



TBARTA held a **Board Meeting** on Friday, April 26, 2019 at HART.

**Federal Lobbyist Best & Final Offers and Recommendation for Award**

- The TBARTA governing board approved a three-year base term contract with two one-year options to Van Scoyoc, for \$384,000 with approval for the Board to exercise the two one-year options.
  - The firm chosen will develop strategies for advancing actions at the Federal level that are beneficial to TBARTA and its programs.
  - The contract will be funded in the operating budget by local contribution funds.

**PD&E Recommendation for Award**

- The TBARTA governing board approved a three-year base contract to WSP USA, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.
  - This will fund a Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) study for a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) a rapid transit connection running in 41-miles of the I-275 corridor between downtown St. Pete & Wesley Chapel.
  - The project will be funded by state grants and other sources.

**2019 Legislative Update**

- The Budget Conference Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development/Transportation & Tourism released their budget spreadsheet with the TBARTA appropriation being at \$2.5 million.
- As of Monday 5/6 the TBARTA Appropriation (\$2.5 million & proviso language) was voted on by the House and Senate as a part of the final budget. It will now be sent over to Governor DeSantis for his signature.

**The next TBARTA Board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2019 9:30am at Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)**