MINUTES FOR ADOPTION
Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
200 E. Riverside Drive Room 2B.1, Austin, Texas
May 8, 2018 10:00 A.M.

Committee Members Present and Participating:
John McBeth, Chair
Jim Cline, Vice Chair
J.R. Salazar
Ken Fickes

Committee Members Participating via Teleconference:
Michelle Bloomer
Christina Melton Crane

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

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.
John McBeth called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety Briefing.
Josh Ribakove gave a safety briefing for attendees at 10:02 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of minutes from March 27, 2018 meeting (Action).
John McBeth opened this item at 10:03 A.M.

MOTION  J.R. Salazar moved to approve the March 27, 2018 meeting minutes.
SECOND Ken Fickes seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 10:03 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 4: TxDOT’s Public Transportation Division Director’s report to the committee regarding public transportation matters.
Eric Gleason began his report at 10:04 A.M. The report touched on federal apportionments for FY 2018, anticipated Texas Transportation Commission action, the TxDOT Public Transportation Division’s customer satisfaction survey for grant subrecipients, the TxDOT Semiannual Business Meeting for Transit Operators, and TxDOT’s FTA application for State Safety Oversight certification.
AGENDA ITEM 5: Discussion of Texas A&M's Texas Transportation Institute's current Texas transit needs assessment to consider a recommendation for TxDOT's Legislative Appropriations Request. (Action).

John McBeth introduced this topic at 10:40 A.M. Eric Gleason provided some context for today's discussion.

Discussion among Eric Gleason, John McBeth, Jim Cline, Michelle Bloomer, J.R. Salazar, Ken Fickes and Christina Melton Crane.

MOTION Jim Cline moved to write to the Texas Transportation Commission stating:
   a) PTAC's long-term vision is for 14-hour weekday bus service and 8-hour Saturday bus service for the state of Texas.
   b) In consideration of budget constraints, PTAC's short-term recommendation is to fund 14-hour weekday bus service only.

SECOND Ken Fickes seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 10:39 A.M.

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).

John McBeth introduced this item at 10:40 A.M. Eric Gleason began the discussion with an overview of the handouts for this item, after which the discussion was led by John McBeth.

Discussion among John McBeth, J.R. Salazar, Michelle Bloomer, Jim Cline, and Ken Fickes.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Public Comment

John McBeth introduced this item at 11:06 A.M.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

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 11:07 A.M. No agenda items were proposed. The next meeting will be held in July. Date to be determined.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Adjourn (Action).

MOTION Michelle Blomer moved to adjourn.
SECOND  J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 A.M.

Prepared by: 

Josh Ribakove
Public Transportation Division

Approved by:

John McBeth, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee