



## Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, July 26, 2019 – 8:30 am

PSTA Auditorium

3201 Scherer Drive

St. Petersburg, FL 33716

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### AGENDA

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

*Persons wishing to address the Board are requested to complete a "Comment Card" and will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please see staff prior to the meeting. This public comment period will be extended for up to 30 minutes.*

#### 3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. February 22, 2019 Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

#### 4. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. Legislative Agenda Discussion

#### 5. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 6. OTHER BUSINESS

#### 7. FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

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**\*\*Next Legislative Committee Meeting\*\***

**August 23, 2019 – 8:30 am**

**PSTA Auditorium  
3201 Scherer Drive  
St. Petersburg, FL 33716**



**Legislative Subcommittee Meeting**  
Friday, February 22, 2019 – 8:30 am  
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Auditorium  
3201 Scherer Drive  
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

**Meeting Minutes**

- ❖ **Items in red indicate a vote by the Committee.**
- ❖ **Items in blue indicate staff action items.**

**Committee Members Present:**

Commissioner Janet Long, Chair Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)  
Melanie Griffin Gubernatorial (via phone)  
Commissioner Kathryn Starkey Pasco County (via phone)  
Jim Holton  
Commissioner Reggie Bellamy Manatee County

**Committee Members Absent:**

Cliff Manuel, Jr. Gubernatorial (excused)  
Pat Kemp Gubernatorial (excused)

**Meeting Attendees:**

Michael Case, David Green, Debbie Leous, Alan Zimmet, Natalie King, Ron Pierce, Bill Jonson, Jennifer Mendez & Gabrielle Jimenez

**Call to Order**

Commissioner Janet Long called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Consent Agenda Item**

- **Approve TBARTA Legislative Subcommittee Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2018.**
- Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

**Discussion/Action Items**

- **TBARTA 2019 Legislative Agenda Update - \$1.5M Recurring Annual funding**
- Representative Toledo has put in our request from the House side and Senator Brandes has put it in on the Senate side. It will be included in the initial Senate budget as non-recurring revenue initially due to a number of other regional transportation project requests that have been submitted.
- It has been discussed that TBARTA could take on the planning aspect of those projects. There may be an opportunity to receive above the \$1.5M if TBARTA agrees to take the lead on planning process for additional transportation projects (technology related) for the region.
- Per Ron/RSA we would not be getting that much recurring, maybe \$750K to \$1M. Once we get into conference the Senate will change a percentage of the offer as recurring.
- **Other Proposed Priorities**
- Two issues will end up in the DOT Package that will be released the first week of sessions:
  1. Allow the mayor to appoint a designee from City Council if unable to attend the meeting
  2. Ability to vote by telephone or other electronic means if someone cannot physically be present (to count towards quorum)
- House bill 385 (General Transportation Bill) has language stating that referendums in the future would only allow funds to be available for capital use and not operating expenses. The intent here is not to impact Tampa, and only Southwest Florida per Representative Avila. As written today it could affect TBARTA regional referendums. RSA closely monitoring to make sure we are not impacted.
- Senate Bill 542 by Senator Brandes and House Bill 453 by Toledo for bicycle and scooter use. Currently looking at insurance and license challenges and putting a statewide framework in place

- regarding where and when they can be ridden. Currently the companies themselves would be liable.
- The Westshore Interchange has become a big topic of discussion; The Howard Franklin Bridge is in line to be replaced, and President Galvano is trying to align the two projects. The alignment could possibly be made during the 2020 session, as it is falling out of the 10-year plan. Creative ways to finance the project may be required (private partnership, etc.). 25-30 groups from the local business community are supporting this.
  - Senator Lee has introduced a bill changing the timeline for citizen led ballot initiative submissions to be made 180 days in advance to OPPAGA for audit. Was just introduced and in the process of being referenced.

### ***Future Business/Informational Items***

- Jim Holton and David Green discussed in moving forward with the PD&E we as a Board reaffirm our commitment to dedicated lanes. TBARTA 100% supports dedicated lines along the 41-mile corridor.
- David went on a second trip to Tallahassee and met with 23 members of the BALD Delegation to position TBARTA as leaders on transportation for the region. Very productive trip with a lot of positive feedback for TBARTA, also went to FDOT state office. David will be presenting at the BALD Delegation meeting held on 3/5 in Sarasota.

***Adjournment 9:20 a.m.***