

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE
APPOINTMENTS OF PATRICIA KEPLER,
CHARITY FAIN AND HEIDI GUENIN AS
CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES
COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-4675

Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
Martha Bennett in concurrence with
Council President Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, Metro Code Sections 2.19.030(b) and 2.19.180(b)(6), and the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) bylaws, provide that the Metro Council President shall appoint members of TPAC, subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, TPAC coordinates and guides the regional transportation planning program in accordance with the policy of the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, TPAC has three seats for citizen members currently vacant; and


WHEREAS, the Metro Council President has made the following appointments to fill the TPAC vacancies:

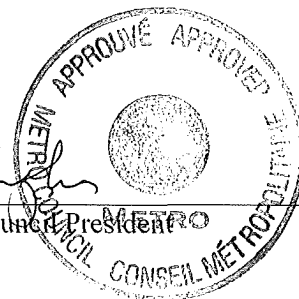
Appointment, Two-Year Term:

1. Patricia Kepler, independent living specialist, Independent Living Resources. (Appoint to complete Two-Year Term – January 2016 through December 2017)
2. Charity Fain, executive director, Community Energy Project. (Appoint to complete Two-Year Term – January 2016 through December 2017)
3. Heidi Guenin, executive director, Sustainable Transportation Council. (Appoint to complete Two-Year Term – January 2016 through December 2017)

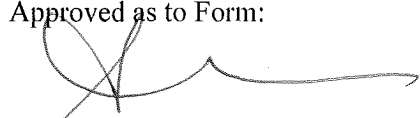
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Metro Council hereby confirms the Metro Council President's appointment of the foregoing individuals to serve as TPAC citizen members, for the terms noted above.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 21st day of January 2016.


Tom Hughes, Council President



Approved as to Form:

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Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-4675, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
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BACKGROUND

The Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) provides technical advice to the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council regarding transportation planning and policy. TPAC has 21 members: 15 technical staff from governments in the region and 6 interested community members. The community members represent various areas of transportation expertise, parts of the region and community perspectives. The selection committee sought in particular applicants with expertise in the following areas as they relate to transportation planning: economic development, freight movement, and trade; and the needs of underrepresented residents such as people of color, people with low income, people with disabilities, seniors, and youth.

Currently TPAC has three vacant citizen member seats, each for 2-year terms. All three nominees were interviewed as a part of the public recruitment process during the December of 2015.

Members nominated are as follows:

- **Patricia Kepler**

Ms. Kepler is an independent living specialist with Independent Living Resources, an advocacy organization for people with disabilities. She is a member of TriMet's Committee on Accessible Transportation; a commissioner Oregon Disabilities Commission; and a commissioner on the Oregon Commission for the Blind. She also served for 12 years on Beaverton Disability Advisory Council. She will bring to TPAC her background as both a professional advocate for people with disabilities and a person who experiences a disability herself (Ms. Kepler is legally blind). She holds an MA Organizational Leadership, and is pursuing a PH.D in Public Policy. She resides in Washington County, in the city of Aloha.

- **Charity Fain**

Ms. Fain is the executive director at Community Energy Project, Portland-based nonprofit that works to address home environmental health, comfort, and safety issues and facilitates connections to services. She works regularly with community groups and serves as the chair of the Multnomah County Healthy Homes Coalition. She has also served on the board of Metro East Community Media, a local Slavic group. She resides in SE Portland.

- **Heidi Guenin**

Ms. Guenin is the Executive Director of the Sustainable Transportation Council, which focuses on improving performance of transportation plans and projects. Her work and interests enable her to work regularly with groups focused on housing, transportation, poverty, homelessness, social justice, and economic development. She is an active volunteer with the Center for Intercultural Organizing and New Avenues for Youth. She resides in SE Portland.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition:** None.
2. **Legal Antecedents:** Metro Code Sections 2.19.030 (a) and (b) and 2.19.180 (b)(6); Metro TPAC Bylaws.
3. **Anticipated Effects:** Approval fills all vacancies for citizen members on TPAC.
4. **Budget Impacts:** None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 16-4675