

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION
Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
200 E. Riverside Drive Room 2B.1, Austin, Texas
October 29, 2019 10:00 A.M.

Committee Members Present and Participating:

John McBeth, Chair
J.R. Salazar
Marc K. Whyte

Committee Members Participating via Teleconference:

Dietrich M. Von Biedenfeld
Jim Cline, Vice Chair
Ken Fickes

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 10:01 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of minutes from July 25, 2019 meeting (Action).

John McBeth opened this item at 10:05 A.M.

MOTION J.R. Salazar moved to approve the July 25, 2019 meeting minutes.

SECOND Ken Fickes seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 10:06 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 10:07 A.M. The report previewed key items that would be discussed at the current meeting and also touched on bus and rail safety rules, the State Safety Oversight program, upcoming Calls for Projects, and the upcoming State Management Review.

AGENDA ITEM 6 (taken out of order): Presentation and discussion on TxDOT-PTN's Intercity Bus Program Strategic Direction Final Report (Action).

Eric Gleason introduced this topic at 10:16 A.M.

Questions and comments: John McBeth, Marc Whyte, Jim Cline, J.R. Salazar, Ken Fickes.

MOTION Ken Fickes moved to adopt the report.

SECOND Jim Cline seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 10:31 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 5 (taken out of order): Presentation and discussion on upcoming work to determine 2020 Census impacts to public transportation funding for Texas transit providers.

Eric Gleason introduced this topic at 10:32 A.M. After a brief introduction, the presentation was given by Michael Walk, Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

Questions and comments: John McBeth, Jim Cline, Ken Fickes, Eric Gleason.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Public Comment

John McBeth introduced this item at 11:00 A.M.

There was one comment, from Robert McElhaney (Goodman Corporation). The comment related to item 5.

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

John McBeth initiated and led this discussion beginning at 11:01 A.M.

The committee anticipates a meeting during the second week of February 2020. TxDOT-PTN agreed to poll the committee for an acceptable date and time. No new agenda items were proposed

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Adjourn (Action).

MOTION Ken Fickes moved to adjourn.

SECOND Marc Whyte seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Prepared by:

Approved by:



Josh Ribakove
Public Transportation Division



John McBeth, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee