

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to federal law, the Governor of the State of Texas designated the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Austin region in 1973; and

**WHEREAS**, (CAMPO) is the organization responsible for coordinating regional transportation planning in the six county region that includes Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, this organization approves the use of federal and state transportation funds within the region via the Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, CAMPO is governed by the Transportation Policy Board, comprised of regional and local officials representing member counties and cities with a population of at least 50,000, per the Joint Powers Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, the City of Austin is by far the most under-represented entity on the Transportation Policy Board with Austin at 43% of the population in the region but only 20% of the representation on the board; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2003 Virginia Tech study found that underrepresentation of urban areas is prevalent among Metropolitan Planning Organizations across the country, and correlates with a decrease in funding for transit and other alternative modes of transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, there are other ways of addressing proportionality on MPO boards such as weighted voting or thresholds for small city representation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Austin City Council will expand from 7 to 11 members on January 6, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the representation of the board can be changed through an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The Austin City Council supports the addition of at least one City of Austin representative to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board.

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to take the necessary steps to initiate this change to the Joint Powers Agreement.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk