



MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
3712 Jackson Ave., Bldg. 6, Room 324, Austin, Texas
March 31, 2015

Committee Members Present and Participating:

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

Committee Members Participating via Teleconference:

Christina Melton Crain

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Kris Dudley, Program Manager, PTN
Josh Ribakove, Communications Manager, PTN
Ryan Granger, Federal Relations Representative, Federal Affairs Office (FED)

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Michelle Bloomer called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety Briefing.

Josh Ribakove gave a safety briefing for attendees at 1:00 P.M.

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

MOTION Christina Melton Crain moved to approve the January 22, 2015 meeting minutes.

SECOND J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 1:01 P.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 actions taken at February's meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission; updates on discretionary programs (calls for projects); and bills before the state legislature, beginning at 1:02 P.M.

Comments and questions from John McBeth, J.R. Salazar and Rob Stephens, addressed by Eric Gleason.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Briefing and discussion of federal funding authorization efforts (Action).

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

Comments and discussion among Kris Dudley, Glenn Gadbois, Ryan Granger and Eric Gleason.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 6: 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).

Eric Gleason led this discussion, which began at 1:39 P.M.

Comments and discussion among Michelle Bloomer, Glenn Gadbois, John McBeth, J.R. Salazar, Rob Stephens and Eric Gleason

It was suggested by John McBeth at 1:45 P.M. that the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) be asked to conduct new research into the transit needs of communities transitioning in designation from rural to small urban.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Public Comment.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Propose and Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting; Confirm Date of Next Meeting

Discussion began at 2:26 P.M.

No items were proposed. The committee decided to hold its next meeting on the already scheduled date of Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at TxDOT's Camp Hubbard Campus.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:29 P.M.

Prepared by:



Josh Ribakove
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Approved by:



Michelle Bloomer, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee