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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Commission Members

**FROM:** Cliff Lippard  
Executive Director

**DATE:** 28 June 2023

**SUBJECT:** Commission and Staff Updates

### **Commission Update**

Per our enabling statute and bylaws, our members are to elect a chair and vice chair for two-year terms. Chairman Yager and Vice Chairman Brooks's terms began in June 2021, so we will be taking nominations for both offices at this meeting. The chairman must be a member of the General Assembly. Both Chairman Yager and Vice Chairman Brooks are eligible to stand for reelection.

Since our last meeting we have had two new members appointed and several members reappointed. Finance and Administration Commissioner Jim Bryson has been appointed by Governor Lee, and Mayor Paige Brown of the City of Gallatin has been appointed by Lieutenant Governor McNally. Mayor Kevin Brooks, Mayor Rogers Anderson, Senator Jeff Yarbro, Mr. Calvin Clifton, and Mr. Kevin Peach have all been reappointed.

### **Staff Update**

Research Director Mark McAdoo is retiring next month after 30 years of service to the State of Tennessee. Dr. McAdoo has had an exceptional career across three state agencies, serving ten years each with the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Department of Transportation, and TACIR. Mac has contributed greatly to several research projects during his time with TACIR, with two of the most notable being the Public Infrastructure Needs Inventory and our soon to be completed study on intercity passenger rail. A senate resolution honoring the service of Dr.

McAdoo is located at the back of this tab. Please join me in congratulating Mac on his outstanding career and this momentous accomplishment.

Next, in recognition of her excellent work and potential for further professional development, Jennifer Barrie is being promoted, effective July 1, to fill the research director position vacated by Dr. McAdoo's retirement. Please join me in congratulating Jennifer on her promotion.

We have a few other milestones to recognize this meeting. First, Deputy Executive Director Melissa Brown has reached 25 years of service to the State of Tennessee. Melissa also recently completed TACIR's comprehensive training pyramid, becoming the third staff member to do so. Next, Research Manager Bob Moreo has achieved 10 years of state service. Please join me in congratulating Melissa and Bob.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that three new research associates have joined us since our last meeting. Please join me in welcoming Jennifer Arzate, Carly Van Syckle, and Madison Moffitt. Jennifer holds a Master of Arts in Sociology degree from Middle Tennessee State University, while Carly holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of New York at Albany, and Madison holds a Professional Science Master's degree from the Tennessee Technological University. Please join me in welcoming Jennifer, Carly, and Madison.