Agenda Item V-c

Date: November 17, 2026
To: Monadnock Regional Coordinating Council for Community Transportation
From: Staff
RE: Associate-Level Membership

Background

In many professional organizations, associate-level membership refers to role on a committee with limited voting rights. Creating such a role on the MRCC could allow interested parties to participate in only the MRCC activities that apply most directly to their interests.

Associate-Level membership benefits could include provisions like:

- Optional attendance that would not impact quorum
- Participation in discussion welcomed throughout the meeting rather than in public comment only
- Involvement in discussion accepted in an advisory capacity
- No voting rights
- Not eligible to serve as an officer
- Not permitted to assign an alternate
- Invitation into closed sessions by vote of the Council
- Conflict of Interest statement requirement
- Confidentiality agreement requirement
- Inclusion on a secondary roster

If an Associate-Level member category is approved by the council and the State Coordinating Council (SCC), MRCC would need to update its Bylaws to reflect the new category by a supermajority (2/3) vote.

Recommendation

Approve the concept of Associate-Level membership and forward proposed changes to the MRCC bylaws to SCC to solicit feedback. Approve changes to bylaws at a future meeting if the concept is approved by SCC.