.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: **Organizational Excellence**

Related Goal: **1.6 Collaborate with local, regional, state, and federal partners**

EXHIBITS

1. Resolution 2014-014
2. City of Denton Certificate - Board and Commission Appointees dated July 6, 2016
3. Mobility Committee Minutes
4. Resolution

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