



**Wright Office Complex, Suite 1  
9601 Wright Drive  
Midland, TX**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 11:30am – 1:00pm  
(Lunch will be provided)**

**MEETING AGENDA**

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| 1.) Call Meeting to Order   |                        |
| 2.) Public Comments & Introductions                                       | <b>DISCUSSION ITEM</b> |
| 3.) Review/Approve Minutes for January 11, 2017                           | <b>ACTION ITEM</b>     |
| 4.) Approve <i>2017 Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan</i> update | <b>ACTION ITEM</b>     |
| 5.) 5310 Applicant Presentations/Approve 5310 Projects                    | <b>ACTION ITEM</b>     |
| 6.) Stakeholder Updates   | <b>DISCUSSION ITEM</b> |
| 7.) Future Discussions and Important Dates                                | <b>DISCUSSION ITEM</b> |
| 8.) Adjourn   | <b>ACTION ITEM</b>     |

**Agenda Item No. 3 ACTION ITEM**

**Partners' and Stakeholders' Meeting  
January 11, 2017 Minutes**

**Stakeholders Present**

Rina Bale  
Willie Barber  
Mike Bates  
Bert Beall  
Virginia Belew  
Michael Black  
Beth Carrell  
Beth Donnell  
Soeli Erazo  
Karen Faulkner  
Eric Garcia  
Alfredo Gonzales  
Deanne Hamilton  
Marilyn Hancock  
Kim Henderson  
Tita Nunez  
Audriana Prieto  
Jeannie Reeves  
Gabriela Reyes  
Rebecca Rodriguez  
Regina Swafford  
Sunshine Thompson  
Sohnna Williams

**Organization Representing**

Permian Basin MPO  
Advocate for individuals with disabilities/MOUTD Board Member  
ABLE Center Board Member/Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities  
All Aboard America!  
Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission  
Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR  
Vocational Rehabilitation Services – Texas Workforce Solutions  
MOUTD/EZ-Rider  
Texas 2-1-1  
West Texas Opportunities, Inc.  
TxDOT – Lubbock/Odessa District  
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ABLE Center  
Aphasia Center  
Big Bend Community Action Committee  
ABLE Center  
Area Agency on Aging  
Midland County Sheriff's Office – Crisis Intervention Unit  
Midland County Sheriff's Office – Crisis Intervention Unit  
Aging & Disability Resource Center  
Ector County Veterans Service Office  
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 11:34 a.m. by Rina Bale.

**2. Public Comment & Introductions**

No public comment

**3. Review/Approve December 14, 2016 Minutes**

A motion was made by Jeannie Reeves and seconded by Beth Carrell to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016 RCTP meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Review draft Regional Plan Update**

The committee was sent the draft plan prior to the meeting for review. Rina Bale summarized the Plan contents and reviewed on the projector. There was a discussion about performance measures and what is required by TxDOT. The committee suggested research regarding what other transportation entities use to measure the effectiveness of their programs. The Plan will be up for approval at the February meeting.

#### **5. Approve Pilot Project for Coordinated Call Funding**

As discussed in previous meetings, the Section 5304 funding is becoming a Coordinated Call for Projects. TxDOT is requiring that all applicants must submit a pilot project to submit for this type of federal funding. The committee initially agreed upon a study to determine costs associated with expanding route days/times. After discussions with TxDOT and EZ-Rider, performing a larger-scale comprehensive study covering aspects of the urban, rural, and intercity bus systems. This study would look at many different parts of the local transportation systems and would study out the identified deficiencies and gaps in service. The goal would be to provide recommendations on improving services throughout the region.

A motion was made by Willie Barber and seconded by Michael Black to approve a comprehensive study to be submitted as a pilot project for Coordinated Call funding. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Stakeholder Updates**

##### **2-1-1 Texas:**

*Soeli Erazo* – Looking to complete another update by the end of March/beginning of April. Hoping to have the information by the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of February. The Outreach position will be open for applicants in February.

##### **ABLE Center:**

*Marilyn Hancock* – Received a new grant which has helped to purchase technology used to demonstrate at the ABLE center including laptops, iPads, and magnifiers. Clients can use the items for up to 30-days for free. Another grant received can be used to purchase equipment for individual clients.

