

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
3712 Jackson Avenue, Room 325
November 8, 2012

Committee Members Participating:

Michelle Bloomer, Chair
J.R. Salazar, Vice Chair
Christina Melton Crain
Glenn Gadbois
Brad Underwood

TxDOT Present and Participating:

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

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Michelle Bloomer called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Two members participated via conference call.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2012 meeting.

MOTION J.R. Salazar moved to approve the September 13, 2012 meeting minutes.

SECOND Christina Crain seconded the motion

The committee unanimously approved the motion.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Review and discussion of the PTAC Work Plan and update of activities related to the plan. Chair Bloomer decided to postpone this item until later in the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Presentation by the Texas Transit Association, represented by Nancy Fisher and Ray Allen.

- Rural transit district exemption from paying state fuel taxes. Ms. Fisher noted the idea was suggested by TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson in a meeting with TTA. Glenn Gadbois remarked that while TxDOT may not feel the loss of this revenue is significant, other transportation stakeholders might not share that opinion.
- HHSC proposes that the Medical transportation program (MTP) be run through a full-risk broker model. TTA is opposing this move as it would remove the service (and the income it provides) from many public transportation agencies. HHSC has other options, which it sees as less favorable, but which transit believes would provide more efficient and effective use of MTP funds. Alternately, the Texas Transit Association is proposing, through budget riders and/or specific legislation, to implement pilot programs throughout the state focusing on partnerships among transit providers who are currently providing that service and

people that they would partner with in their region. There was lengthy discussion on this topic.

- PTAC is looking at a recommendation about the Texas Enterprise Fund. At this time TTA has no position.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Legislative priorities. Discussion led the committee to decide to focus on the medical transportation issue, postponing any action of the fuel tax and Enterprise funds until a later time.

MOTION Brad Underwood moved the chair send a letter to the Commission regarding the MTP Program, stating core elements that the model HHSC adopts should contain.

SECOND Glen Gadbois seconded the motion.

The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Member Glen Gadbois left the meeting at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Presentation on Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). Bobby Killebrew and Kelly Kirkland made a presentation on the bill's impact to transit and responded to questions from the committee.

At this point, two additional committee members departed J.R. Salazar and Brad Underwood; there was no longer a quorum; and the meeting concluded at 4:00 P.M.

Prepared by:

Approved by:



Bobby Killebrew
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Michelle Bloomer, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee