

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION
Public Transportation Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting
June 17, 2010

Committee Members Present:

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

TxDOT Present and Participating:

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

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Michelle Bloomer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Six members were present or on the phone at roll call.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2010 meeting.

MOTION: J.R. Salazar moved to approve the May 14, 2010 minutes.
SECOND: Christina Crain seconded the motion.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the May 14, 2010 meeting minutes..

AGENDA ITEM 3: Discussion and possible action on input to the department's Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR)

The committee discussed a letter drafted by PTN and Michelle Bloomer for the Texas Transportation Commission regarding a request for additional funding for public transportation to be included in the department's Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR). The committee discussed the content of the letter and was in agreement that the letter should be presented by Ms. Bloomer to the Commission at their June 23, 2010 workshop. Vince Huerta and J.R. Salazar stated that they will also attend the workshop.

AGENDA ITEM 4: In accordance with 43 TAC §1.83(c), review and comment on the final draft of proposed revisions to 43 TAC §31. 36 (Section 5311 Grant Program)

Bobby Killebrew presented the committee with the draft proposed revisions and gave a brief description of the changes. The changes consist of some general cleanup, limiting the discretionary pot to no more than ten-percent, and creating a new allocation called vehicle mile award allocation. Bobby also talked about the rulemaking process in general and informed the committee that they can comment on the rules as individuals during the public comment period, but they will also need to take final action as a committee at an upcoming meeting. After brief discussion, the committee took the following action.

MOTION: J.R. Salazar made a motion to approve the rules as presented.
SECOND: Vince Huerta seconded the motion.

The committee unanimously approved the motion to approve the draft rules as presented.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Discussion and action on the department's Draft 2011-2015 Strategic Plan Vision, Mission, Values, Goals, and Focus Area Statements

Eric Gleason informed the committee that the department's Strategic Plan was scheduled for final adoption at the June 24, 2010 meeting and that many, but not all of the committee's remarks had been incorporated into the version scheduled for adoption. He deferred to the committee as to whether they wanted to further pursue any additional action on this item. He further stated that PTN would engage the committee in a meaningful way on the development of the division-level strategic plan. Michelle Bloomer agreed that the committee should shift their focus to the development of the PTN strategic plan.

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 committee agreed to complete the current budget/LAR effort before beginning work on a new issue from the work plan.

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 and upcoming commission action and mentioned that PTN is holding its semiannual business meeting with the transit operators on July 14, 2010. At that business meeting, Michelle Bloomer will update the industry on the work that PTAC has been undertaking.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Public comment.

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Confirm date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in late August or early September at a yet to be determined date.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Adjourn.

The committee agreed to adjourn without a motion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Ginnie Mayle
Public Transportation Division

Michelle Bloomer, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee