



## November 16, 2018 TBARTA Board Meeting Highlights

TBARTA held a **Board Meeting** on Friday, November 16, 2018 at Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)

### Regional Transit Feasibility Plan

- Scott Pringle of WSP presented the **Regional Transit Feasibility Plan** and next steps for TBARTA as the primary recipient of the plan.
  - The TBARTA Governing Board accepted and approved the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan (RTFP) advancing it into the PD&E phase.
  - Support from the public was provided from various organizations including the Tampa Bay Partnership, the University of South Florida (USF), Greater Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce, St. Pete Chamber of Commerce, Westshore Alliance, PNC Bank, Tampa Innovation Partnership, and the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce.
  - Following board approval of the RTFP, FDOT District 7 Secretary David Gwynn explained next steps and the processes for the PD&E study. He asked the board to provide letters of support for the Tampa Bay Next Program before he takes the proposal for RTFP to the Legislation.
  - The TBARTA Governing Board approved the request to provide letters of support for Tampa Bay Next.

### Resolution of Support for Emerging Transit Technologies

- A resolution of support for **Emerging Transit Technologies** was passed, voicing the agency's commitment to working with and encouraging its partners to explore opportunities for the potential development of emerging transit technologies, such as Hyperloop and Beach Tran.

### Retirement Plan

- The TBARTA Governing Board approved submitting an application for TBARTA participation in the **Florida Retirement System (FRS)** to benefit current employees and attract new staff.

### Support for Westshore Interchange

- The Board voiced its support for prioritizing the reconstruction of the I-275/SR 60 Interchange in the Westshore Area of Tampa in the FDOT District 7 Work Program and agreed to draft a resolution requesting that construction be advanced in the Strategic Intermodal System 2045 Cost Feasible Plan as soon as possible.

**The next TBARTA Board meeting is scheduled for December 7, 9:30am at the Hillsborough Area Transit Authority (HART) Board Room**