

## Janet GeorgeMurr

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**From:** Ken Putnam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2016 2:54 PM  
**To:** Mariate Echeverry  
**Cc:** Gary Jackson; Cathy Ball; Elias Mathes; Janet GeorgeMurr  
**Subject:** RE: Urban transit rep on the MPO board

Mariate, please get this task added to the Transit Committee's and MMTC's agendas and schedule a meeting in the next two weeks for you, Eli, and I to work on the nomination process. Thanks!

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**From:** Gary Jackson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2016 2:46 PM  
**To:** Ken Putnam  
**Cc:** Cathy Ball; Mariate Echeverry; councilgroup  
**Subject:** Re: Urban transit rep on the MPO board

Good action plan Ken!

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On Nov 1, 2016, at 2:42 PM, Ken Putnam <[KPutnam@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:KPutnam@ashevillenc.gov)> wrote:

Gary, based on the provided information, staff recommends the following action plan:

- Staff will develop a nomination process based on the "transit official" terminology (highlighted in yellow below). Based on that terminology, staff believes the position should be filled by a Transit Committee member.
- Review the subject information with the Transit Committee on November 15, 2016.
- Review the subject information with the MMTC on December 14, 2016 (combined November and December meeting).
- Seek City Council approval on January 10, 2017.
- Submit a nomination by the January 26, 2017 MPO Board meeting.

Please let me know if additional information is needed.

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**From:** Ken Putnam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2016 2:22 PM  
**To:** 'Lyuba Zuyeva'  
**Cc:** Tristan Winkler; Gary Jackson; Cathy Ball; Mariate Echeverry  
**Subject:** RE: Urban transit rep on the MPO board

Very good update and clarification Lyuba! **The City of Asheville will make a nomination by the January 26, 2017 MPO Board meeting.** Please let me know if additional information is needed.

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**From:** Lyuba Zuyeva [<mailto:lyuba@landofsky.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2016 2:06 PM  
**To:** Ken Putnam  
**Cc:** Tristan Winkler; Gary Jackson; Cathy Ball; Mariate Echeverry  
**Subject:** RE: Urban transit rep on the MPO board

Ken, Mariate and everyone-

When the federal regulations were updated a couple years ago, the MPOs over 200,000 were required to include transit representation on their governing boards. At that time, the French Broad River MPO Board has adopted a resolution (attached) setting up two seats for transit representatives on the French Broad River MPO Board—one to rotate between agencies receiving urban/5307 funding, and another one to rotate between agencies receiving rural/5311 funding. Currently, Henderson County and the City of Asheville are the only two beneficiaries of 5307 funding. The Regional Transit Operators group recommended drawing lots to decide on the first round of agencies to nominate a representative—Henderson County was selected to nominate an urban transit representative two years ago, and Haywood County was asked to nominate a rural representative. Carole Edwards has been serving on behalf of rural public transit perspective. John Mitchell was nominated from Henderson County but has not been actively participating in the FBRMPO Board meetings. The two-year cycle is up and now it is time for the City of Asheville to nominate an urban transit representative, and for Buncombe County to nominate a rural transit representative to the FBRMPO Board for a two-year cycle.

Please note that this transit representation change, while reflected in a resolution, is not yet reflected in the FBRMPO MOU—due to the time commitment involved in updating the MOU with 22 agencies, we expect that this change will be included after the Census 2020 update as part of the next FBRMPO MOU adoption.

MPO staff would ask that a nomination be made by January 26, 2017 MPO Board meeting. If the City of Asheville declines to nominate a transit representative to the MPO Board, they would forego this seat and another agency (Henderson County) can nominate a representative for the current two-year cycle. Based on MPO staff understanding of “transit official” terminology, a high-level public transit staff member, a transit advisory committee or board member, or an elected official from the City of Asheville may be nominated. They would be subject to the state ethics requirements and have to fill out an SEI form in order to become a fully voting FBRMPO Board member. Transit representatives are also asked to attend the Regional Transit Operators group meetings in order to stay abreast of regional transit issues.

Please let me know if you have any follow-up questions.  
Lyuba

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**Subject:** RE: Urban transit rep on the MPO board

Good afternoon Lyuba! Could you please shed some light on the Urban Transit seat? Thanks!

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**From:** Ken Putnam

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2016 1:34 PM

**To:** Gary Jackson  
**Cc:** Cathy Ball; Mariate Echeverry ([MEcheverry@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:MEcheverry@ashevillenc.gov))  
**Subject:** RE: Urban transit rep on the MPO board

Good afternoon Gary! I was not aware of this “open” spot but I will check it out.

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**From:** Gary Jackson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2016 11:57 AM  
**To:** Ken Putnam  
**Cc:** Cathy Ball; councilgroup  
**Subject:** Fwd: Urban transit rep on the MPO board

Appointment process? Has this come up for us before? Recommendation?

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**From:** Julie Mayfield <[juliemayfield@avlcouncil.com](mailto:juliemayfield@avlcouncil.com)>  
**Date:** October 31, 2016 at 7:15:42 PM EDT  
**To:** Gary Jackson <[gjackson@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:gjackson@ashevillenc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Gwen Wisler <[gcwisler@lepirtle.com](mailto:gcwisler@lepirtle.com)>  
**Subject:** Urban transit rep on the MPO board

Hi Gary – Ken and marinate may already know this, but at the MPO meeting last week we were told that the City has the opportunity to fill the Urban Transit seat on the MPO Board. I’m not sure when that takes effect, but I just wanted to pass that along in case the staff had not heard. I’d be curious to know who they are thinking will fill that spot, and Gwen and I wondered whether that appointment would have to be approved by council. This has never happened before, so we’re in new territory.

Thanks  
Julie



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