

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**April 19, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Terry Canales, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB4520** by Morales Shaw (Relating to equitable representation in decision making for transportation planning.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Transportation Code by adding Section 201.6016 to require the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to develop and implement a policy for equitable decision making in the transportation planning process. The bill would require the policy to: (1) analyze race, ethnicity, gender, disability, and geographic representation in positions and on boards, commissions, and committees responsible for transportation planning-related decisions; (2) analyze public participation in TxDOT's planning processes to ensure that people of all races, ethnicities, genders, abilities, socio-economic status, languages, and geographic locations are successfully participating; and (3) establish guidelines for TxDOT, the Texas Transportation Commission, and certain regional and local transportation planning and decision-making entities to achieve equitable representation.

Based on the information provided by TxDOT, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 601 Department of Transportation

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