

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**May 8, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB3593** by Burkett (Relating to the online access to open board meetings of metropolitan planning organizations.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p><b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require certain metropolitan planning organizations to broadcast certain meetings over the Internet and archive such meetings on their website. The bill would require the policy board to post the minutes of each open meeting on the policy board's Internet website not later than 10 days after the date the policy board approves the minutes.

**Local Government Impact**

There would be costs associated with the provisions of the bill, including the upgrading of camera equipment, possible contract for services, and addition of technical services. Depending on the size and resources of each individual metropolitan planning organization, these costs could be significant.

The North Central Texas Council of Government reported board meetings are already recorded and the video is provided within 24 hours of the meeting online and archived for several years; however at times, a meeting is held offsite, causing an increase of costs associated with the provisions of the bill.

The Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization reported costs associated with implementing the bill would be moderate.

The Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization reported estimated costs of \$83,931 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, including costs of equipment, online streaming, and a new staff member, and ongoing costs of \$42,931 to \$67,931 in FY 2017 to FY 2020 to comply with provisions of the bill.

**Source Agencies:**

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