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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 5, 2018; 9:00 AM  
PSTA HEADQUARTERS

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- 1 CALL TO ORDER
- 2 PUBLIC COMMENT
- 3 ACTION ITEMS
  - 3.A Approve June 6, 2018 Minutes  
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NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 3, 2018 AT 1:00 PM

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## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 6, 2018

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Committee Chair Long called the June 6, 2018 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Members present: Janet Long, Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, and John Tornga. Members absent: Joe Barkley and Patricia Johnson. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO; Natalie King and Ron Pierce, RSA Consulting; RJ Myers, Suskey Consulting, and PSTA staff members. The following participated via telephone: Charlie Justice, Legislative Committee member; Harry Glenn and Steve Palmer, Van Scoyoc.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

### ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Tornga made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wheeler-Bowman, to allow Mr. Justice to participate by telephone. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve April 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Ms. Wheeler-Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tornga, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

Federal and State Legislative Updates – Mr. Glenn and Mr. Palmer gave an update on federal legislative issues. They spoke about various state and federal grants, as well as the President's infrastructure budget. They also discussed the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Administrator nomination, which may be decided by August. Mr. Palmer indicated that Jane Williams is currently the acting Administrator and assured the Committee that PSTA's Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is still moving ahead.

Mr. Pierce briefly talked about the state legislative issues. Mr. Miller stated that the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission (TDC) awarded funds to PSTA for a third year for the Authority's TD Late Shift program, but may not be available next year. Ms. King indicated that she will investigate what will happen after three years of

funding and report back to the Committee. Discussion also took place regarding regional transportation and the possibility of a half-cent referendum in Hillsborough. Mr. Pierce will report back on the progress of the referendum.

Support for Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Funding – Mr. Miller provided information on the history and structure of TBARTA and gave a presentation on how PSTA will assist the Agency with their financial and grant funding issues. Committee Chair Long made a few suggestions about the presentation before it is brought in front of the TBARTA Board on Friday, June 8th. Comments were made relating to the program management services and administrative fees for PSTA's services to TBARTA.

## **FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS**

None.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Glenn mentioned that PSTA received \$80,000 from the FTA for Hurricane Irma-related funding.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 AM. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for August 1st at 9:00 AM.



## **2019 DRAFT Legislative Priorities - STATE**

### **PSTA**

- A. Tourist Development Bed Tax** – Clarify language to allow funding to be used for vehicles.
- B. Tourist Development Bed Tax** – Clarify language to allow funding to be used for operating expenses.
- C. Transportation Disadvantaged** – Maintain or Increase Mobility Enhancement Grant Funding and allow for continued funding for TD LateShift beyond 3<sup>rd</sup> year.
- D. Transportation Disadvantaged** – Require and monitor Medicaid Brokerage Services Transportation Provision so trips and costs are not shifted to DART.
- E. Clearwater Beach Causeway Busway** – Construction funding in Work Program.
- F. Increased FDOT Transit Urban Corridor Funding to District 7** – for TIA Express Service.
- G. Senator Brandes-Supported Innovative Project Funding**

### **TBARTA**

- A. \$1.5M Recurring Annual Funding for TBARTA Operations**
- B. Necessary Funding to Implement 41-mile Regional Premium Transit Project.**
- c. Clarifying Language** – Mayoral TBARTA Board Members can appoint alternates. Exemption from physical presence quorum requirements.



## 2019 DRAFT Legislative Priorities - FEDERAL

### PSTA

- A. Central Avenue BRT – Small Starts Funding Maintained and Distributed On-Time.
- B. Counting Integrated TNC Rides as “Transit”
- C. Increased Transit Infrastructure Funding – LoNo, Bus & Bus Facility, Mobility on Demand.
- D. Advance NHTSA Approval process on autonomous technology.
- E. Oppose FTA’s Proposed Rule Changes increasing Risk Assessment requirements for Small Start projects.