



MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
200 East Riverside Drive, Auditorium, Austin, Texas
January 22, 2015

Committee Members Present and Participating:

J.R. Salazar, Vice Chair
Rob Stephens
John McBeth

Committee Members Participating via Teleconference:

Michelle Bloomer, Chair
Glenn Gadbois

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Bobby Killebrew, Deputy Director, PTN
Kris Dudley, Program Manager, PTN
Kari Banta, Program Manager, PTN
Josh Ribakove, Communications Manager, PTN

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Michelle Bloomer called the meeting to order at 8:46 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety Briefing.

Bobby Killebrew gave a safety briefing for attendees at 8:35 A.M. (Previous to the meeting.)

AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of minutes from November 22, 2014 meeting.

MOTION J.R Salazar moved to approve the November 22, 2014 meeting minutes.

SECOND Rob Stephens seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 8:49 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 4: TxDOT's Public Transportation Division Director's report to the committee regarding public transportation matters.

Eric Gleason spoke about items of concern, including the recent Operators Business Meeting, federal apportionments, plans for the upcoming Texas Transportation Commission meeting, and due dates for project proposals for both 5310 and the Coordinated Call, beginning at 8:51 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Discussion of general guidance and reporting requirements for the 5310 Program (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities).

Kris Dudley spoke about updates to the program and its reporting requirements at 9:04 A.M.

Public comment about this item from Judy Telge of the Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living at 9:14 A.M. Ms. Telge spoke about her organization's experience with the 5310 program, its partnerships with TxDOT and DARS, and the value of partnerships to providing 5310 transit.

Discussion among Michelle Bloomer, J.R. Salazar, Rob Stephens, John McBeth, Glenn Gadbois, Kris Dudley, Kari Banta, and Eric Gleason.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Discussion of dollar amounts needed for fleet replacement and expansion, including capital, equipment, buses, and service (Action).

Eric Gleason presented information about the dollar amounts needed for fleet replacement and expansion at 9:51 A.M.

Comments and discussion among Glenn Gadbois, John McBeth and Eric Gleason

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Discussion of committee priorities and areas of effort (Action).

Eric Gleason led a discussion of committee priorities and areas of effort at 9:51 A.M.

Michelle Bloomer requested that the PTAC work plan be brought back to the committee at the next meeting.

John McBeth asked if TxDOT could/would/had study (studied) what occurs when cities grow to over 200,000 population, and what occurs when rural areas grow to become small urbanized areas.

Comments from Glenn Gadbois and Eric Gleason.

Eric Gleason suggested that the committee have a brainstorming session on the above topics.

John McBeth suggested that the elected officials who appoint PTAC members should be contacted and reminded that committee seats are open for transit users.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Public Comment.

Judy Telge of the Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living spoke about the benefit of hiring a consultant, who informed her organization that "you don't have to own the vehicle to provide the service" [in relation to 5310] at 10:18 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Propose and Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting; Confirm Date of Next Meeting

Discussion began at 10:19 A.M.

No items were proposed. The committee decided to hold its next meeting on the already scheduled date of Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at TxDOT's Camp Hubbard Campus.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Adjourn

MOTION John McBeth moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 A.M.

SECOND J.R. Salazar.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 A.M.

Prepared by:



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Approved by:



Michelle Bloomer, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee