



MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
3712 Jackson Avenue, Room 323
February 25, 2014

Committee Members Participating:

Michelle Bloomer, Chair
J.R. Salazar, Vice Chair
Glenn Gadbois
Brad Underwood

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Bobby Killebrew, Deputy Division Director, PTN
Steve Wright, Coordination Planner, PTN
Michelle Conkle, Planner, Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TPP)

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order

Michelle Bloomer called the meeting to order at approximately 1:34 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes from November 26, 2013 Meeting

MOTION Glenn Gadbois moved to approve the November 26, 2013 meeting minutes.

SECOND J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 1:35 P.M.

Safety Briefing

Bobby Killebrew provided a safety briefing at 1:36 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Division Director's Report

Eric Gleason spoke about Commission Items, FY 2014 Federal Program Apportionments, TxDOT Executive Staff changes, and MAP-21 Program Implementation at 1:37 P.M.

Questions and comments from Michelle Bloomer and Glenn Gadbois.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Presentation and discussion of TxDOT's Texas Transportation Plan 2040 (TTP)

Michelle Conkle gave a presentation on the update to the Texas long-range transportation plan at 1:41 P.M.

Comments from Glenn Gadbois, Michelle Bloomer, Brad Underwood and Eric Gleason.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Presentation and discussion of Texas Regional Coordination Public Transportation Planning

Steve Wright spoke briefly and addressed questions about regional planning coordination at 2:39 P.M.

Questions from Eric Gleason, Michelle Bloomer, J.R. Salazar and Glenn Gadbois. Eric Gleason illustrated PTAC's role in the planning process. Ms. Bloomer expressed a desire for more input from the transit community. Mr. Gleason reiterated that input was requested at the recent Semi-annual Operators' Meeting, but that none was received.

A comment was made by Ms. Bloomer on behalf of committee member Rob Stephens, who could not join the meeting today.

MOTION At 3:33 P.M., Glenn Gadbois moved that Steve [Wright, TxDOT] and PTN staff work to develop a more refined assessment of what has worked and what has not worked with regards to the coordination program. And get that to us in ample time to consider what we might want to make in terms of directions going forward, recommendations on directions going forward for this program. We then meet in April, concomitant with the April TTA meeting in Fort Worth, and have a – have our March meeting at that time. So switch from March to April. At that meeting we have scheduled enough time to have a serious discussion about what we found in [the] assessments and what we think the program ought to be doing going forward, and how to make those into statements that we can – well, so make those into statements. We can then open up for public comment for any TTA members that want to be there to add to that discussion. We then also ask PTN staff to help us arrange for a meeting with TTA, either full group or some key stakeholders, to talk with them in more detail about these are the directions we want to go, which – would it – what would the impacts be or what can we predict the impacts would be, how might that be implemented, et cetera, so that we can then develop as a – as a body a much more consistent, holistic set of recommendations.

SECOND Brad Underwood

Clarifying question from Eric Gleason

The motion passed unanimously at 3:38 P.M.

Public Comment: Mr. Lyle Nelson of Capital Area Rural Transit System (CARTS) commented on Agenda item 5 at 3:26 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Review and discussion of PTAC Work Plan consistent with committed duties as described in 43 Texas Administrative Code §1.84(b)(3) and update on current activities related to work plan elements

This Agenda item was skipped and will be addressed at a later meeting. No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Public Comment

See Public Comment under Agenda item 5.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Confirm Date of Next Meeting

See Motion under Agenda item 5.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Adjourn

MOTION Brad Underwood moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND J.R. Salazar

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 P.M.

Prepared by:



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Approved by:



Michelle Bloomer, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee