MINUTES FOR ADOPTION
Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
200 E. Riverside Drive Room 2B.1, Austin, Texas
March 27, 2018 1:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present and Participating:
John McBeth, Chair (selected by the committee during this meeting – Agenda Item 3)
J.R. Salazar
Ken Fickes

Committee Members Participating via Teleconference:
Michelle Bloomer
Jim Cline, Vice Chair (selected by the committee during this meeting – Agenda Item 3)

TxDOT Present and Participating:
Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Josh Ribakove, Communications Manager, PTN

Non-TxDOT Present and Participating:
Michael Walk, Research Scientist, Texas A&M’s Texas Transportation Institute (TTI)
James Cardenas, Research Scientist, Texas A&M’s Texas Transportation Institute (TTI)

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.
John McBeth 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: Selection of a new chairperson and vice chairperson (Action).
John McBeth introduced this item at 1:02 P.M.

   MOTION  Ken Fickes nominated John McBeth for committee chair.

   SECOND  J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

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

   MOTION  John McBeth nominated Jim Cline for committee vice chair.

   SECOND  Ken Fickes seconded the motion.

          The motion passed unanimously at 1:04 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Approval of minutes from January 18, 2018 meeting (Action).
John McBeth opened this item at 1:04 P.M.
MOTION  J.R. Salazar moved to approve the January 18, 2018 meeting minutes.
SECOND  Ken Fickes seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 1:04 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 1:05 P.M. The report touched on federal funding, anticipated Commission action through June 2018, the Legislative Appropriations Request letter that PTAC will be working on over the next several months, and Transit Asset Management plans.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Follow-up presentation by Texas A&M's Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) on Texas transit needs assessment. Committee discussion of near-term funding priorities. (Action).

John McBeth introduced this topic at 1:10 P.M. Eric Gleason provided some context for today's presentation, after which Michael Walk (TTI) began the presentation.

Questions and comments from Eric Gleason, John McBeth, Jim Cline, Michelle Bloomer, James Cardenas, JR Salazar, and Josh Ribakove.

No action taken.

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).

John McBeth introduced this item at 1:58 P.M.

Questions and comments from Ken Fickes and Eric Gleason.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Public Comment

John McBeth introduced this item at 1:59 P.M.

There was one comment, from Jay Blazek Crossley, ED of Farm and City, a transit-focused nonprofit.

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

John McBeth initiated and led this discussion beginning at 2:02 P.M. Proposed agenda item: Discussion of today’s TTI report in the context of 1x1DOT’s Legislative Appropriations Request. The next meeting will be held in May. Date to be determined.
No action taken.

**AGENDA ITEM 12: Adjourn (Action).**

**MOTION**  Michelle Bloomer moved to adjourn.

**SECOND**  J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 P.M.

Prepared by:  

Josh Ribakove

Approved by:  

John McBeth, Chair