

## PTAC Workshops December 2005

### Objectives for PTAC Workshops

- Opportunity for PTAC members to have informal discussion about topics of interest and significance to the PTAC work ahead.
- Opportunity for information to be presented to provide common background on a wide range of related topics. The background is intended to give PTAC members additional information to facilitate future discussions and decision-making.
- To present balanced information on issues of concern for PTAC members – this intended to give a complete picture that all PTAC members can consider.
- To ask TTI facilitators to provide different perspectives on topics or issues for the consideration of all PTAC members.
- **Specifics on the Texas Funding Formula will not be discussed at the workshops.** The Funding Formula will be the topic of PTAC meeting agenda in January and February, 2006.

### Schedule for PTAC Workshops *as of November 28, 2005*

Event	Date	Location	PTAC Participation
PTAC Meeting and Workshop #1	Friday December 9, 2005 9:00 am – 12:00 noon	Austin TxDOT Riverside	All PTAC members  <i>Workshop follows Regular Meeting</i>
PTAC Workshop #2	Wednesday, December 14, 2005 8:00 am – 2:30 pm	North Central Council of Governments 616 Six Flags Drive Centerpoint Two Arlington, Texas Reception: Suite 200 Workshop: 4th Floor 911 Training Room	Donna Halstead Oscar Trevino Vinsen Faris
PTAC Workshop #3	Thursday, December 15, 2005 8:00 am – 3:30 pm	TxDOT District Office 3901 East US Highway 80 (East Business I-20) Odessa, Texas Large Conference Room	John Wilson Bob Geyer
PTAC Workshop #4	Friday December 16, 2005 8:00 am – 3:30 pm	Corpus Christi Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Administrative Facility 5658 Bear Lane Corpus Christi Texas Board Room	Vastene Olier Chester Jourdan Mark Maddy Reba Malone Fred Gilliam

*Note: PTAC Member DeSheryl Thompson-Green is not available in December and sends her regrets that she will not be available to participate in a workshop. TTI will meet with Ms. Thompson-Green at a later date*

## Agenda

*Note: The amount of time allocated for each module/topic will vary by Workshop and will be responsive to the pace of discussions with PTAC members.*

- 8:00 a.m.** Coffee and juices, light continental breakfast fare.\*
- 8:30 a.m.**
- Introductions.
  - Review of purpose and expected outcomes.
  - Review of federal and state laws and regulations governing and funding public transportation. Review of federal allocation formulae by funding source. Highlight SAFETEA-LU funding categories and funding levels.
  - Brief Historical review of Texas funding for transit.
  - Background information on public transportation in Texas. Review categories of transit providers, types of transit services, characteristics of different service areas.
  - Comparative analysis of approaches to providing public transportation in Texas.
  - National examples of state funding for public transportation. National experience in state funding allocation criteria, performance measures, , cost-effectiveness.
  - Comparative analysis of funding public transportation in Texas.
  - Setting goals and objectives for public transportation. Discuss the draft goals and objectives discussed with PTAC December 9.
  - Discuss the similarities and differences of goals for public transportation in rural, urban and metro areas. State priorities versus local goals.
  - Transit coordination and regional service planning. Discussion of how PTAC and Commission initiative for regional service planning can be complementary
  - Overview transit performance measurement and service benchmarks. Defining performance measures.
  - Performance standards. Setting benchmarks.
  - Selection of performance indicators,
  - Sources of data for performance measurement; consistency of data collection and reporting; verification of data;
  - Formulae for calculating performance indicators; significance of dependent and independent variables in funding formulae.
  - Relationship of funding formulae and performance indicators.
  - Cause and effect of changes in input data.
  - Reasons why the outcomes of performance indicators are not always what is expected.
- 3:00 p.m.** • Option: Public Comment
- 3:30 p.m.** • Wrap up and Adjourn
- Option**
- Corpus Christi: Marketing transit service,
  - Techniques and concepts to effectively market transit service.

30-minute lunch break.<sup>†</sup>  
Box lunches will be available for PTAC members and TxDOT Staff

\* No formal mid-morning or mid-afternoon breaks. Refreshments will be available continuously. PTAC members will be encouraged to take personal breaks as required.

<sup>†</sup> In Arlington, the PTAC members will take only a short break for lunch and then continue agenda in order to adjourn by 2:30 p.m. at the request of a PTAC participant.

**Public Comment**

- PTAC participants in each workshop will not include a quorum of PTAC members. The meetings are, therefore, not formal public meetings. However, members of the public may elect to attend and observe. At the request of a PTAC member, time may be allowed for comments from members of the public in attendance at the end of each workshop.
- The accommodations were selected to facilitate the workshop format and as facilities were available on the selected dates. Space for observers is available but will be limited. All meeting rooms are accessible for persons with disabilities.