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As you know, a big concern of mine over the years has been excessive focus on local and regional concerns during the transportation project selection and planning process. Not enough attention has been paid to the big picture of statewide transportation needs during that process. Part of the problem seems to me to be the structure of the transportation commission. The commission has eleven members, each of whom represents a single transportation region, which quite naturally can lead to parochialism during the project selection process at the expense of sufficient attention to system wide needs.

I would like to propose that the TLRC consider running a bill to add two at-large members, one from the East Slope and one from the West Slope, to the transportation commission. The task of these members would be to ensure that the commission more diligently considers statewide needs when choosing which transportation projects to include in the statewide transportation plan and eventually fund.

Sincerely,

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