

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION
Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
3712 Jackson Avenue, Room 323
May 28, 2013

Committee Members Participating:

Michelle Bloomer, Chair
J.R. Salazar, Vice Chair
Dr. Al Abeson
Glenn Gadbois
Rob Stephens
Brad Underwood

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Bobby Killebrew, Deputy Division Director, PTN
Kelly Kirkland, PTN

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Michelle Bloomer called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. One member participated via conference call.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2013 Meeting.

MOTION JR Salazar moved to approve the March 19, 2013 meeting minutes.

SECOND Brad Underwood seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Division Director's Report.

No report from Division Director Eric Gleason.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Discussion and Comment on Potential Rulemaking Necessary to Implement MAP-21.

The committee discussed five major areas based on Texas Administration Code (TAC) Concept papers which were previously posted to the Internet. Addressing the five areas individually, the committee also considered public comments received via the Internet and heard public comment from two witnesses. The following summarizes the events of this agenda item.

Section 5310 Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities TAC Concepts

Witnesses on this topic were:

- John McBeth, Brazos Transit District
- Carole Warlick, Hill Country Transit District

MOTION Glenn Gadbois moved acceptance of the items as listed in the concept paper developed by TxDOT, with the following changes:

1. Geographic areas to be the TxDOT districts and/or another TxDOT district-based geography determined by TxDOT.
2. Funds to be allocated via formula to small urbanized and rural areas.

SECOND Michelle Bloomer seconded the motion.

Michelle Bloomer amended the motion to clarify one of the strategic priorities is to foster non-profit as well as for-profit partnerships.
Amendment accepted.

The motion passed with five ayes and one no.

Section 5311 Rural Area Program TAC Concepts

Witnesses on this topic were:

- John McBeth, Brazos Transit District
- Carole Warlick, Hill Country Transit District

MOTION Brad Underwood moved acceptance of the concept paper developed by TxDOT, with the following changes.

1. Discretionary awards to be tied to the department's goals and objectives.

SECOND Rob Stephens seconded the motion.

AMENDED MOTION Following discussion, Brad Underwood amended his motion to include a second point:

2. To mirror the language as presented in the concept paper with no set percentage in the intercity bus program for rural transit districts (RTDs).

SECOND Glenn Gadbois amended the motion to recognize the role for RTDs in providing intercity bus service. Amendment accepted by Brad and then seconded by Glenn.

The motion passed unanimously. Al Abeson subsequently changed his vote to a "no".

Section 5326 Asset Management TAC Concepts

MOTION Glenn Gadbois moved acceptance of the concept paper developed by TxDOT, without change.

SECOND Rob Stephens seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with one member absent from the room.

Section 5329 Safety TAC Concepts

MOTION JR Salazar moved acceptance of the concept paper developed by TxDOT, without change.

SECOND Glenn Gadbois seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with one member absent from the room.

Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities TAC Concepts

MOTION Al Abeson moved acceptance of the concept paper developed by TxDOT, without change.

SECOND Glenn Gadbois seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with one member absent from the room.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Public Comment. None. (See witness statements taken during discussion of Agenda Item 4, above)

AGENDA ITEM 6: Confirm Date of Next Meeting

Late June or early July. Exact date to be determined, based on TxDOT completion of draft TAC and the availability of a quorum. No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjourn

MOTION Brad Underwood moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND JR Salazar seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 PM.

Prepared by:

Approved by:


Bobby Killebrew
Public Transportation Division


Michelle Bloomer, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee