



MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
3712 Jackson Ave., Bldg. 6, Room 324, Austin, Texas
July 23, 2015

Committee Members Present and Participating:

Rob Stephens, Chair
John McBeth, Vice Chair
Glenn Gadbois (beginning 9:00 A.M.)
J.R. Salazar

Committee Members Participating via Teleconference:

Michelle Bloomer
Glenn Gadbois (8:30-9:00 A.M.)

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Josh Ribakove, Communications Manager, PTN
Kari Banta, Program Manager, PTN
Steve Wright, Program Manager, PN
Ryan Granger, Federal Relations Representative, Federal Affairs Office (FED)

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Rob Stephens called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety Briefing.

Josh Ribakove gave a safety briefing for attendees at 8:32 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of minutes from May 26, 2015 meeting (Action).

MOTION John Mcbeth moved to approve the May 26, 2015 meeting minutes.

SECOND J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 8:33 A.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 re-obligating remaining JARC and New Freedom program balances, TxDOT's TIGER VII application, and PTN's July semiannual meetings for the division and the transit operators it funds.

Question and discussion: Glenn Gadbois, Eric Gleason.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Texas legislative update (Action).

Eric Gleason provided this update.

Comments and discussion: John McBeth, Glenn Gadbois, Marc Williams.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Update on federal authorization (Action).

Eric Gleason introduced Ryan Granger from TxDOT's Federal Affairs Office, who gave his briefing at 8:43 A.M. They led the subsequent discussion together.

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

The committee requests another update at the September meeting.

Public Comment from Paulette Shelton, Ft. Bend County.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Review of FY205 5310 program activities (Action).

Eric Gleason initiated the presentation at 9:00 A.M., and then introduced 5310 program manager Kari Banta, who gave a presentation on the topic and encouraged questions and discussion.

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

The committee requests an update on any program changes at the September meeting.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Presentation on coordinated regional planning activities (Action).

Eric Gleason initiated the presentation at 9:40 A.M., and then introduced Steve Wright, Transportation Planning & Program Office, who gave a presentation on the topic and encouraged comments and discussion.

Comments and discussion: Glenn Gadbois, Rob Stephens, John McBeth, Eric Gleason, Steve Wright.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 9: 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 initiated this discussion at 9:52 A.M.

Discussion among Rob Stephens, Michelle Bloomer, Glenn Gadbois. Items identified as essential included the 5310 program, anticipated changes resulting from the 2020 U.S. census, and TxDOT's long range plan.

Public Comment from Ms. Paulette Shelton, Ft. Bend County at 9:57 A.M. Ms. Shelton requested that PTAC also focus on the effects of urbanization on formerly rural areas, in regard to transit.

Further discussion among Rob Stephens, Glenn Gadbois, John McBeth and Paulette Shelton.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Public Comment

Comment from Ms. Paulette Shelton, Ft. Bend County at 10:09 A.M. Ms. Shelton suggests making the public comment section of PTAC meetings more accessible and making the rules for public comments more clear on the published agendas for PTAC meetings.

Comment from Ms. Regina Blye, Texas State Independent Living Council at 10:15 A.M. Ms. Blye spoke about the Texas State Independent Living Council and its collaboration with TxDOT, and the 1st Annual Transportation Works Summit. She provided the committee with printed information on the summit.

AGENDA ITEM 11: 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: Propose and discuss agenda items for next meeting; confirm date of next meeting (Action).

Discussion among all members began at 10:20 A.M. Meeting date was not confirmed but agenda items are to focus on changes to the 5310 program; federal legislation; the effects of urbanization (presentation by Linda Charrington of the Texas Transportation Institute); PTAC's guiding principles and work plan; and progress on research re: the impact of fracking upon transit.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Adjourn (Action).

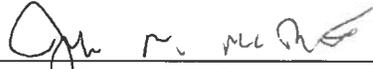
Meeting adjourned at 10:27 A.M.

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