

Public Transportation Advisory Committee

March 26, 2024

Meeting will start at 10:05 am



PTAC Meeting Agenda - March 26, 2024

- Call to Order; Guidance on Virtual Meeting Participation.
- 2. Recommendation on Proposed Rule Changes for State Funding Allocations. (Action)
- 3. Adjourn. (Action)

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Recommendation on Proposed Rule Changes for State Funding Allocations

Primary Reasons for Rule Changes

- Adjust to Incorporate Impacts of 2020 Census
 - Changes in Area Designations
 - Modified UZA Boundaries
 - Population Growth

- Increase State Funding Totals to Include Additional Legislative Appropriations
 - Allocate to Rural, Small Urban, and Large Urban Subarea totals to equally share in reductions to 2010 per capita funding levels.

Overview of Changes



- Appropriation totals for the biennium updated from \$69,982,134 to \$73,752,134 to include additional funding received during the 88th Legislative Regular Session.
- Updated biennium totals for rural, small urban and large urban areas*.
 - a Large urban transit districts allocation increased to \$10,365,694 from \$7,000,000.
 - b Small Urban transit districts allocation decreased to \$15,927,748 from \$20,118,748
 - c Rural transit districts allocation increased to \$45,917,020 from \$42,863,386.
- *No changes to how allocations are calculated for individual transit districts.

Other Changes

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- Flexibility for the commission to waive or approve an alternate calculation for an allocation to urban or rural transit district(s).
- Removed obsolete, one-time allocation language from fiscal year 2018.
- Flexibility for the use of transit funds to address transit district service and capital development needs, changes in transit district boundaries, unforeseen funding anomalies, emergency services response and recovery needs, changes in economic conditions or availability of assets significantly impacting current year operational expenses, or other needs determined by the commission.
- Flexibility to allocate discretionary funds on a pro rata basis, competitive basis, combination of pro rata & competitive basis or as a one-time award.

State Funding Allocation Rulemaking – Anticipated Next Steps



March 4, 2024

Comment Period Closed on Proposed Rule

April 25, 2024

Commission Action on Final Rule

April 26, 2024 (t)

Adopted Rule Published in Texas Register

May 16, 2024 (t)

Rule Effective

June 2024

FY 25 State Funds Allocation



Committee questions, comments

Public comments

Possible Committee Actions

- Recommend adoption as proposed
- Recommend adoption with modifications
- Recommend against adoption
- No recommendation

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Adjourn