



Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 – 1:30 pm

PSTA Auditorium

3210 Scherer Drive

St. Petersburg, FL 33716

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. 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.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. December 4, 2019 CAC Meeting Minutes (Bill Jonson)

5. PRESENTATIONS AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. Flamingo Fare Card (Lynda Crescentini)

B. Regional Transit Development Plan (Bill Ball)

C. Regional Rapid Transit (Scott Pringle)

6. NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

7. ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE TBARTA BOARD

8. ADJOURNMENT

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****Next CAC Meeting****

April 15th, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2019 | Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) 3201 Scherer Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Chair Bill Jonson called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Henion, at large; Bill Roberts, at large; Bob Widmar, at large; Kelly Miller, Pasco County; Travis Norton, Pinellas County; Bill Jonson, PSTA; David Goodwin, City of St. Petersburg; Rick Richmond, Hillsborough MPO; Robb Sercu, Pasco MPO; Caron Swartz, Pinellas MPO; Leo Dosoretz, HART (via phone)

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Richard Bedford, Manatee County; Walter O'Rourke, Polk County MPO; Bryan Kazimierowski, At-Large; Tyler Hudson, City of Tampa; Sarah Calhoun, Sarasota/Manatee MPO

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Natalie King, RSA; Ananth Prasad, Florida Transportation Builders Association (via phone); TBARTA staff

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments were presented.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of October 16, 2019 CAC meeting minutes.

➤ **Bob Henion motioned to approved, Rick Richmond seconded. Motion passes 10-0.**

PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS:

M-CORES Program

Ananth Prasad, Florida Transportation Builders Association gave an overview of the M-CORES program. SB 7068 "Innovation in Infrastructure" was signed by Governor DeSantis in May 2019. The bill proposed to gradually shift motor vehicle registration taxes into the State Transportation Trust Fund, providing an estimated additional \$135 million per year for transportation by state fiscal year 2021-2022. The bill also created the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) Program within the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), designed to advance construction of regional corridors that will accommodate multiple modes of transportation and multiple types of infrastructure. The M-CORES program is comprised of three corridors: 1. Southwest-Central Florida Connector (Collier County to Polk County); 2. Suncoast Connector (Citrus County to Jefferson County); 3. Northern Turnpike Connector (northern terminus of the Florida Turnpike northwest to the Suncoast Parkway).

- It was recommended that the CAC support Resolution 2019-09 for the M-CORES program, considering the potential for strategic development of new connections to and from the Tampa Bay region that consider and encourage the use of transit and emerging transit technologies, as well as vital infrastructure to the TBARTA Board for adoption.
- There was quite a lot of discussion on the topic and the group agreed that there was not a real commitment to transit and that this was more of a road project. Some members felt that it didn't align with TBARTA's mission. Several motions were presented with different wording options, the final changes are reflected

below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the TBARTA Governing Board that:

1. TBARTA recognizes the opportunity the M-CORES Program provides for the strategic development of new connections to and from the Tampa Bay region that preserves a transit envelope and consider-and-encourages the use of transit and emerging transit technologies, ~~as well as vital infrastructure.~~

- A final amended motion was made by Caron Schwartz recommending support of the resolution to the Board with the above changes, Robb Sercu seconded. Motion passes 7-3 (Norton, Henion & Goodwin opposed).

Regional Rapid Transit (RRT) PD&E

Brian Pessaro, TBARTA gave an update on the Regional Rapid Transit PD&E. He informed the CAC that the Board approved five alternatives that will be taken into 10% design at its November 15 meeting. The PD&E Study consultant, WSP, will be working on these five alternatives from now until Spring 2020. In Spring 2020, the Board will adopt the recommended alternative that will be carried forward into the NEPA environmental review process (Milestone 2). He then gave a brief presentation on the five design alternatives.

- **Both presentations are available here: <https://bit.ly/2toy3dl>*

INFORMATION ITEMS:

CAC 2020 Calendar

Chris DeAnnuntis provided the approved 2020 calendar. It was approved by the Board on October 25th. The CAC will continue to meet every other month at 1:30pm. There was some discussion involving the current Pasco location and maybe finding a new location due to lack of livestreaming capabilities. More information to come.

Legislative Update

Natalie King from RSA gave an update that we are requesting the \$1.5 funding appropriation again for FY2021. This request was filed by both the House (Toledo) and Senate (Brandes). TBARTA member bills, HB 503 (Rouson) and SB 368 (Diamond) have both been filed. Updates are proposed to clarify the language regarding mayoral alternates, quorum and the option to vote electronically in our statute. The Board would have the power to adopt the same updates at the Committee level. The language will also be updated to note that the CCC will no longer be seen as one of our entities.

RTDP-Envision 2030 update

Chris DeAnnuntis gave a brief update on the Board workshop. A draft final report will be ready sometime in January.

Innovative Technology Feasibility Study

Brian Pessaro informed the committee that we are utilizing WSP to complete a study on aerial taxis, gondolas & hyperloop. This study will take one year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

No new business was heard.

Adjournment 3:34 pm