



## MEETING AGENDA

### Public Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 | 10:00 A.M. (local time)

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

Virtual Meeting via Webex Events

1. Call to Order.

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2. Guidance on virtual meeting participation.

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3. Approval of minutes from April 28, 2020 meeting. (Action)

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4. Approval of minutes from May 26, 2020 meeting. (Action)

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5. Presentation and discussion on rural ridership trends. (Action)

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6. Public Comment – Public comment will only be accepted during the meeting. Link and details are below. The meeting transcript will be posted on the internet following the meeting.

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7. Propose and discuss agenda items for next meeting; confirm date of next meeting. (Action)

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8. Adjourn. (Action)

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I certify that I have reviewed this document and that it conforms to all applicable *Texas Register* filing requirements.

CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Becky Blewett, Deputy General Counsel, (512) 463-8630.

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# AGENDA ITEM 3

Approval of minutes from April 28, 2020 meeting. (Action)

**MINUTES FOR ADOPTION**  
Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Webex Meeting  
April 28, 2020 10:00 A.M.

**Committee Members Present and Participating: None (Virtual Meeting via Webex)**

**Committee Members Participating via Webex:**

John McBeth, Chair  
Jim Cline, Vice Chair  
J.R. Salazar  
Marc K. Whyte  
Ken Fickes  
Dietrich M. Von Biedenfeld

**TxDOT Participating via Webex:**

Eric Gleason, Director, Public transportation Division (PTN)  
Mark Sprick, Section Director, PTN  
Josh Ribakove, Communications Manager, PTN

**AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to order.**

John McBeth called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety briefing with guidance on virtual meeting participation**

Josh Ribakove briefed meeting attendees on virtual meeting protocols including how public comments can be submitted via Webex at 10:07 A.M.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of minutes from February 11, 2020 meeting (Action).**

John McBeth opened this item at 10:08 A.M.

**MOTION** Marc K. Whyte moved to approve the February 11, 2020 minutes.

**SECOND** Jim Cline seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 10:09 A.M.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: TxDOT's Public Transportation Division Director's report to the committee regarding public transportation matters.**

Eric Gleason delivered this report beginning at 10:10 A.M. The report touched on TxDOT's potential return on onsite office work, anticipated upcoming Texas Transportation Commission action, bus safety plans, and the possibility of additional federal stimulus elements.

Questions/Comments: John McBeth

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Presentation and discussion on projected 2020 Census impacts to public transportation funding for Texas transit providers (Action).**

John McBeth introduced this item at 10:21 A.M. Item was tabled for this meeting by the committee. The presentation and discussion will take place at an upcoming meeting.

**MOTION** Marc K. Whyte moved to table this item until the committee's next meeting.

**SECOND** J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 10:21 A.M.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act – presentation and discussion of potential impacts of CARES Act funding on Texas' rural public transportation program.**

John McBeth introduced this topic at 10:21 A.M. Eric Gleason presented and led the discussion.

Questions and comments: Jim Cline, John McBeth, Eric Gleason

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Discussion on exceptional items for 2022/2023 Legislative Appropriations Request, including additional funding due to 2020 US Census impacts (Action).**

John McBeth introduced this topic at 10:48 A.M. Eric Gleason presented.

Questions and comments: John McBeth, Eric Gleason, Jim Cline, Fen Fickes, J.R. Salazar

**MOTION** Jim Cline moved to request PTN staff provide a recommendation for a baseline Legislative Appropriations Request sufficient to mitigate 2020 US Census impacts.

**SECOND** Dietrich von Biedenfeld seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 10:57 A.M.

**MOTION** Jim Cline moved that PTAC's Legislative Appropriations Request letter to the Texas Transportation Commission should include an exceptional item request to fund the expansion of 14-hour weekday transit service.

**SECOND** Ken Fickes seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 11:10 A.M.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Public Comment**

John McBeth introduced this item at 11:12 A.M.  
There were no public comments.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: Propose and Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting; confirm date of next meeting (Action).**

John McBeth initiated and led this discussion beginning at 11:12 A.M.

Two meeting dates and their topics are in consideration:

- A special meeting in May to accommodate the presentation and discussion item on projected Census impact data that was tabled at today's meeting
- PTAC's regular meeting in July, to discuss TxDOT's 2019 Texas Transit Statistics Report and PTAC's Guiding Principles document

No specific meeting dates were chosen.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: Adjourn (Action).**

**MOTION** J.R. Salazar moved to adjourn.

**SECOND** Dietrich von Biedenfeld seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 11:16 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 A.M.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

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Josh Ribakove  
Public Transportation Division

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John McBeth, Chair  
Public Transportation Advisory Committee

# AGENDA ITEM 4

Approval of minutes from May 26, 2020 meeting. (Action)

## **MINUTES FOR ADOPTION**

Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Webex Meeting  
May 26, 2020 10:00 A.M.

**Committee Members Present and Participating: None (Virtual Meeting via Webex)**

**Committee Members Participating via Webex:**

John McBeth, Chair  
Jim Cline, Vice Chair  
J.R. Salazar  
Marc K. Whyte  
Ken Fickes

**TxDOT Participating via Webex:**

Eric Gleason, Director, Public transportation Division (PTN)  
Mark Sprick, Section Director, PTN  
Josh Ribakove, Communications Manager, PTN

**Also Participating via Webex:**

Michael Walk, Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI)

**AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to order.**

John McBeth called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Guidance on virtual meeting participation**

Josh Ribakove briefed meeting attendees on virtual meeting protocols including how public comments can be submitted via Webex at 10:05 A.M.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of minutes from April 28, 2020 meeting (Action).**

John McBeth opened this item at 10:06 A.M. and suggested tabling it until the next meeting due to technical issues.

**MOTION** Jim Cline moved to table adopting the April 28, 2020 minutes until the next meeting.

**SECOND** Ken Fickes seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 10:07 A.M.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Presentation and discussion on projected 2020 US Census funding impacts to public transportation for Texas transit providers (Action).**

Eric Gleason opened this item at 10:07, introducing presenter Michael Walk (TTI), who began at 10:09

Questions/Comments:

Jim Cline, John McBeth, Eric Gleason, J.R. Salazar, Marc Whyte

**MOTION** Ken Fickes moved to recommend scenario 2 to the Texas Transportation Commission via PTAC's Legislative Appropriations Request letter.

**SECOND** J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 10:52 A.M.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Public Comment**

John McBeth introduced this item at 10:53 A.M.

There was one public comment, from Harrison Humphreys, Air Alliance Houston. His comment was addressed by John McBeth and Eric Gleason.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Propose and Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting; confirm date of next meeting (Action).**

John McBeth initiated and led this discussion beginning at 10:56 A.M.

No specific items were mentioned. Next meeting was set for July 28.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjourn (Action).**

**MOTION** Jim Cline moved to adjourn.

**SECOND** Ken Fickes seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 10:57 A.M.

Meeting adjourned 10:57am

Prepared by:

Approved by:

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Josh Ribakove  
Public Transportation Division

John McBeth, Chair  
Public Transportation Advisory Committee



# AGENDA ITEM 5

Presentation and discussion on rural ridership trends. (Action)