



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** February 4, 2014

**Prepared By/Phone Number:** Melissa Velasquez, Judge's Office, x49555

**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM THE CAPITAL AREA RURAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (CARTS) TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF KIM PORTERFIELD TO REPRESENT CARTS ON THE LONE STAR RAIL DISTRICT BOARD, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2016.

### **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:**

Travis County Commissioners Court appoints two members to the Lone Star Rail District Board of Directors. The County's current appointees are Commissioner Bruce Todd (representing the Commissioners Court) and CARTS Board Member and Hays County Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe (representing CARTS, the rural transportation provider in Travis County). Commissioner Ingalsbe's term will expire on February 1, 2014.

The CARTS Board of Directors has appointed Ms. Kim Porterfield, the City of San Marcos representative to the CARTS Board, to represent CARTS on the Lone Star Rail District Board of Directors.

The Commissioners Court confirms CARTS appointment to the Lone Star Rail District Board, making the appointment official.

In accordance with the Rail District's governing statute and bylaws, each Board member serves a two-year term. Board members are eligible to serve another two-year term and all Board members remain on the Board until they or another representative is appointed.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Recommend approval.



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January 27, 2014

Honorable Sam Biscoe, County Judge  
Travis County  
PO Box 1748  
Austin TX 78701-1748

RE: CARTS appointment to Lone Star Rail District Board of Directors

Dear Judge Biscoe,

The CARTS Board of Directors met on Thursday, January 23, 2014 and took action to appoint Ms. Kim Porterfield, the City of San Marcos representative to the CARTS Board, to represent CARTS on the Lone Star Rail District Board of Directors.

If I can provide additional information, or if additional action is needed on our part, please let me know.

Thank you for your continued assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Marsh", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

David L. Marsh  
General Manager  
CARTS

cc: Edith Moreida  
Alison Schulze  
Kim Porterfield

# ***LONE STAR RAIL DISTRICT***

**Rail District Statutory Authority**  
Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes  
Title 112  
Chapter 13—Miscellaneous Railroads

## **Article 6550c-1. Intermunicipal Commuter Rail Districts**

### **Section 3: BOARD**

Sec. 3. (a) A district is governed by a board of directors. The board is responsible for the management, operation, and control of the district.

(b) The board is composed of the following members:

- (1) two public members appointed by the commission;
- (2) one elected member of the governing body of each political subdivision that has become a part of the district under Section 2 of this article;
- (3) one elected member appointed by the regional planning organization of which a creating municipality is a part;
- (4) one member appointed by each creating municipality to represent the business community of the municipality;
- (5) one member appointed by each authority created under Chapter 451, Transportation Code, that serves a creating municipality;
- (6) one member appointed by each county in which a creating municipality is located to represent transportation providers that provide service to rural areas in the county;
- (7) one member appointed by each entity that has become a part of the district under Section 2 of this article; and
- (8) one member appointed by all other board members to represent all municipalities in the district that do not otherwise have representation on the board and who shall be an elected official of one of those municipalities.

(c) If a vacancy occurs on the board, a successor shall be appointed or elected in the same manner as the original appointment or election. Each member serves a staggered two-year term with as near as possible to half of the members' terms expiring February 1 of each year. If one or more members are added to the board, the board members other than the new members shall determine the lengths of the new members' terms so that one-half, or as near one-half as possible of the members serve terms expiring each year.