

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Public Transportation Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting
September 8, 2010

Committee Members Present:

Michelle Bloomer, Chair (via teleconference)
J.R. Salazar, Vice Chair (via teleconference)
Al Abeson (via teleconference)
Janet Everheart (via teleconference)
Christina Melton Crain (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 2:00 p.m. Five members were on the phone at the start of the meeting and one joined a few minutes later into the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes from June 17, 2010 meeting.

MOTION: J.R. Salazar moved to approve the June 17, 2010 minutes.
SECOND: Al Abeson seconded the motion.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the June 17, 2010 meeting minutes..

AGENDA ITEM 3: In accordance with 43 TAC §1.83(c), final review of proposed revisions to 43 TAC §31. 36 (Section 5311 Grant Program)

Eric Gleason presented the committee with the final proposed revisions and advised that there were no public comments received during the public comment period. After a couple of points of clarification, the committee took the following action.

MOTION: Al Abeson made a motion to approve the rules as presented.
SECOND: Christina Crain seconded the motion.

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

AGENDA ITEM 4: 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.

Michelle Bloomer briefed the committee on the recent action surrounding the Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) work plan topic. She provided comments to the Texas Transportation Commission at their June 23, 2010 meeting based on a letter submitted to the commission requesting additional funding for public transportation. The letter was also hand delivered to the commission. The commission approved the LAR at their August 26, 2010 with \$3.2 million in additional funding for public transportation.

Due to several committee members' terms expiring at the end of September, the current committee laid out a framework for the future committee to consider pursuing regarding potential work topics. The committee agreed that the focus should be on the 5310 Program with making sure that there's an emphasis or at least a significant effort around looking at the coordination planning link.

AGENDA ITEM 5: 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 referred the committee to an electronic report they received regarding recent and upcoming commission action. In addition, he mentioned that TxDOT and the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services held a rural issues conference where the agencies discussed the regional coordination effort, the United We Ride project, and the coordinated call for projects. Mr. Gleason also informed the committee that he testified before the joint legislative committee on aging, chaired by Senator Lucio. He joined presentations from AARP and DADS' representatives. A number of people spoke on aging issues in general, one of which was transportation, and it was an opportunity to describe both the 5310 Program and the Coordination Planning Program and how those two efforts were oriented toward trying to address the needs of aging Texans.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Public comment.

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Confirm date of next meeting

To be determined when additional committee members are appointed.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjourn.

The committee agreed to adjourn without a motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Ginnie Mayle
Public Transportation Division

Michelle Bloomer, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee