



**Partners' and Stakeholders' Meeting  
February 10, 2016 Minutes**

**Stakeholders Present**

Rina Bale  
Willie Barber  
Mike Bates  
Bert Beall  
Michael Black  
Ashley Ervine  
Karen Faulkner  
Victoria Galindo  
Eric Garcia  
Alfredo Gonzales  
Deanne Hamilton  
Kim Henderson  
Mary "Tita" Nunez  
Paul Reed  
Tina Sawyers  
Nanette Stephens  
Rob Stephens  
Regina Swafford  
Britni Veretto  
Sohnna Williams

**Organization Representing**

Permian Basin MPO  
Advocate for individuals with disabilities/MOUTD Board Member  
Advocate for individuals with disabilities/ABLE Center Board Member  
All Aboard America!  
PBCC MHMR  
Maximus  
West Texas Opportunities, Inc.  
ABLE Center  
TxDOT – Lubbock District  
TxDOT – Odessa District  
TxDOT – Odessa District  
Aphasia Center of West Texas  
Big Bend Community Action Committee  
Disabled American Veterans  
Disabled American Veterans  
MOUTD/EZ-Rider  
MOUTD/EZ-Rider  
Aging and Disability Resource Center  
ABLE Center  
Aging and Disability Resource Center

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting of the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning committee was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Rina Bale.

**2. Public Comment & Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**3. Review/Approve January 13, 2015 Minutes**

A motion was made by Karen Faulkner and seconded by Michael Black to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 RCTP meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Review and Amend Regional Plan as Needed**

A review of the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan was needed in order to ensure that the projects that entities are planning in the FTA Section 5310 Funding application. The following suggestions were made by the committee members shown:

1. Britni Veretto requested a change in the verbiage in EZ-Rider's project description. She asked the we including wording about ABLE Center's outreach and mobility management applying to all transit providers, not just EZ-Rider. She also wanted to add a line regarding Purchase of Service through a voucher program to train on transit ridership.
2. Nanette Stephens asked to change the capital amount for EZ-Rider for FY 2016 from \$33,547 to \$157,357.
3. Karen Faulker, WTO, Inc., requested a change in both Purchase of Service and Preventive Maintenance amounts to \$39,000 and \$124,000 respectively. She also wanted to add the Reeves County Senior Center in Pecos to the project descriptions.
4. Eric Garcia pointed out that the Plan still has the MPO as MOTOR and needs to be changed to Permian Basin MPO and to change the legislative requirements from MAP-21 to FAST Act.

#### **5. Section 5310 Scoring Committee Information**

The scoring committee was not in attendance. One of the scoring team member resigned from her current position so Rina asked for another volunteer to score the Section 5310 applications. This includes participating in TxDOT training on the scoring process. Britni Veretto suggested Sohna Williams and Regina Swafford with the Aging and Disability Resource Center be scorers and they accepted.

#### **6. FY 2016 PGA – Transportation Resource Inventory**

Rina asked the committee members who have not submitted a Transportation Provider Profile to please do so as soon as possible. The report is due to TxDOT by the end of February. Karen Faulker informed the committee that Reeves County Senior Center has their own bus and Mike Bates offered to contact the transportation service providers in Ward County.

#### **7. Review MPO Strategies**

Rina read through the Permian Basin MPO strategies and discussed how each one could relate to regional planning.

#### **8. Emergency Management Planning**

Discussions continued on Emergency Management Planning and how it can be incorporated into regional planning. Nanette Stephens asked TxDOT if there was a policy regarding federally-funded vehicles being damaged when assisting during an emergency. Alfredo Gonzales explained that when multiple agencies have been called to use their vehicles for emergency purposes in the past, there was reimbursement to those agencies. Eric Garcia suggested contacted the local Dept. of Public Safety and have them possibly give a presentation at an upcoming RCTP meeting. Michael Black recommended speaking to the local Health Departments regarding their roll in Emergency Management. West Texas Opportunities, Inc. has a Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan. It was required by Medicaid and includes a list of the contact information of all employees and specific directions on gathering equipment, data, and supplies.

## **9. Stakeholder Updates**

### **ABLE Center: by Britni Veretto**

Independent living services are being transferred from the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) to Independent Living Centers. ABLE Center has applied to contract with DARS to provide services which will include additional funding and an expansion of services. ABLE Center will move into its new location by mid-March and will host an Open House.

### **Advocates for individuals with disabilities: by Mike Bates and Willie Barber**

**Willie:** The DARS program is being transferred to the Independent Living Centers and may need to be discussed between EZ-Rider and ABLE personnel. There may be changes made to the partnership they using 5310 funds.

**Mike:** No update

### **Aging and Disability Resource Center: by Sohanna Williams**

No update

### **All Aboard America: by Bert Beall**

Still going to Presidio twice a day; told an uplifting story about a consistent rider who is a veteran and a double amputee and recently All Aboard America took him to San Antonio to be fitted for prosthetics

### **Aphasia Center of West Texas: by Kim Henderson**

No update

### **BBCAC: by Tita Nunez**

Everything's the same; still need drivers in Alpine.

### **Disabled American Veterans: by Paul Reed**

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### **EZ-Rider: by Nanette Stephens**

A contract for architecture and engineering services was executed with Huitt-Zollars; discussions with Greyhound regarding the Multimodal Center are ongoing; working on 5310 grant application; continuing outreach efforts.

### **Maximus: by Ashley Ervine**

The Maximus Foundation is accepting applications for grant funding provided to 501(c)(3) organizations who serve the disadvantaged and underserved. They are due by Aug. 31 and must show audited financials. The applications can be found at [maximus.com](http://maximus.com).

### **PBCC MHMR: by Michael Black**

We're good

**Permian Basin MPO & Mobility Manager: by Rina Bale**

Working on Transportation Resource Inventory; Federal Certification Review will be held on Feb. 23 and 24

**TxDOT – Odessa District: by Alfredo Gonzales**

The new transportation bill will provide more funding over the next five years. Transit planning will increase approximately 18% and includes 5304, 5307, 5310, and 5311 funding. Section 5339 funding program for new buses and bus facilities will increase 62%

**WTO: by Karen Faulkner**

Nothing new.

**10. Future Discussions & Meeting Dates**

Next meeting there will be presentations from agencies on their 5310 projects. The deadline to submit projects will be March 21.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

**11. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Willie Barber and seconded by Tina Sawyers to adjourn at 1:10 p.m.