MINUTES FOR ADOPTION
Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
200 E. Riverside Drive Room 2B.1, Austin, Texas
April 30, 2019 10:00 A.M.

Committee Members Present and Participating:
John McBeth, Chair
J.R. Salazar
Ken Fickes
Marc K. Whyte
Dietrich M. Von Biedenfeld

Committee Members Participating via Teleconference:
Jim Cline, Vice Chair

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 January 24, 2019 meeting (Action).
John McBeth opened this item at 10:04 A.M.

MOTION    Ken Fickes moved to approve the May 8, 2018 meeting minutes.
SECOND    Jim Cline seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 10:04 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 committee membership, legislation, commission activity, TxDOT-PTN’s current call for projects for the federal Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (FTA Section 5310), Agency Safety Plans, and updates to the January 24 meeting presentation on Texas’ Intercity Bus Program.

Questions and comments: John McBeth.
AGENDA ITEM 5: Presentation and discussion on state-funded intercity bus service in the United States, and potential implications for program approach in Texas (Action).

Eric Gleason introduced this topic at 10:17 A.M. The presenter was Kelly Blume, Associate Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

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

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Presentation and discussion on state-funded intercity bus service in the state of Washington, and potential implications for program approach in Texas (Action).

Eric Gleason introduced this topic at 10:48 A.M. The presenter was Greg Wright, Community Liaison – Intercity Bus Program, Washington State Department of Transportation

Questions and comments: John McBeth, Eric Gleason.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Public Comment

John McBeth introduced this item at 11:24 A.M.

Greg Goodman of Goodman Corporation inquired about TxDOT's collection of intercity bus ridership data from Greyhound.

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 11:26 A.M.

Membership agreed to send TxDOT-PTN item proposals and issues to address within one week.

The committee selected Thursday, July 25 at 9 A.M. for the next meeting.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Adjourn (Action).

MOTION Ken Fickes moved to adjourn.

SECOND Marc K. Whyte seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 A.M.