

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
3712 Jackson Ave., Bldg. 6, Room 324, Austin, Texas
September 29, 2015

Committee Members Present and Participating:

John McBeth, Vice Chair
J.R. Salazar

Committee Members Participating via Teleconference:

Michelle Bloomer
Rob Stephens, Chair

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Josh Ribakove, Communications Manager, PTN
Kari Banta, Program Manager, PTN
Kelly Kirkland, Section Director, PTN

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

John McBeth called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety Briefing.

Josh Ribakove gave a safety briefing for attendees at 1:05 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of minutes from July 23, 2015 meeting. (Action)

MOTION J.R. Salazar moved to approve the July 23, 2015 meeting minutes.

SECOND Rob Stephens seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 1:07 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 4: TxDOT's Public Transportation Division Director's report to the committee regarding public transportation matters.

Eric Gleason's report began at 1:07 P.M. and touched on the Texas Transportation Commission's July Minute Order approvals, the yearly shutdown of TEAM (the federal grant management system) and TEAM's replacement by a new system called TrAMS.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Discussion of potential changes to the Section 5310 Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program activities for FY2016. (Action)

Eric Gleason opened this topic at 1:10 P.M. and introduced Kari Banta, who began her presentation at 1:11 P.M.

Comments and discussion: John McBeth, J.R. Salazar, Michelle Bloomer, Kari Banta, Eric Gleason.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Presentation by Linda Cherrington (Texas A&M Transportation Institute) on the effects of urbanization on transit. (Action)

Linda Cherrington began her presentation at 1:29 P.M.

Questions and discussion: J.R. Salazar, John McBeth, Michelle Bloomer, Linda Cherrington

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Report on research about energy sector impacts on transit. (Action)

Kelly Kirkland began his presentation at 2:10 P.M.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Briefing on the Open Meetings Act with respect to options for public comment. (Action)

Josh Ribakove began his presentation at 2:14 P.M.

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).

John McBeth initiated this discussion at 2:19 A.M., asking if any committee members wanted to provide input on this topic. No input was received.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Public Comment

There were two comments from Ms. Paulette Shelton, Ft. Bend County, beginning at 2:20 P.M. Ms. Shelton first commented on item 6, then commented on item 8, requesting that PTAC accept public comments on agenda items before taking action on those items. The committee agreed to do that.

Comments and discussion: John McBeth, Eric Gleason, Josh Ribakove.

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

Discussion among all members began at 2:32 P.M. No agenda items were proposed. The committee asked TxDOT to poll the committee to select a date for the next meeting.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Adjourn (Action).

MOTION J.R. Salazar moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:33 P.M.

SECOND Michelle Bloomer seconded the motion.

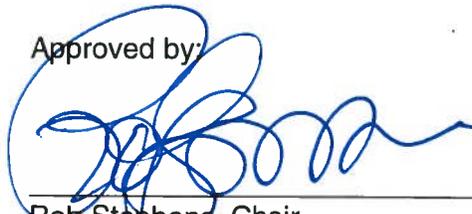
The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:33 P.M.

Prepared by:



Josh Ribakove
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Approved by:



Rob Stephens, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee