



# Proposed Bylaws Changes

# Why change the bylaws?

- The original bylaws were adopted in 2006, with one minor update in 2009
- NADO's bylaws were re-written in 2015, with several changes
  - RPO America is a program affiliate of NADO; consistency seemed appropriate
- Some of NADO's committee structures have changed, making the RPO America bylaws inconsistent with current practice of the NADO Board of Directors
- Recognize importance of RTPOs in NADO's membership

# Proposed changes: Purpose and Duties

- Add more information to Purpose and Duties, consistent with NADO Bylaws
- Emphasize working “in cooperation with state and federal government officials in devising and implementing effective policies and programs whose principal objectives are to improve regional economies, strengthen local governments, and improve both the quality of life and the access to economic opportunity for all residents.”

# Proposed changes: Purpose and Duties

- Add language to call out the importance of multimodal transportation networks, as well as safe connectivity to metro regions, essential services, and freight gateways.

# Proposed changes: Membership

- NADO's core membership is multijurisdictional, multi-function regional planning and development organizations
  - RDOs, COGs, RPCs, EDDs, etc. are Full members of NADO
  - All others are considered "Associate" members of NADO
- But through RPO America, NADO also serves all RTPOs/RPOs, regardless of whether they are housed in/staffed by an RDO

# Proposed changes: Membership

- Proposed bylaws would allow Associate members of NADO to be full, voting members of RPO America and run for RPO America office by payment of additional RPO America dues
- This is currently prohibited, so RTPOs not staffed by an RDO have less role in RPO America than RTPOs that are affiliated with an RDO
- Full membership in RPO America would not change  
Associate status in NADO

# Proposed changes: Voting

- The current bylaws have two separate sections on voting
- Proposed changes consolidate those sections, clarify the appointment of alternates, and allow for electronic voting

# Proposed changes: Steering Committee

- Allow Associate members of NADO who upgrade to full RPO America membership to run for office
- One member of NADO's executive committee on the RPO America Steering Committee, along with RPO America Officers



# Proposed changes: Nominations

- Smaller nominating committee proposed, of five members rather than seven

# Proposed changes: RPO Council

- Purpose: provide advice, input, and counsel to the Steering Committee of the Association, along with the NADO Board of Directors, regarding information sharing and development of policy analysis and positions
- Roles of committees and committee chairs

# Proposed changes: Meetings

- “Annual” changed to “periodic”
  - The National Regional Transportation Conference has gotten off cycle in recent years, with some conferences 18 months apart
  - The meeting is tied to the conference
- Quorum: Changed to 10% to match NADO bylaws

# Bylaw amendment process

- RPO America members (which are NADO member organizations) vote on proposed bylaw amendments
- If approved, the NADO Board of Directors votes on the bylaw amendments
  - Next NADO Board meeting: September 2017
- If adopted by the NADO Board, updated bylaws take effect