

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION
Public Transportation Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting
February 26, 2010

Committee Members Present:

Michelle Bloomer, Chair (via teleconference)
J.R. Salazar, Vice Chair (via teleconference)
Al Abeson (via teleconference)
Frank Castellanos (via teleconference)
Christina Melton Crain (via teleconference)
Janet Everheart (via teleconference)
Claudia Langguth (via teleconference)
Vince Huerta (via teleconference)

TxDOT Present and Participating:

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

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Michelle Bloomer called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. All eight members participated by telephone. Note: Seven members were on the phone when the meeting was called to order and the eighth member joined the meeting after the minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes from January 29, 2010 meeting.

After a correction to the number of attendees at the January 29 meeting, the committee took action on the item.

MOTION: Al Abeson moved to approve the January 29, 2010 minutes.

SECOND: J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

Six members voted aye, one member abstained and one member joined the call after the vote was taken. The committee approved the January 29, 2010 minutes.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Discussion and action on the department's Draft 2011-2015 Strategic Plan Vision, Mission, Values, Goals, and Focus Area Statements

After much discussion of the draft plan, the committee agreed to recommend some general organizational changes along with specific changes to various objectives, strategies, and example performance measures.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Discussion of future PTAC workshop agenda topics to assist new and veteran PTAC members and discussion of logistical meeting details such as location and date of workshop

A date, general time, and location were agreed upon; April 7, 2010 in Arlington. The committee requested that PTN include the following information in the workshop: funding formula discussion, legal session, rulemaking procedures, open meetings, division organization, division and regional responsibilities, overview of funding processes, continuation of subcommittees, PTAC's work plan, medical transportation program, 2010 Census impact, and determining the needs of public transit in Texas.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Division Director's Report to the Committee regarding general public transportation matters

Eric Gleason updated the committee about the possibility of a second stimulus package (ARRA II), the progress made on the Texas Transit Leadership Initiative, and recent Texas Transportation Commission action. In February, the commission passed five minute orders related to public transportation – two regarding apportionments (5310 and 5311) and three regarding transportation development credits. PTN was still in need of a member to serve on the Friend of Texas Transit Award recommendation committee, so Michelle Bloomer volunteered.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Confirm Date of Next Meeting.

A meeting date of April 7, 2010 was set for the PTAC workshop.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjourn.

The committee adjourned without a motion at 11:44 a.m.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

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Michelle Bloomer, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee