

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Public Transportation Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting
September 13, 2012

Committee Members Participating:

Michelle Bloomer, Chair
J.R. Salazar, Vice Chair
Al Abeson
Glenn Gadbois
Rob Stephens
Brad Underwood

TxDOT Present and Participating:

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

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Michelle Bloomer called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Six members participated via conference call.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2012 meeting, and July 12, 2012 meeting.

Michelle Bloomer commented on the minutes from the July 12, 2012 meeting that for Agenda Item #3, stating that the committee actually discussed items to be included in a letter to the commission (expressing PTAC's ideas on the Legislative Appropriations Request), and moved that the letter be sent, whereas the minutes as presented did not indicate that PTAC wished to send the letter.

MOTION: Glenn Gadbois moved to approve the June 7, 2012 meeting minutes, and July 12, 2012 minutes (as amended to reflect the chair's recollection).

SECOND: J.R. Salazar seconded the motion

The committee unanimously approved the motion to approve the minutes, as amended.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Transportation Development Credit (TDC) rules discussion and comment

A presentation was given by Bobby Killebrew, Deputy Director, Public Transportation Division, concerning proposed changes to 43 TAC Chapter 5, Subchapter H, Transportation Development Credit Program.

MOTION: Glenn Gadbois moved that the committee supports the rule changes as written.

SECOND: Al Abeson seconded the motion

The committee unanimously approved the motion to support the rule changes as written.

The chair decided to skip Agenda Item 4 and go to Agenda Item 5

AGENDA ITEM 5: Legislative priorities discussion and comment.

The Chair recognized Glenn Gadbois, reporting on activities of a legislative priorities working group of PTAC members. The working group recommends three state-legislative-related items: 1. transit project eligibility for grants from the Texas Enterprise Fund, and a legislative rider to earmark a specific amount for award, 2. permit TxDOT-PTN to participate in planning for the Medicaid non-emergency medical transportation program operated by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, and 3. that the legislature provide statutory exemption from the state motor fuels tax for public transportation providers. The working group also recommended that transit agencies and non-traditional providers of public transportation services develop three-year financial plans, to help understand needs and potential impacts from recent changes in the federal transit statutes.

The committee discussed the report from the working group, and requested an in-depth report / analysis be presented to PTAC of the impacts of the new federal transportation bill, known as MAP-21.

The committee decided to prepare two letters to submit to the commission, one for state legislative/statutory issues, and another for federal issues, as described in the working group presentation. No motion was made.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PTAC Work Plan and current activities.

The committee decided that discussion on Agenda Item 5 covered what they would have discussed under Agenda Item 4.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Director's Report

The Chair recognized Eric Gleason, TxDOT PTN Division Director. Eric described the Transportation Commission activities in August, including awarding the balance of federal formula funds for FY 2012, plus over \$14 million in federal discretionary funds, and an award to Tarrant County MHMR to improve information and access to transportation options. The commission also adopted the 2014-2015 Legislative Appropriations Request, which included the additional census impact funds, but not an exceptional item request made by the committee. Future commission meetings were also described, including in October, when the commission is expected to award the balance of the census impact funds. Eric also described in general some of the changes from MAP-21.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Public comment.

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Confirm date of next meeting.

The Chair requested members to keep the last week in October free, so that they could have a face-to-face meeting in Austin.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjourn.

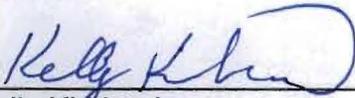
MOTION: Brad Underwood moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Al Abeson seconded the motion to adjourn.

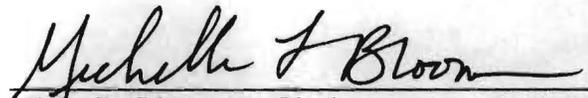
Without any objections to the motion, the committee adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Prepared by:

Approved by:



Kelly Kirkland
Public Transportation Division



Michelle Bloomer, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee