

**MINUTES FOR ADOPTION**  
Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Webex Meeting  
January 25, 2022 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  
Ken Fickes  
Dietrich M. von Biedenfeld  
Mark Whyte

**TxDOT Participating via Webex:**

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)  
Theodore Kosub, Public Transportation Specialist, PTN

**Also Participating via Webex:**

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

John McBeth called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.

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

Theodore Kosub 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 November 09, 2021 meeting (Action).**

Jim Cline opened this item at 10:07 A.M.

**MOTION** J.R. Salazar moved to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes.

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

Motion passed unanimously at 10:08 A.M.

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

Eric Gleason gave his report verbally beginning at 10:10 A.M. He reported on the emergency relief program funding spending status and an update on discretionary applications at the federal level, IIJA and upcoming commission actions.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Presentation and discussion on State Public Transportation Grant Program and Federal Transit Administration Rural Program allocation formulas.**

Eric Gleason opened this presentation beginning at 10:20 A.M. He briefed on state funding formulas, Federal Section 5311 formula options and next steps. Eric reminded that this is also the fourth/final discussion session, potential changes to TAC rules, governing distribution of state funding to rural, small, and large urban transit districts and the Federal Rural Area 5311 program.

Questions/Comments from the committee:

- John McBeth – Would the Committee have an issue of sharing specifics with transit district partners?
- Cline – suggests for the sake of transparency of publishing information in handouts before the meeting.

Questions/Comments from the public: Theodore Kosub confirms yes.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Public Comment.**

Jim Cline introduced this item at 11:12 A.M.

- Chris Mandrell – suggests putting together Options 1-3 based on actual dollar amounts per category/agency.
- Maribel Contreras – requested more information on how each transit agency would be impacted on the three options.
- Vince Huerta – suggests looking at declining population areas and how to deal with the impact and thought be given to safety factors, competitive salaries, obtaining vehicles and parts.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Propose and discuss agenda items for next meeting: confirm date of next meeting (Action).**

John McBeth introduced this item at 11:13 A.M.

John McBeth proposes to rehash Item No. 5 with more specific information and suggests limiting the next meeting specifically to that and because it will be a lengthy discussion. Eric Gleason proposes to also include the LAR item discussion. March 8, 2022 was confirmed as the next meeting date.

**MOTION** Ken Fickes moved to approve the meeting date.

**SECOND** Jim Cline seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 11:16 A.M.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjourn (Action).**

**MOTION** Ken Fickes moved to adjourn.

**SECOND** Jim Cline seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 11:17 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 A.M.

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John McBeth, Chair  
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