



MEETING AGENDA

Public Transportation Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 7, 2021 | 10:00 A.M. (local time)
Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
Virtual Meeting via Webex Events

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| 1. | Call to Order. |
| 2. | Guidance on virtual meeting participation. |
| 3. | Approval of minutes from July 28, 2020 meeting. (Action) |
| 4. | Review of TxDOT's CARES Act funding allocation and application of the Texas Administrative Code Section 5311 formula. (Action) |
| 5. | 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. |
| 6. | Adjourn. (Action) |

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

CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Leonard Reese, Associate General Counsel, (512) 463-8630.

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For toll-free audio and best audio quality, select the option to have the meeting call you.

AGENDA ITEM 3

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION
Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Webex Meeting
July 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)
Josh Ribakove, Communications Manager, PTN

Other Party Participating via Webex:

Jimmy Cardenas, 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: 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 10:06 A.M.

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

John McBeth opened this item at 10:07 A.M.

MOTION Ken Fickes moved to approve the April 28, 2020 minutes.

SECOND Jim Cline seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 10:08 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Approval of minutes from April 28, 2020 meeting (Action).

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

MOTION J.R. Salazar moved to approve the May 26, 2020 minutes.

SECOND Marc K. Whyte seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 10:09 A.M.

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

John McBeth introduced the item at 10:10 am. Eric Gleason gave an introduction to the main presentation, from Jimmy Cardenas of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI).

Questions/comments from Eric Gleason, J.R. Salazar, John McBeth, Jim Cline
Public Comment on this item from Ellen Smith, Director, Sun Metro, El Paso
Responses from Eric Gleason, Jimmy Cardenas, John McBeth

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Public Comment

John McBeth introduced this item at 11:15 A.M.
Public Comment from Jane Westfall
Response from Jimmy Cardenas

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 11:20 A.M. Proposed items included federal CARES Act funding, state appropriations, and Texas' intercity bus program. October 27 was chosen for the subsequent meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Adjourn (Action).

MOTION Jim Cline moved to adjourn.

SECOND J.R. Salazar seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 11:24 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 A.M.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Josh Ribakove
Public Transportation Division

