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Erica Tait Named New MPO Director

Jonesboro, AR—On Thursday, April 9, 2015 the Transportation Policy Committee of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) named Erica Tait of Jonesboro the new Director of the organization, effective immediately.

Ms. Tait has recently held the position of Assistant MPO Planner. The Committee chose to promote Ms. Tait to the position of Director, because of her demonstrated ability and to help provide continuity to the organization.

“I am very excited to be working in an even greater capacity with the public and the region’s elected officials to help with planning and recommendations on transportation issues of both today and the future,” said Ms. Tait.

City of Jonesboro Alderman John Street, Chair of the Transportation Policy Committee, is enthusiastic about the choice. “We are very confident that Erica will do a great job leading the MPO. She has shown us already she is the right choice for the job.”

Ms. Tait brings many years of experience in administration, management, and finance to the position. She is a member of both the American Planning Association and the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

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Patrick Dennis, the former director, resigned recently. He will work with the MPO in a limited capacity until a new Assistant MPO Planner can be hired.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization provides technical assistance related to transportation and development planning; conducts special transportation studies; and engages in a variety of other activities that promote regional planning.

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