



MINUTES FOR ADOPTION
Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
200 E. Riverside Drive, Auditorium, Austin, Texas
January 28, 2016

Committee Members Present and Participating:

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

Committee Members Participating via Teleconference:

Michelle Bloomer

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Josh Ribakove, Communications Manager, PTN
Kelly Kirkland, Planning and Reporting Manager, PTN
Ryan Granger, Federal Relations Representative, Federal Affairs Office (FED)

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Rob Stephens called the meeting to order at 1:04 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety Briefing.

Josh Ribakove gave a safety briefing for attendees at 1:06 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of minutes from September 29, 2015 meeting (Action).

MOTION John McBeth moved to approve the September 29, 2015 meeting minutes.

SECOND J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 1:08 P.M.

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

Eric Gleason's report touched on the previous day's Transit Operators Business Meeting, the predicted TxDOT-PTN April startup for eGrants, and the current situation and status of the Texoma Area Paratransit System (TAPS).

Question and discussion: Glenn Gadbois, Eric Gleason.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Update on federal authorization (Action).

Eric Gleason introduced Ryan Granger from TxDOT's Federal Affairs Office, who gave his briefing at 1:11 P.M.

Questions and discussion: John McBeth, J.R. Salazar, Glenn Gadbois, Rob Stephens, Ryan Granger, Eric Gleason.

The committee requests another update from Ryan Granger at the March meeting, to address the concerns he was unable to address at this meeting.

Public Comment from Paulette Shelton, Ft. Bend County.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Presentation on TxDOT's federal TIGER VII grant application and subrecipients (Action).

Eric Gleason introduced Kelly Kirkland (TxDOT-PTN), who gave his briefing at 1:52 P.M.

Questions and discussion: J.R. Salazar, Glenn Gadbois, Eric Gleason.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Discussion and development of Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) Work Plan, based on PTAC's guiding principles and comments made at the January 22, 2015 meeting (Action).

Rob Stephens initiated this discussion at 2:01 P.M.

Questions and discussion: John McBeth, Glenn Gadbois, Rob Stephens, J.R. Salazar, Eric Gleason

Suggestions for work plan focus areas:

- The changing transit paradigm (Glenn Gadbois)
- Shrinking committee membership (J.R. Salazar)
- Committee diversity (Rob Stephens)
- Urban gap (John McBeth)

MOTION John McBeth moved to move forward with the current meeting's agenda.

SECOND J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 2:29 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Public Comment

Two comments from Ms. Judy Telge, Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living at 2:30 P.M.

- Ms. Telge expressed approval of the change in the 5310 process from a yearly cycle to a two-year cycle.
- Ms. Telge hopes someone from a State Independent Living Center (SILC) – or a transit end user – joins the committee.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Propose and Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting; confirm Date of Next Meeting (Action)

Rob Stephens initiated and led this discussion beginning at 2:35 P.M.

John McBeth requested a presentation from TxDOT on PTAC's Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) – past and current.

John McBeth requested an item focused on his urban gap white paper, which he distributed at the meeting.

Eric Gleason suggested an item focused on current and future committee membership.

The next meeting will be held at 1pm on Thursday, March 29 at TxDOT's Camp Hubbard campus.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Adjourn (Action).

MOTION J.R. Salazar moved to adjourn.

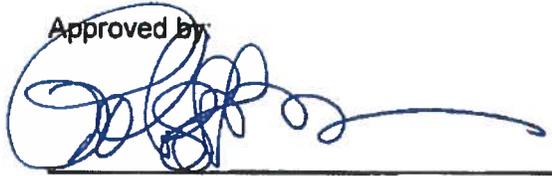
SECOND John McBeth seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:41 P.M.

Prepared by:


Josh Ribakove
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Approved by:


Rob Stephens, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee