

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
3712 Jackson Avenue, Room 324, Austin, Texas
June 6, 2017 1:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present and Participating:

Rob Stephens, Chair
John McBeth, Vice Chair
J.R. Salazar

Committee Members Participating via Teleconference:

Jim Cline
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

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Rob Stephens called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety Briefing.

Josh Ribakove gave a safety briefing for attendees at 1:01 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Introduction of Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) members and comments from PTAC members.

Rob Stephens opened this item at 1:02 P.M. He introduced the members who attended the meeting, both in person and via Webex/conference call. No member comments.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Approval of minutes from March 30, 2017 meeting (Action).

Rob Stephens opened this item at 1:03 P.M.

MOTION J.R. Salazar moved to approve the March 30, 2017 meeting minutes.

SECOND John McBeth seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 1:03 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 1:04 P.M. The report began with a legislative update which touched on a newly created funding category: Large Urban Transit Districts (population greater than 200,000); TxDOT's budget (approved, but not signed into law as of 6/6/2017); upcoming Commission awards; TxDOT's internal compliance requirement; federal apportionments; and TxDOT-PTN's upcoming Semiannual Transit Operators Business Meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the committee.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Review and discussion of areas of Texas Administrative Code under consideration for 2017 rulemaking efforts. Follow-up on the March 30, 2017 meeting's discussion plus discussion of state and federal funding formulas (Action).

Eric Gleason opened this item at 1:10 P.M. During this item, the committee recessed at 2:45 P.M. and reconvened at 3:02 P.M.

Mr. Gleason first gave a brief follow-up presentation focused on the section 5310 and 5339 programs. TxDOT program managers Kari Banta (section 5310) and Paul Moon (section 5339) were present as subject matter experts.

Mr. Gleason then gave a lengthier presentation focused on the state funding formula and federal rural (section 5311) programs.

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

No action taken.

Public comment from Dave Marsh, Capital Area Rural Transit System (CARTS).

AGENDA ITEM 7: 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 opened this item at 3:36 P.M.

No comments from the committee.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Public Comment

Rob Stephens introduced this item at 3:37 P.M.

There were no additional public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Propose and discuss agenda items for next meeting; confirm date of next meeting (Action).

Rob Stephens initiated and led this discussion beginning at 3:40 P.M. The next meeting will include draft rules for committee discussion and potential approval.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 1 P.M. at 200 e. Riverside Drive, Room 1A.2, Austin.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Adjourn (Action).

MOTION J.R. Salazar moved to adjourn.

SECOND John McBeth seconded the motion.


Meeting adjourned at 3:41 P.M.

Prepared by:



Josh Ribakove

Approved by:



Rob Stephens, Chair