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H.B. No. 856

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to Internet broadcasts of open meetings held by the policy  
3 board of a metropolitan planning organization.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 472, Transportation Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 472.036 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 472.036. INTERNET BROADCAST AND ARCHIVE OF OPEN  
8 MEETINGS. In a manner that complies with Section 551.128(c),  
9 Government Code, a metropolitan planning organization shall  
10 broadcast over the Internet live video and audio of each open  
11 meeting held by the policy board. Subsequently, the organization  
12 shall make available through the organization's Internet website  
13 archived video and audio for each meeting for which live video and  
14 audio was provided under this section.

15 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
16 an open meeting held on or after the effective date of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.