

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Public Transportation Advisory Committee – Webex Meeting
June 07, 2022 10:00 A.M.

Committee Members Present and Participating: Five participating virtually via Webex

Committee Members Participating via Webex:

John McBeth, Chair
Jim Cline, Vice Chair
J. R. Salazar
Ken Fickes (joined at 10:30 A.M.)
Marc White (joined at 10:49 A.M.)

TxDOT Participating via Webex:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Mark Sprick, Director, Administration and Program Support (PTN)
Theodore Kosub, Strategic Programs Development Manager, PTN

Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) Participating via Webex

Michael Walk

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

Theodore Kosub briefed 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 January 25, 2022 and March 8, 2022 meeting (Action).

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

John McBeth: There is not a quorum to approve and will postpone until such a time a quorum is available.

10:49 A.M. Returned to Item 3 from Item 5 for vote with a full quorum now in attendance.

- John McBeth requests a motion for the approval of minutes from January 25, 2022 and March 8, 2022.
 - Ken Fickes makes a motion.
 - J. R. Salazar seconds the motion
 - Motion passed unanimously

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 10:08 A.M.

- Eric provided an update on emergency relief funding received during the pandemic stating that Rural Transit Districts received funding from the CARES Act and American Recovery Plan Act and provided their expended status.
- Discussed the June 23rd MO that will distribute formula funding from State funds to Urban and Rural Transit districts.
- Discussed discretionary program award for July.
- Provided a 2020 census update.
- Update on LAR.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Federal Transit Administration rural grant program allocation formulas overview and discussion of potential changes to the Texas Administrative Code governing allocations to rural transit districts.

Eric Gleason opened this presentation beginning at 10:18 A.M.

- States that the commissioners have been briefed on the Committee's recommendation. Eric describes two areas of comment that will be incorporated into rules from commissioners.
- Eric points out in general how steps are addressed in the new approach to funding allocation for the rural transit districts.
- Reviewed clarifying changes in the administrative code.
- Discussed and reviewed rural transit district total allocation and the remaining amount of overall annual apportionment, individual amounts for each rural transit district and next steps.
 - Eric introduces Michael Walk to discuss the cost per hour analysis.
- Commissioners want allocations of 5311 for the first five fiscal years to be reviewed by the department for the possible need of adjustment for fair and equitable distribution for fiscal year 2028.

Questions/Comments from the committee:

- Jim Cline – commented that he supports freezing the baseline and shielding it from the performance adjustment.
- Jim Cline – what happens if only one agency meets the requirements?
- J.R. Salazar – asks "Do we know what dollar amount or close to dollar amount this would leave for other transit districts?"
- Jim Cline comments redistributing performance adjustment funds could result in some strange amounts going to districts.

10:49 A.M. – Returned to Agenda Item 3

AGENDA ITEM 6: Public Comments

John McBeth asks for Public Comments at 11:05 A.M. Theodore Kosub confirms no questions.

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

John McBeth introduced this item at 11:06 A.M.

Agenda Items:

- ❖ Eric Gleason proposes review and action on the 5311 rules package.
- ❖ John McBeth proposes Eric's topic to be the only topic on the next Agenda.

Proposal for next meeting was set for tentative Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. and later confirmed for Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjourn (Action).

MOTION Ken Fickes moved to adjourn.

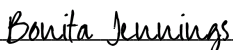
SECOND Jim Cline seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously at 11:09 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 A.M.

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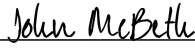


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John McBeth, Chair
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