

BYLAWS
Transit Advisory Committee
Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, the local governments have created the Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District (MOUSD); and

WHEREAS, the Transit District Board of Directors has appointed a Transit Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Advisory Committee is a citizen's committee designed to provide formal, ongoing input for the transit system.

NOW, THEREFORE, the members of this committee do hereby agree and so hereby associate themselves together for the purpose aforesaid, and in consideration of the mutual promises hereby made, do agree as follows:

NAME

The name of this committee shall be the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC).

ARTICLE I

Members and Meetings

MEMBERSHIP

The MOUSD Board of Directors shall appoint seven (7) area residents to serve on the Transit Advisory Committee, including one or more persons with disabilities.

TERM OF OFFICE

All members of the committee shall serve two-year terms and may succeed themselves. Initially, three members shall serve a one-year term so that appointments may be staggered.

STRUCTURE

The committee shall have the following representatives:

City Residents Representative (Midland, TX)
City Residents Representative (Odessa, TX)

Midland College Representative
Odessa College Representative
Business Community Representative
Disabled Community Representative
Senior Citizens Representative

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The committee shall meet no less than one time per quarter, on specified dates, to perform its functions.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

The MOU/D General Manager may call special meetings in addition to the regular quarterly meetings, if necessary. A majority (51%) of the committee members may also call a special meeting, if necessary, by contacting the MOU/D General Manager.

TIME LIMIT

Under normal circumstances, meetings shall be no more than one (1) hour in length.

PURPOSE OF MEETINGS

The committee shall be used as a means to provide formal, ongoing input for the fixed-route bus service and ADA complementary paratransit service.

RESPONSIBILITY OF MEETING NOTICES

It shall be the responsibility of the MOU/D General Manager to send out written notices of the date, time, place and nature of the meeting to every member of the committee, and to provide adequate publicity in advance of each meeting.

MEETING FACILITIES

It shall be the responsibility of the MOU/D General Manager to make arrangements for a meeting place.

SELECTING DATE AND TIME OF MEETING

It shall be the responsibility of MOU/D General Manager to poll the membership to select dates and times for the meeting that would be convenient for the majority (51%) of the members.

VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Each member of the committee shall have one vote. A majority vote of the quorum at any duly called meeting shall be sufficient to authorize any action to be taken on behalf of the committee.

METHOD OF VOTING

Voting on all issues shall be open and no secret ballots shall be made.

QUORUM

A simple majority (51%) of the TAC shall constitute a quorum of the committee.

ATTENDANCE

In the event a committee member is absent at three (3) consecutive meetings, it shall be the prerogative of the committee to ask the Board of Directors to appoint a new member.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

It shall be the responsibility of the MOUTD General Manager to post notices of meetings to the general public, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law. Such notice shall be posted in a public place, giving at least 72 hours notice indicating date, time, place and agenda items to be discussed. The agenda shall also have a public comment section listed on the agenda.

FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The functions of the TAC shall be as follows:

1. Solicit informal input from customers and potential customers of the transit system.
2. Act on recommendations of the MOUTD General Manager as they relate to transit.
3. Make recommendations for approval by the MOUTD Board of Directors.
4. Hear appeals and grievances from transit customers.
5. Represent Transit to the various constituencies reflected in the makeup of the committee.

ARTICLE II

Officers

CHAIRPERSON

The chairperson shall be chosen by a majority vote of the membership. The chairperson shall perform the duties usually assigned to that office, such as preside at all meetings of the committee; be an ex officio member of any subcommittees formed within this body; and vote only as necessary to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

VICE CHAIRPERSON

The vice chairperson shall be chosen by a majority vote of the membership. In the absence of, or in case of the inability of the chairperson to act, it shall be the duty of the vice chairperson to perform all the duties of the chairperson.

SECRETARY

No secretary shall be elected from the membership of the committee. MOUTD shall furnish the secretarial duties necessary to conduct meetings.

TERM OF OFFICE

The chairperson and vice chairperson shall serve two-year terms and may succeed themselves.

SPECIAL ELECTION

In the event the chairperson is unable to serve, the vice chairperson shall assume the office of the chairperson and call a special election at the next meeting to fill the office of vice chairperson for the remaining portion of the two-year term.

Should the vice chairperson be unable to serve, the chairperson shall call a special election at the next meeting to fill the office of the vice chairperson for the remaining portion of the two-year term.

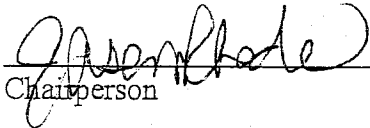
ARTICLE III

Amendments

METHODS OF AMENDMENT

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership present and voting at any meeting of the members, provided the official notice of the proposed amendment is included in the notice of the meeting.

Adopted this 17 day of August, 2005.



Chairperson



Nancy Chappell, Secretary