



Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

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Subject

Consider, and act upon, nominations for a primary and an alternate member to serve on the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the Dallas/Fort Worth area for the cities of Allen, Rowlett, Sachse, Wylie, Murphy, Lucas, Parker, and Lavon.

Recommendation

A motion to nominate _____ as the primary member and _____ as the alternate member to serve on the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the Dallas/Fort Worth area for the cities of Allen, Rowlett, Sachse, Wylie, Murphy, Lucas, Parker, and Lavon.

Discussion

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC), composed primarily of local elected officials, is the transportation policy body for the MPO. The RTC is responsible for direction and approval of the Regional Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, the Congestion Management System, and the Unified Planning Work Program, and for satisfying and implementing federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to the regional transportation planning process.

Membership on the Regional Transportation Council is either by direct membership or group representation. Currently, the Cities of Allen, Rowlett, Sachse, Wylie, Murphy, Lucas, Parker, and Lavon share a seat on the Regional Transportation Council. The Cities of Parker and Lavon were added when the Bylaws were updated in November 2022. Each seat on the Regional Transportation Council will be provided a primary member and permitted an alternate member. The RTC's Bylaws and Operating Procedures state that "the person representing a group of several cities shall be selected by the mayors using a weighted vote of the maximum population or employment of the cities represented, and the person selected shall serve a two-year term beginning in July of even-numbered years and shall be serving on one of the governing bodies they represent." A table containing population and employment figures is enclosed. The Bylaws further state that in the spirit of integrated transportation planning, all cities within a city-only cluster are eligible to hold the RTC membership seat for the cluster, and the cities should strongly consider rotation of the seat among the entities within the respective cluster. Items to consider when contemplating seat rotation may include: 1) a natural break in a member's government service, such as the conclusion of an elected term, 2) a member's potential to gain an officer position or advance through the officer ranks, 3) a member's strong performance and commitment to transportation planning, or 4) the critical nature of a particular issue or project and its impact on an entity within the cluster.

An alternate member is the individual appointed to represent an entity or group of entities on the Regional Transportation Council in the absence of the primary member. The alternate member must be predetermined in advance of a meeting and will have voting rights in the absence of the primary member. An entity or group of entities may elect to appoint its alternate member(s) from a pool of eligible nominees. The same requirements apply to alternate members as to primary members. If a primary member is an elected official, then the alternate member must also be an elected official; if a primary member is a

non-elected individual, then the alternate member can be either a non-elected individual or an elected official. A best practice for city-only clusters may be to appoint the alternate member from an eligible entity within the cluster that is not providing the primary member.

The current primary representative is Chris Schulmeister, Mayor pro tem, City of Allen, and the current alternate representative is Matthew Porter, Mayor, City of Wylie. The City may choose to appoint a new primary representative and/or alternate representative. All appointments, whether a reappointment or new appointment, must be received by June 30, 2024. Per the RTC Bylaws, the new two-year terms begin in July.

The City of Allen has notified the City that with one year remaining in Mayor *pro tem* Schulmeister term of office, he has decided not to seek a new term; however, Allen Councilmember Michael Schaeffer has expressed a willingness to serve as the Primary Representative to the RTC with Mayor Porter of the City of Wylie continuing as the Alternate Representative.