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H.B. No. 856

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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