##### **Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities:**

*Willie Barber, EZ-Rider Board Member* – EZ-Rider personnel are still in talks with Greyhound regarding the new multi-modal facility. The accessible sidewalks are completed and shelters are near completion at the Downtown Transfer Center in Midland; currently discussing enhancements needed at the Odessa Transfer Center.

*Mike Bates, ABLE Center Board Member* – Continues to assist blind community with filling out Paratransit application. Attending a summit in Austin in February as a panel member for the CATS (Citizen Advocacy for Transportation Services)

##### **All Aboard America:**

*Bert Beall* – No update

**Aphasia Center:**

*Kim Henderson* – No update

**Big Bend Community Action Committee:**

*Tita Nunez* – No updates

**City of Midland:**

*Isaac Garnett* – The Downtown Transfer Center is complete with minor touch-ups needed; Includes six permanent benches; the pads are ready to go for the shelters. There will probably be a ribbon cutting once the work is complete.

**Ector County Veterans Service Office:**

*Sunshine Thompson* – No update

**EZ-Rider:**

*Beth Donnell* – EZ-Rider staff met with the mayor of Odessa regarding the Downtown Transfer Center and improvements needed.

**Midland County Sheriff's Office Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU):**

*Gabriella Reyes* – Explained that the CIU can transport individuals who become stranded and or those who need to get out of a situation but have no transportation. Looking for referrals that can be provided to those who need assistance. Services in Midland but can transport individuals to the Greyhound station in Odessa as well. Since the CIU is unable to accommodate persons with disabilities due to not having accessible vehicles, the committee members offered any bus that reaches its mileage "life" can be donated to the CIU. Volunteer program begins on Jan. 20.

*Rebecca Rodriguez* – Also, provides victims compensation for those affected by a violent crime.

**Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR:**

*Michael Black* – No update

**Permian Basin MPO:**

*Rina Bale* – Changes are coming to the MTP project list and will be discussed at the next Policy Board meeting on Jan. 23. The staff will participate in a training for the Travel Demand Model on Jan. 17 & 18.

**Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission (PBRPC):**

*Virginia Belew* – If anyone needs to get information out to the public, PBRPC wants to help.

**RCTP:**

*Rina Bale* – Provided 5310 information including the upcoming public meeting (Feb. 17), changes in scoring, and the requirement of applicants to present their project to the RCTP committee for concurrence. Continued working on the regional plan update and possible pilot projects.

American Red Cross will be installing smoke detectors on Saturday, Jan. 14. A flier was presented at the meeting for anyone interested in volunteering.

**TxDOT – Odessa District**

*Eric Garcia* – The meeting for 5310 applicants will be held Jan. 17 at the TxDOT Odessa District office. The El Paso TxDOT District Office and Big Bend Community Action Committee (BBCAC) will host meetings via satellite/conference call. The Lubbock meeting will be Jan. 18

*Alfredo Gonzales* – Reminded 5310 applicants to give a brief presentation at the public meeting.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Services – Texas Workforce Solutions:**

*Beth Carrell* – Attending the meeting on Jan. 17

**West Texas Opportunities, Inc.:**

*Karen Faulkner* – Informed the committee of the passing of one of their drivers.

**7. Future Discussions & Meeting Dates**

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. The final Regional Plan update will be approved for submittal to TxDOT. Those applying for Section 5310 will present their project to the committee during the next meeting.

**8. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Jeannie Reeves and seconded by Michael Black to adjourn at 1:02 p.m.

**Agenda Item No. 4 ACTION ITEM**

A draft version of the regional plan update was provided to the RCTP committee members prior to the meeting. The committee will vote to approve the final version of the Plan before it is submitted to TxDOT. There will be a signature page that each committee member will sign verifying their participation is the approval of the RCTP Plan update.

**Agenda Item No. 5 ACTION ITEM**

Each entity applying for Section 5310 funding will give a presentation on the proposed project. The committee will then vote to concur with the projects that will potentially be funded with 5310 funds.

**Agenda Item No. 6 STAKEHOLDER UPDATES**

Stakeholders will provide updates on events, projects, funding, needs, achievements, etc.

**Agenda Item No. 7 FUTURE DISCUSSIONS AND IMPORTANT DATES**

Next RCTP meeting will be February 8, 2017 @ 11:30am.

Pilot Project applications open – February 6 (eGrants)

Pilot Project applications due – March 27

**Agenda Item No. 8 ADJOURN**