

**TAMPA BAY AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-06**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TBARTA ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE REGIONAL TRANSIT FEASIBILITY PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (“TBARTA”) is an agency of the State of Florida created to plan, implement, develop, finance, construct, own, operate, maintain and manage multimodal systems in Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, TBARTA’s purpose is to improve mobility and expand multimodal transportation options for passengers and freight throughout its five-county region; and

**WHEREAS**, TBARTA has developed a Regional Transportation Master Plan (“Master Plan”) which identifies major corridors of transit throughout the region for development of alternative forms and modes of transit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (“HART”) is a regional transit authority under the laws of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation, District 7, has funded HART to manage the development of a Regional Transit Feasibility Plan (“RTFP”) to build the vision for transit throughout the region, and to short list five connections to be reviewed in greater detail to determine which is the most competitive for federal and state funding; and

**WHEREAS**, TBARTA is required to develop a Regional Transit Development Plan (“Regional TDP”) guided by Sections 339.135 and 339.155, Florida Statutes, which will identify regional transit service needs and opportunities over a 10 year period, and will include funded and unfunded needs throughout the 5-county region, considering the results of the RTFP, the local TDPs of transit agencies within the region, the Florida Transportation Plan, the Strategic Intermodal System, and other applicable transit plans and regionally significant studies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (“TMA”) Leadership Group was formed in 2013 covering Pasco, Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties, and is comprised of nine members, three from each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) board, and non-voting advisors from FDOT and TBARTA, and acts in an advisory capacity to each of the three MPOs to develop regional consensus on project priorities and allocation of federal and state funds for the TMA designated area; and

**WHEREAS**, TBARTA has participated in development of the RTFP effort as a partner with HART, the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority ("PSTA"), the Metropolitan Planning Organizations of Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco Counties, and the TMA Leadership Group.

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


1. TBARTA supports continued efforts to finalize the RTFP; and
2. The TBARTA Governing Board formally requests HART and FDOT execute documents that designate TBARTA as the primary recipient of the RTFP, with rights to approve and implement the plan, given funding sources have been identified and secured; and
3. The TBARTA RTFP project team will meet with the TMA at each of its regularly scheduled meetings to present the most recent information regarding the plan, seek feedback from members and communicate that feedback in an advisory capacity to the TBARTA Governing Board; and
4. In its evaluation of the structure of its committees, TBARTA will appoint a single member of the TMA to an appropriate committee, at the discretion and approval of the TBARTA Governing Board, to represent the group; and
5. TBARTA shall solicit the input of the five MPOs in its designated service area, and the five transit agencies in its designated service area, those being the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART), Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT), Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT), and Hernando County Transit, as well as any other applicable public or private entities in an advisory capacity to TBARTAs implementation of the RTFP; and
6. Prior to their implementation, projects from the RTFP shall be approved by the MPO Board's according to the jurisdiction in which they are located, and be included in their Long-Range Transportation Plans.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the TBARTA Governing Board on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.

FOR THE BOARD:

  
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JAMES W. HOLTON, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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RAMOND CHIARAMONTE, Executive Director