



**Partners' and Stakeholders' Meeting  
February 8, 2017 Minutes**

**Stakeholders Present**

Patricia Albarado  
Rina Bale  
Willie Barber  
Mike Bates  
Michael Black  
Liz Cox  
Janet Everheart  
Karen Faulkner  
Eric Garcia  
Alfredo Gonzales  
Donna Greaves  
Deanne Hamilton  
Marilyn Hancock  
Kay Hathcox  
Tita Nunez  
Audriana Prieto  
Jeannie Reeves  
Gabriela Reyes  
Rebecca Rodriguez  
Cathy Scott  
Rob Stephens  
Regina Swafford  
Sunshine Thompson  
Britni Veretto  
Jayni Whitefield  
Sohnna Williams

**Organization Representing**

Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities  
Permian Basin MPO  
MOUTD Board Member/Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities  
ABLE Center Board Member/Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities  
Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR  
Experience Works  
Advocate for Senior Citizens  
West Texas Opportunities, Inc.  
TxDOT – Lubbock/Odessa District  
TxDOT – Odessa District  
Ector County Senior Services  
TxDOT – Odessa District  
ABLE Center  
Advocate for Senior Citizens  
Big Bend Community Action Committee  
ABLE Center  
Area Agency on Aging  
Midland County Sheriff's Office – Crisis Intervention Unit  
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Experience Works  
MOUTD/EZ-Rider  
Aging & Disability Resource Center  
Ector County Veterans Service Office  
ABLE Center  
Mission 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**

No public comment. Everyone introduced themselves.

**3. Review/Approve January 11, 2017 Minutes**

A motion was made by Jeannie Reeves and seconded by Sohnna Williams to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017 RCTP meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Approve 2017 Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan update**

The committee was sent the final draft of the Plan on January 25 to provide two weeks for review. Minor updates to the Plan will occur later as more information becomes available, mainly information regarding UBER services in the region and adding stories of successful projects coordinated through the RCTP committee.

A motion was made by Jeannie Reeves and seconded by Mike Bates to accept and approve the 2017 *Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning* update as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Section 5310 Applicant Presentation/Approve 5310 Projects**

As required by TxDOT, the projects being applied for to receive 5310 funding must have concurrence from the regional stakeholders. Part of this process is providing the RCTP committee members with information about the projects through agency presentations. As opposed to previous years’ funding, this application will provide funding for FY 2018 and FY 2019.

Three agencies plan to submit applications for 5310 funding including MOUTD/EZ-Rider as a collaborative effort with Senior Link Midland, Ector County Senior Services, and ABLE Center for Independent Living; West Texas Opportunities, Inc.; and Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR. All three entities provided information to the committee regarding their specific projects. The following table shows the amounts each entity is applying for

	<b>FY 2018/2019</b>
<b>WTO, Inc.</b>	\$62,000 PS \$72,000 PM
<b>EZ-Rider</b>	\$256,500 Other \$248,000 Capital
<b>MHMR</b>	\$63,000 Capital
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$698,500</b>

MOUTD/EZ-Rider will apply funds to continuing to provide services to and from the senior centers in both Midland and Ector Counties; continuing ABLE Center’s Mobility Management Program; and purchasing a new vehicle. West Texas Opportunities, Inc. will continue purchase of services for the Mission Center, Terrell County Senior Transportation Program and Martin County Senior Center. Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR will use awarded funds to purchase another vehicle.

Alfredo suggested that success stories be included in the application to show the accomplishments made in the past using 5310 funds.

A motion was made by Willie Barber and seconded by Jeannie Reeves to approve concurrence of the projects to be completed with requested FTA Section 5310 funding. The motion passed unanimously.

## **6. Stakeholder Updates**

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

*Mike Bates, ABLÉ Center Board Member* – Member of a committee (Citizen Advocates for Transportation) with Patricia Albarado and will be traveling to Austin. Looking for funding to assist them with travel expenses.

### **Experience Works:**

*Cathy Scott* – Assists senior citizens in finding suitable employment.

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

*Gabriella Reyes* – In certain instances, the CIU can provide gas money to individuals who are stranded or in emergency situations.

## **7. Future Discussions & Meeting Dates**

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. Coordinated Call applications are not yet open but applications will be due March 27. Section 5310 applications are open in e-Grants and will be due March 15.

## **8. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Karen Faulkner and seconded by Willie Barber to adjourn at 1:06 p.m.