



October Board Meeting
Friday, October 22, 2021 – 10:00 AM
PSTA Board Room
3201 Scherer Drive
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Jim Holton
Commissioner Janet Long
Councilman John Dingfelder
Mayor Rick Kriseman
Commissioner Kimberly Overman
Commissioner Kathryn Starkey
Commissioner Rene Flowers
Commissioner Jeff Holcomb
Commissioner Pat Kemp
Secretary David Gwynn
Secretary L.K. Nandam

WELCOME COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY OVERMAN - HART

The Governing Board welcomed Commissioner Kimberly Overman. Commissioner Overman is a new Board member representing HART.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approve September Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Dingfelder, Seconded by Commissioner Long.

Motion passed 9-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

CY 2022 Draft Meeting Schedule

David Green presented a draft of the CY 2022 meeting calendar. The master calendar will be adopted at the November Board meeting.

Commute Tampa Bay Update

The Board received an update from Ken Boden regarding upcoming events. FDOT Mobility Week begins October 29 and ends on November 5. Ken Boden and Chris Jadick will present at the Gulf Coast Summit at Forward Pinellas on November 2. Staff will coordinate an event at Memorial Hospital.

RRT Project Update

Staff is requesting from FTA a Class of Action that will identify the level of environmental analysis required for the project. Staff will submit a NEPA checklist on October 22 and hopes to receive a Categorical Exclusion. Response should be received by the end of December.

Councilman Dingfelder asked for clarification on the length of project completion. Secretary Gwynn advised that the issue is north of Hillsborough Avenue on I-275. Westshore will likely be completed by 2030. Gateway could likely be completed in 2023 and Howard Frankland in three or four years, but widening north of Hillsborough Avenue is not currently funded. Lane widening in that segment is not currently supported by Hillsborough County. RRT could operate in general traffic in that segment. Project may have to be phased.

Commissioner Kemp asked for clarification on how the first phase of the project will be funded. Will PSTA pay TBARTA or will RRT operations be privatized? Services will likely be contracted to HART or PSTA. Capital Investment Grant would provide federal funds for vehicles, stations and other capital requirements.

Commissioners Starkey and Long requested staff provide a chart outlining federal funding process and timeline.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Citizens Advisory Committee Report

Bill Roberts provided CAC update. The committee enjoyed a presentation from FDOT on Wrong Way Driving Countermeasures. The CAC also received a presentation from the City of Tampa Mobility as a Service (MaaS) pilot program. The committee requested that vacant positions be filled.

Commissioner Holcomb asked for clarification on Wrong Way Driving reflectors being added on US -9. Secretary Gwynn advised that Wrong Way Driving measures have been implemented on US-19 in Pasco/Hernando based on data of wrong way driving incidents.

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Finance Committee Report - Commissioner Rene Flowers

Local Contributions

The Board will make requests based on per capita requesting 17 cents. Commissioner Flowers clarified that the cities of Tampa and St. Petersburg will now join counties in the region in funding TBARTA. Staff will draft an Interlocal Agreement.

Line of Credit - Pilot Bank

Pilot Bank is merging with Lake Michigan Credit Union, which is not a qualified public depository. Staff will move all funds from Pilot Bank to SunTrust.

Policy Committee Report -Commissioner Kathryn Starkey

State Advocacy Services

The Board previously decided not to take a position on the bill introduced to repeal TBARTA. RSA is hoping to secure state funds to match local funds.

Federal Advocacy Services

Build Back Better Act includes \$10 billion to connect housing and transit.

Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act includes \$39 billion funding for new transit.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Regional Rail Forum will be held during the TMA Leadership Group meeting December 10 at FDOT District 7.

CSX Rail Corridor - staff will introduce a Resolution of Support at the November Board meeting for a feasibility study of best uses of the rail corridor.

Envision 2030 received an APTA Grand Award and will be recognized at the APTA Conference.

PRESENTATIONS

City of Tampa Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) Program

David Green introduced Brandon Campbell (City of Tampa). This is a 15 month pilot program. Moovit in active talks to fully integrate Flamingo Fares. A contract award is anticipated in November.

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****NEXT BOARD MEETING******November 19, 2021 – 10:00 AM****West Pasco Government Center****8731 Citizens Drive****New Port Richey, FL 34654**

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