

2018-19 Advisory Council Officer Candidate Statements

Nomination for Tegin Teich, Transportation Planner, City of Cambridge for Chair of the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee, 2018-2019

I am pleased to have the opportunity to run for another term as Chair of the Regional Transportation Advisory Council. Over the past years, I've focused on building relationships, increasing my capacity and knowledge about MPO processes, and optimizing the Advisory Council's role in providing input to the MPO. In the coming year, I plan to work closely with the Vice Chair to build her technical capacity, deepen her relationship with other MPO members, and support her efforts to bolster membership.

By continuing for another year, I will be able to use the experience and institutional knowledge that I've gained over the last several years to provide input to the MPO's recertification process. In the coming year, we will also continue to build momentum for input into the larger LRTP process.

I am a Watertown resident and have lived in the Boston area (including Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Arlington, Belmont, Weymouth, and Natick) for more than 20 years. I have Masters degrees in both Urban Planning and Transportation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. I have worked for the last ten years as a transportation planner, first in the private sector, and now for the City of Cambridge.

If elected for another year, I will continue to work with the Vice Chair, Advisory Council members, and CTPS to provide both meaningful input to the MPO as well as facilitate interesting topics for discussion at Advisory Council meetings.

Vice Chair Nominee AnaCristina (AC) Fragoso, Boston Society of Civil Engineers, for Vice Chair of the Regional Transportation Advisory Council, 2017-18

I am very happy to have the chance to run for another year of service as Vice Chair of the Regional Transportation Advisory Council. This year, I will work closely with the Chair, supporting her and other members in advising the MPO.

I was born in Europe, raised in the US and moved to Boston in 1998. I graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. Afterwards, I settled in Lowell with my husband Tyson.

I have been heavily involved with the Boston Society of Civil Engineers. I have sat on several boards and currently chair the Government Affairs and Professional Practice Committee. I volunteer at many outreach events such as the Future City and Model Bridge Competitions. I am also a member of Women in Transportation Seminars and the American Council of Engineering Companies. I host a television show called 'Civil Engineering Today' for the Boston Neighborhood Network. The program highlights local projects and events in Boston that impact transportation in the City and surrounding municipalities. I have become a strong advocate for ideas that would improve all forms of transportation, particularly public transportation. I look forward to continuing my advocacy through the Advisory Council.

I will also continue working to increase the Council's membership, building a core group of like-minded individuals that understand the importance of transportation and the need for improvement. Over the past year, I have learned a lot and feel others could also benefit from involvement the Council and the awareness it brings of transportation issues in the region.