



Board Report

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EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE JULY 18, 2019

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

APPOINT the Conference Of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) SoCal to the Transportation Business Advisory Council.

ISSUE

The Transportation Business Advisory Council (TBAC) was created in 1992 by Assembly Bill 152 and codified into law as Public Utilities Code Section 130051.19(c). The purpose of TBAC is to advise the Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (Metro) on matters regarding women and minority business enterprises.

Small business organizations interested in becoming members of TBAC must submit applications to the TBAC membership committee. TBAC's membership committee evaluates the applications to determine whether the organization's mission aligns with TBAC's charter. Organizations recommended for TBAC membership are forwarded to Metro's Board of Directors for consideration and appointment. Public Utilities Code Section 130051.19(c) provides that "Members of the council shall be selected by the authority..." The term "authority," although not expressly defined in the statute, has been generally interpreted to mean Metro's Board of Directors. To comply with Section 130051.19(c), Metro's Board of Directors must select or appoint TBAC members.

BACKGROUND

On March 24, 2016, Metro's Board of Directors approved sixteen (16) business organizations to TBAC in accordance to Public Utilities Code section 130051.19(c), which created TBAC, and which states the following: "The authority shall establish a Transportation Business Advisory Council to advise it on matters regarding the disadvantaged business enterprise program to enable the authority to meet or exceed women and minority business enterprise participation goals. Members of the council shall be selected by the authority, and shall include representatives of professional organizations and other groups which advocate on behalf of greater participation of women and minority business enterprises in public contracts. The chairperson of the authority or his or her

designee shall meet with the council, and the authority shall provide adequate staff support for the council, and shall consider all recommendations made by the council.”

On September 28, 2017, Metro’s Board of Directors approved an additional three (3) business organizations to TBAC.

DISCUSSION

Considerations

In accordance with defined statute, staff is advancing the Conference Of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) SoCal for TBAC membership consideration and appointment by Metro’s Board of Directors. The organizations have submitted applications along with the required supporting documentation affirming that they are located in Los Angeles County and advocate on behalf of small, disadvantaged, minority, or women business enterprises.

If appointed by the Metro Board, COMTO SoCal will be the 20th organization to be added to the current TBAC organization membership listed below:

1. American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California
2. Arab American Association of Engineers & Architects: California Chapter
3. Arab American Association of Engineers & Architects: Golden State Chapter
4. Asian American Advertising Federation
5. Asian American Architects & Engineers Association
6. Black Business Association
7. Filipino American Society of Architects & Engineers
8. Hispanic Engineers Business Corp.
9. Los Angeles Chapter - Elite Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business Network
10. Los Angeles Chapter of National Organization of Minority Architects
11. Los Angeles Chapter of the Disabled Veteran Business Alliance
12. Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce
13. National Association of Minority Contractors
14. National Association of Women Business Owners - Los Angeles
15. National Association of Women in Construction - Los Angeles
16. Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
17. Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers - Los Angeles Chapter
18. Women’s Business Enterprise National Council - West
19. Women’s Transportation Seminar - Los Angeles Chapter

NEXT STEPS

Upon the approval of the business organization, Metro staff will notify TBAC Membership that the Metro Board of Directors has approved COMTO as a member of TBAC.

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