



## MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting  
3712 Jackson Ave., Bldg. 6, Room 324, Austin, Texas  
May 26, 2015

### **Committee Members Present and Participating:**

Michelle Bloomer, Outgoing Chair  
J.R. Salazar, Outgoing Vice Chair  
Rob Stephens, Incoming Chair (Elected at this meeting)  
John McBeth, Incoming Vice Chair (Elected at this meeting)  
Brad Underwood

### **Committee Members Participating via Teleconference:**

Glenn Gadbois

### **TxDOT Present and Participating:**

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)  
Josh Ribakove, Communications Manager, PTN  
Ryan Granger, Federal Relations Representative, Federal Affairs Office (FED)  
Michelle Conkle, Statewide Planning/Program Branch Manager (TPP)

### **TxDOT Participating via Teleconference:**

Jay Bond, Planner, State Legislative Affairs (SLA)

### **AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.**

J.R. Salazar called the meeting to order at 1:33 P.M.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety Briefing.**

Josh Ribakove gave a safety briefing for attendees at 1:33 P.M.

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

**MOTION** John McBeth moved to approve the March 31, 2015 meeting minutes.

**SECOND** Rob Stephens seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 1:34 P.M.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5 (taken out of order): TxDOT's Public Transportation Division Director's report to the committee regarding public transportation matters.**

Eric Gleason introduced Jay Bond from TxDOT's State Legislative Affairs office, who addressed the meeting telephonically at 1:35 P.M. re: bills being considered by the Texas Legislature, including Representative Guillen's bill concerning PTAC.

Question and discussion: Eric Gleason, Glenn Gadbois, Jay Bond, J.R. Salazar.

After Mr. Bond finished, Mr. Gleason continued his report, beginning at 1:44 P.M. He spoke about items of concern, including TxDOT's Tiger VII project application, federal funding, and when commission action on the balance of the current fiscal year's federal funds may be anticipated.

Question and discussion: John McBeth, Eric Gleason.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 (taken out of order): Selection of a new chairperson and vice chairperson (Action).**

Selection of new officers began at 1:53 P.M.

**MOTION** J.R. Salazar moved to nominate Rob Stephens for PTAC chairperson.

**SECOND** Michelle Bloomer seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 1:55 P.M.

**MOTION** J.R. Salazar moved to nominate John McBeth for PTAC vice chairperson.

**SECOND** Michelle Bloomer seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 1:58 P.M.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Update on federal authorization and the revised GROW AMERICA Act proposal (Action).**

Eric Gleason introduced Ryan Granger from TxDOT's Federal Affairs Office, who gave his briefing at 1:59 P.M. They led the subsequent discussion together.

Question and discussion: Michelle Bloomer, Ryan Granger.

The committee requests another update at the July meeting.

No action taken.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Discussion on the scope and timing of TxDOT's look at the impact of growth and urbanization on public transportation in Texas (Action).**

Eric Gleason introduced Linda Cherrington from Texas A&M University's Texas Transportation Institute (TTI), who presented on the above topic beginning at 2:08 P.M.

Comments and discussion: John McBeth, Linda Cherrington, Rob Stephens, Brad Underwood, Glenn Gadbois, Michelle Bloomer, Eric Gleason.

**MOTION** Rob Stephens moved to request that, at PTAC's September meeting, TxDOT provide a schedule for an approach and scope of work to address issues that include:

- Issues and options for addressing urbanized areas exceeding 200,000 population with transit districts formed under Chapter

458 of the Texas State Legislative code. Current (2010 Census designations) and future-anticipated 2020 Census results. Examination of Federal/State funding uses, levels, and regulatory environment.

- Issues and options for addressing the Enclave Cities (NET, Mesquite, Arlington, Grand Prairie). Examination of Federal/State funding uses, levels, and regulatory environment.
- Urban Gap - policy options for addressing intervening years leading up to the next Census.
- Anticipated changes in designated area status – 2020 Census: Rural to Small Urban, Small Urban to Large Urban, and Rural to Large Urban. Examination of impacts on funding, mitigation of impact strategies, changes in regulatory environment.

**SECOND** John McBeth seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 3:02 P.M.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Discussion of how to track the progress of TxDOT's long-range transportation plan, Texas Transportation Plan 2040 (Action).**

Eric Gleason introduced Michelle Conkle, TxDOT's Statewide Planning/Program Branch Manager, Transportation Planning & Program Office, who began her presentation at 3:03 P.M.

Question and discussion: Glenn Gadbois, Michelle Conkle.

No action taken.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: Public Comment.**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: Propose and Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting; Confirm Date of Next Meeting**

Discussion began at 3:22 P.M.

No items were proposed beyond another update on federal transportation funding authorization. The committee decided to hold its next meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at TxDOT's Riverside Campus.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: Adjourn**

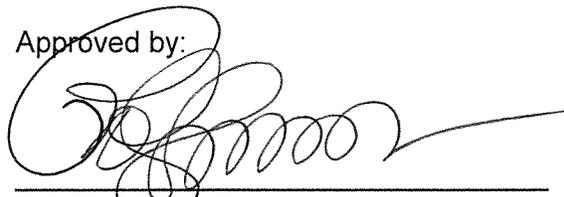
Meeting adjourned at 3:28 P.M.

Prepared by:



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Approved by:



Rob Stephens, Chair  
Public Transportation Advisory Committee