

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION
Public Transportation Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting
February 25, 2011

Committee Members Present:

Michelle Bloomer, Chair
J.R. Salazar, Vice Chair
Al Abeson (via teleconference)
Glenn Gadbois
Brad Underwood

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Ginnie Mayle, PTN

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Eric Gleason called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Four members were present and one member was on the phone at the start of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Recognition of service for the members whose terms expired September 30, 2010 and welcome to newly appointed members

Eric Gleason recognized the service of Frank Castellanos, Vince Huerta, and Janet Everheart as previous members of PTAC.

AGENDA ITEM 3: In accordance with 43 TAC Section 1.82(b)(1), elect chair

MOTION: Glenn Gadbois moved to nominate Michelle Bloomer as chair.
SECOND: J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

With four ayes and one abstention, Michelle Bloomer was elected chair.

AGENDA ITEM 4: In accordance with 43 TAC Section 1.82(b)(1), elect vice chair

MOTION: Al Abeson made a motion to nominate J.R. Salazar as vice chair.
SECOND: Brad Underwood seconded the motion.

The committee voted unanimously to elect J.R. Salazar as vice chair.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2010 meeting.

MOTION: J.R. Salazar moved to approve the September 8, 2010 minutes.
SECOND: Al Abeson seconded the motion.

With no opposition, the committee approved the September 8, 2010 meeting minutes..

AGENDA ITEM 6: Discussion and possible action on PTAC Work Plan as it relates to Transportation Code Section 455.004(a)(1), which charges PTAC with advising the commission on the needs and problems of the state's public transportation providers, including the methods for allocating state public transportation money

The initial discussion centered on the possibility of holding a workshop similar to one held in 2010 and all were in agreement that a workshop should be scheduled in the near future. The committee then discussed items of importance to public transportation in Texas. Some items were carried over from the work plan of the previous PTAC and new items were added. Also suggested as a potential topic for the forthcoming agenda was the issue of recruitment of personnel to work in all positions within the industry. The committee agreed that conversations regarding the Section 5310 program, a strategic plan, coordination issues, performance measures, and long-range committee goals required more time and should be discussed in greater detail at the workshop.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Division Director's Report to the Committee regarding public transportation matters, including an update on items the department has been involved with and a recap of Texas Transportation Commission action regarding public transportation projects.

Eric Gleason briefed the committee on recent actions taken by the Texas Transportation Commission. Four minute orders relating to public transportation issues were passed by the commission on February 24, 2011. He also stated that PTN has no items before the commission in March and April. In addition, Eric briefly described the TxDOT reorganization and the efforts around the Texas Transit Leadership Initiative.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Public comment.

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Confirm date of next meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled in April based upon committee availability.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Adjourn.

MOTION: Al Abeson made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Brad Underwood seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. without any opposition.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Ginnie Mayle
Public Transportation Division

Michelle Bloomer, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee

Note: Agenda items numbers 6 and 7 were reversed in order of discussion at the meeting, with the committee discussing agenda item 7 first.