

TBARTA held a virtual **Board Meeting** on Friday, September 25th via Zoom.

FY 2021 Board Officer Elections

- Per the TBARTA bylaws the Board is to elect officers in August. This year's election took place in September due to lack of a quorum in August. The Governing Board unanimously approved retaining Jim Holton as Chair and Commissioner Janet Long as Secretary/Treasurer. Rich McClain was voted in as the new Vice Chair.

Second Amendment to PSTA/TBARTA Interlocal Agreement

- The Board unanimously approved a second amendment to TBARTA's Interlocal agreement with PSTA. The initial agreement allowed PSTA to provide TBARTA grant administration, management, administration, procurement, and accounting services. The first amendment extended the original agreement for an indefinite term. The second amendment allows for reciprocal services from TBARTA to PSTA.

Presentations

Hyperloop

- Andrea La Mendola of Hyperloop Transportation Technologies (HTT) updated the Board on his company and some of the projects they are working on. Hyperloop is being designed to provide a safe, quality passenger experience. It can operate as an elevated infrastructure with a levitated capsule that is electromagnetically propelled. The capsule is fully enclosed, protecting it from weather and traffic crossing, and uses alternative energy in the form of solar panels. Hyperloop is a very energy efficiency form of travel, producing more energy than it consumes within a year. The capsule is approximately one hundred feet long, travels up to 760 miles per hour, holds up to 50 passengers, and can depart a station every 40 seconds allowing for over 160,000 passengers and 4,000 cargo loads daily. Their multi-modal station design accommodates other modes of transportation including air-taxis. Hyperloop has low operating, maintenance and end user costs, and lower capital infrastructure costs than high-speed rail. A full-scale test track is operational in Toulouse, France and HTT is currently working on a commercial prototype in Adu Dhabi, UAE, and a cargo prototype at the Port of Hamburg, Germany. Industry achievements include creating an insurance framework, certification guidelines, and government guidance. They are currently conducting a feasibility study in the Great Lakes region (connecting Chicago, Cleveland, and Pittsburg). During the presentation, a regional study was proposed for Tampa Bay. Phases one and two focus on creating tunnel concept infrastructures connecting Tampa to St. Pete and St. Pete to Bradenton. The third phase entails a network concept connecting Bradenton to Miami. The Board agreed to discuss further consideration of Hyperloop during its October Policy Committee meeting.

**The complete presentation can be found here <https://bit.ly/3i9jM8j>.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2020, 10:00 am, TBD.