

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
200 E. Riverside Drive Room 1A.2, Austin, Texas
March 30, 2017 1:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present and Participating:

Rob Stephens, Chair
John McBeth, Vice Chair
J.R. Salazar
Jim Cline
Joseph Kopser

Committee Members Participating via Teleconference:

Michelle Bloomer

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Josh Ribakove, Communications Manager, PTN
Kelly Kirkland – Business Operations Project Manager, PTN
Kari Banta – Program Manager, PTN
Paul Moon – Program Manager, PTN
Steve Wright – Program Manager, PTN

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Rob Stephens called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety Briefing.

Josh Ribakove gave a safety briefing for attendees at 1:02 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Introduction of all current Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) members.

Rob Stephens opened this item at 1:04 P.M. All attending members provided a brief spoken introduction about themselves, as did participating TxDOT staff.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Approval of minutes from January 26, 2017 meeting (Action).

Rob Stephens opened this item at 1:07 P.M.

MOTION J.R. Salazar moved to approve the January 26, 2017 meeting minutes.

SECOND Jim Cline seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 1:07 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 5: TxDOT's Public Transportation Division Director's report to the committee regarding public transportation matters.

Eric Gleason began his report at 1:08 P.M. The report began with a legislative update which touched on TxDOT's current Legislative Appropriations Request (baseline and exceptional), and House Bill 1140, which recognizes urban areas with populations over 200,000 as a separate and distinct designation. Director Gleason spoke next about two current calls for projects – section 5310 (enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities) and section 5304 (regionally coordinated transportation planning). Finally, he touched on fleet replacements funded through the TIGER program.

Comments and discussion among John McBeth, Jim Cline, Joseph Kopser, Rob Stephens, J.R. Salazar, and Eric Gleason.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Review and discussion of areas of Texas Administrative Code under consideration for 2017 rulemaking efforts. Detailed discussion on Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 and 5339 programs (Action).

Eric Gleason opened this item at 1:29 P.M. Mr. Gleason gave a presentation focused on rulemaking opportunities for the committee to consider, with a focus on the section 5310 and 5339 programs. TxDOT program managers Kari Banta (section 5310) and Paul Moon were present as subject matter experts.

Comments and discussion among Joseph Kopser, Rob Stephens, Michelle Bloomer, J.R. Salazar, Jim Cline, John McBeth, Kari Banta, and Eric Gleason.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Update and discussion on regionally coordinated public transportation efforts (Action).

Eric Gleason introduced this item at 2:38 P.M. He discussed the current call for projects

Program manager Steve Wright was present as a subject matter expert.

Comments and discussion among Rob Stephens, Michelle Bloomer, Jim Cline, John McBeth, J.R. Salazar, Josh Ribakove, and Eric Gleason.

Public comments on this item from:

- Naomi Chaves – South Plains Association of Governments
- Rina Bale – Permian Basin MPO
- Kyle Ingham – Panhandle Regional Planning Commission
- Aida Martinez – South Plains Association of Governments (South Plains Regional Coordination Advisory Committee)

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Discussion and development of PTAC Work Plan based on PTAC's guiding principles and comments made at the January 22, 2015 meeting (Action).

Rob Stephens led this discussion beginning at 3:15 P.M.

Comments from Jim Cline and John McBeth.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Public Comment

Rob Stephens introduced this item at 3:20 P.M.

There were no additional public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Propose and Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting; confirm date of next meeting (Action).

Rob Stephens initiated and led this discussion beginning at 3:21 P.M. The next meeting will include further discussion of areas of Texas Administrative Code under consideration for 2017 rulemaking efforts.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 1 P.M. Location TBD.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Adjourn (Action).

MOTION John McBeth moved to adjourn.

SECOND J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

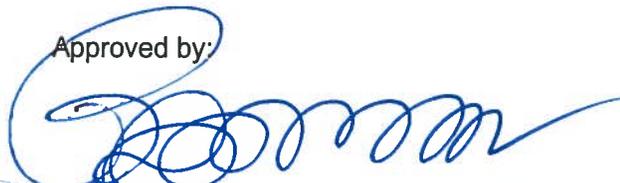
Meeting adjourned at 3:22 P.M.

Prepared by:



Josh Ribakove

Approved by:



Rob Stephens, Chair