

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
200 E. Riverside Drive Room 1A.1, Austin, Texas
October 24, 2017 1:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present and Participating:

Rob Stephens, Chair
J.R. Salazar

Committee Members Participating via Teleconference:

John McBeth, Vice Chair
Michelle Bloomer
Jim Cline

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Josh Ribakove, Communications 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 1:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of minutes from July 25, 2017 meeting (Action).

Rob Stephens opened this item at 1:01 P.M.

MOTION John McBeth moved to approve the July 25, 2017 meeting minutes.

SECOND J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 1:03 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 5 (taken out of order): Discussion of public comments regarding proposed rule changes to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 31 and recommended final rule package. (Action).

Eric Gleason opened this item at 1:04 P.M. Mr. Gleason explained that no public comments had been received.

Comments from Michelle Bloomer, John McBeth, and Eric Gleason. John McBeth suggested that PTAC send a letter of thanks to the Commission.

MOTION John McBeth moved to approve TxDOT's proposed rule changes.

SECOND Jim Cline seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 1:11 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 4 (taken out of order): TxDOT's Public Transportation Division Director's report to the committee regarding public transportation matters.

Eric Gleason began his report at 1:15 P.M. The report touched on:

- The FTA State Safety Operations program, which will be administered by TxDOT's Public Transportation Division (PTN) beginning November 1, 2017
- Transportation Development Credits, which can now be distributed by PTN without specific Commission approval
- PTN's call for rural facility construction projects – Commission awards are anticipated in December
- PTN's current TIGER grant proposal, which was not selected by TxDOT as one of three that the agency will bring forward to FTA this year

AGENDA ITEM 6: 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 1:28 P.M.

Comments from John McBeth and Eric Gleason.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Public Comment

Rob Stephens introduced this item at 1:34 P.M.

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Propose and Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting; confirm date of next meeting (Action).

Rob Stephens initiated and led this discussion beginning at 2:17 P.M. Two agenda items were proposed by John McBeth:

- A refresher presentation by Texas A&M's Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) on TxDOT's Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) and funding, with an emphasis on rural funding and the need to increase it
- The House Speaker's interim charges to committees, particularly regarding contracting options and limitations. The focus would be on changing state statute so TxDOT could allow transit subgrantees to have pre-award authority to spend funds. Mr. McBeth also mentioned a "letter of no prejudice" and suggested that TxDOT's legal division give a presentation addressing all of this

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 2018. Date TBD. Time TBD. Location TBD.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Adjourn (Action).

MOTION John McBeth moved to adjourn.

SECOND J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:41 P.M.

Prepared by:



Josh Ribakove

Approved by:



John McBeth, Vice Chair