John McBeth, Chair
Public Transportation Advisory Committee

AGENDA ITEM 4



Public Transportation

TAC Formula Allocation of CARES Funding



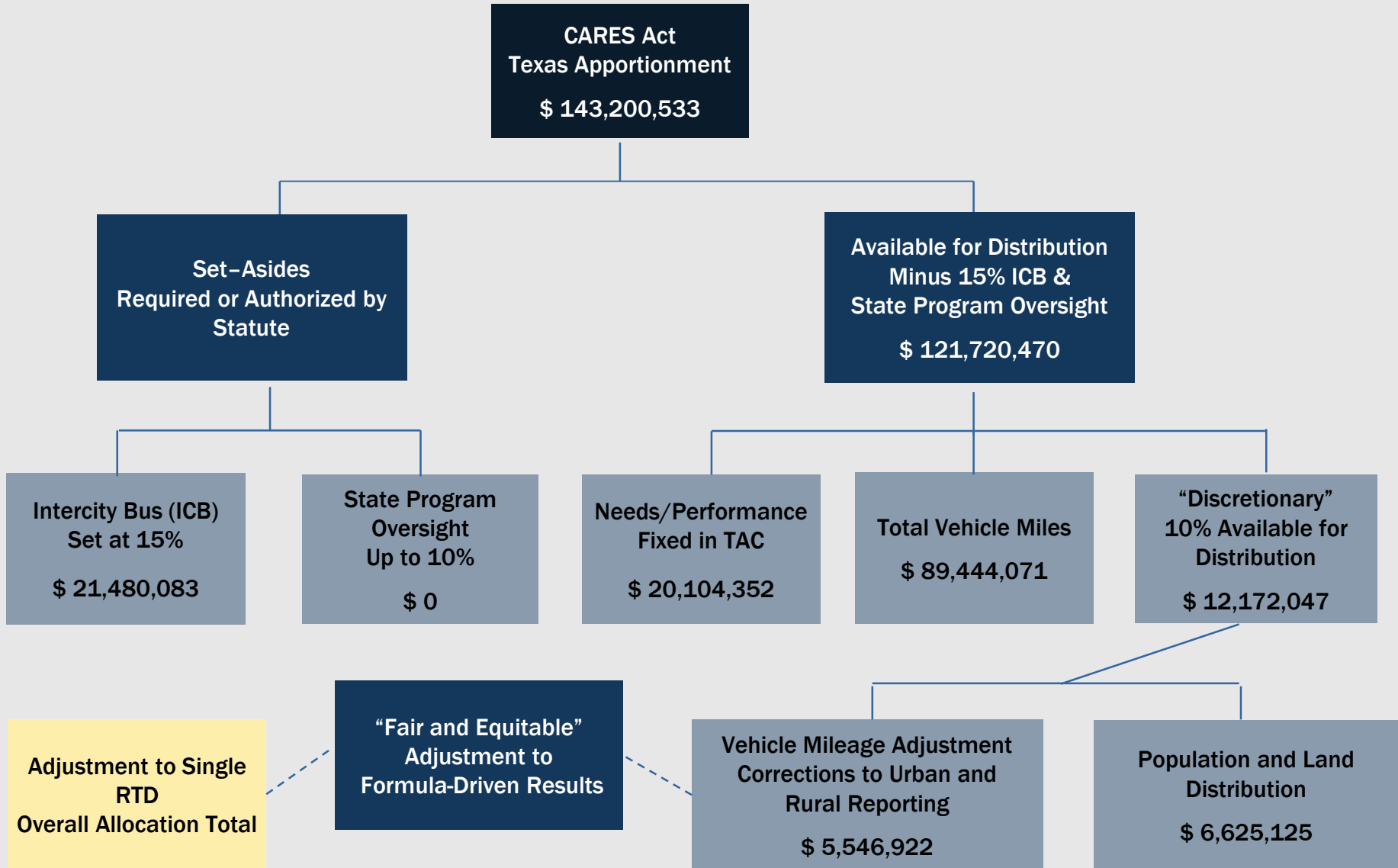


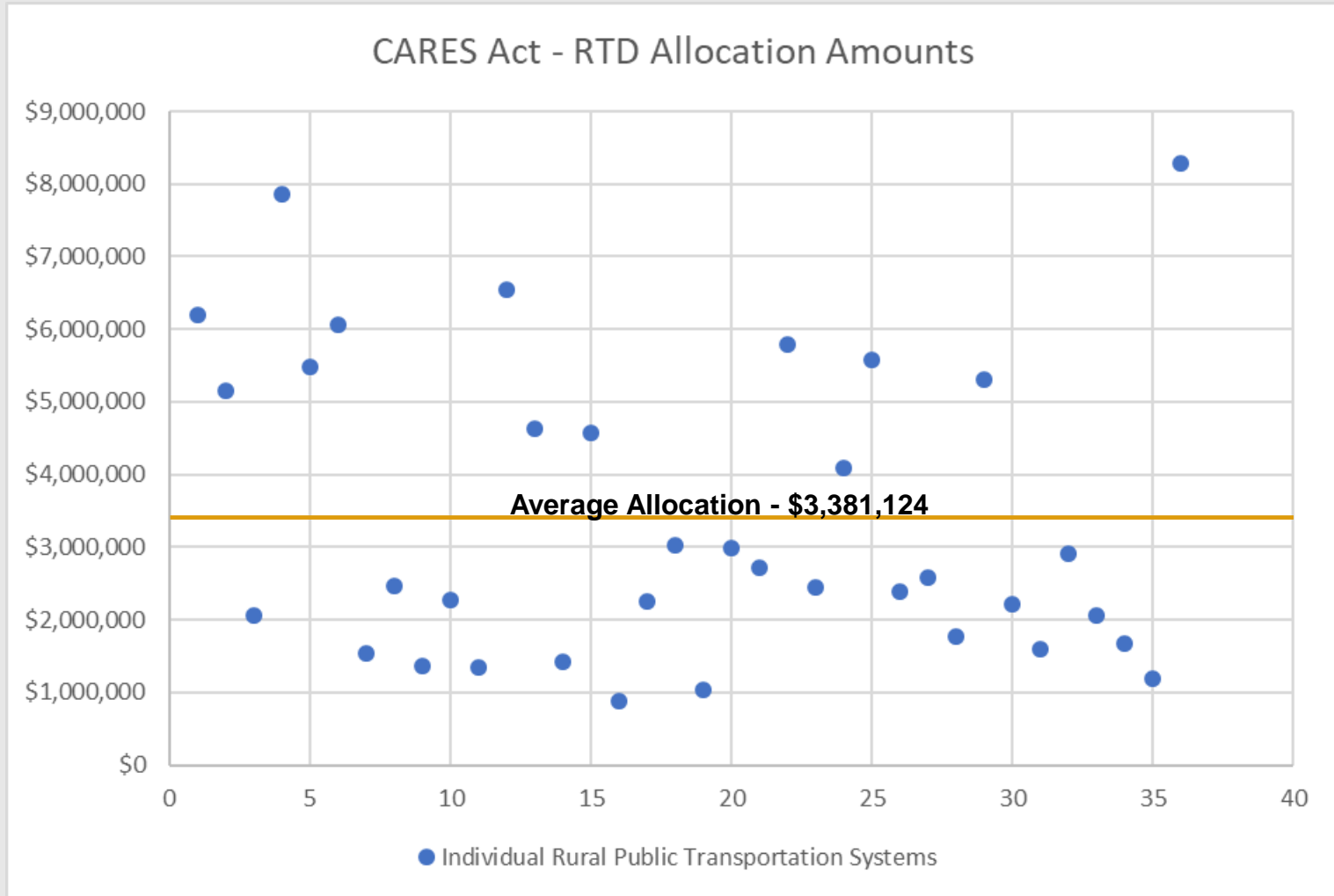
- \$143.2 Million to be distributed as 5311 Program funds
- Overarching FTA objective: Maintain and sustain existing services
- Texas Priorities:
 - Emergency relief
 - Economic recovery
 - Resilience



- **Federal Set-Asides – Total Apportionment**
 - 15% for Intercity Bus (Required)
 - Up to 10% for Program Administration (Allowed)

- **State Allocation Formula Requirements – Remaining Balance**
 - First \$20.1 million based on RTD share of population, land area, and performance
 - After federal set-asides, up to 10% “discretionary”
 - Remaining amount based on RTD share of Total Vehicle Miles





Allocation Range
\$887,734 - \$8,283,709



- Obligate remaining allocations in TrAMS – December 2020
- Commissioner briefings – January 2021
- Release target allocation amounts – Early to Mid-January 2021
- Discussion at Semiannual Meeting – January 27, 2021
- Commission action on remaining allocation amounts – January 28, 2021
- RTD applications, TrAMS amendment, RTD PGAs – January/February 2021



- **\$14 billion for Public Transportation**
 - \$13.3 billion for Urbanized Area Programs (5307)
 - \$679 million for Rural Area Programs (5311)
 - \$50 million for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310)

- **Issue:** Threshold criteria for eligibility, and language, preclude Texas Rural and Urban Transit Districts from any 5307 or 5311 funding.

- **Solution:** None at this time.