

TBARTA held a **Board Meeting** on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at the Manatee County Administrative Center.

### **FDOT Lease Agreement**

- The Board unanimously approved a 2-year lease with FDOT for \$0 at the CentrePointe building. The lease term is June 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 and there is no fiscal impact. TBARTA will save \$101,795 annually based on our current rent.

### **Air Taxi Resolution**

- The Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2020-02, stating that TBARTA will cooperate with regional stakeholders such as the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority in their efforts to bring air taxis to the Tampa Bay region.

### **Legislative Update**

- Ron Pierce from RSA updated the Board on the legislative session that started January 14. Feedback has been generally positive regarding TBARTA's annual appropriation request. The House and Senate budgets will be announced soon and he anticipates support of \$1.5M in funding for TBARTA operations. There are concerns, however, regarding Board members being able to attend meetings and vote electronically. The option could possibly be made available for committee meetings only but not for Board meetings. There also seems to be support for allowing the mayors to each appoint a designee from city council to attend Board meetings in their absence.

### **Envision 2030 Board Workshop Review**

- Bill Ball from Tindale Oliver presented the Board with results from the November Board workshop. The presentation can be found here <https://bit.ly/2G7cYrI>. Highlights included:
  - Focus on commuters and premium transit services and increase coordination with member governments.
  - Lead regional transit planning for the five-county area and expand planning responsibilities as TBARTA's role in operations expands.
  - Contract regional transit operations to public or private providers, provide regional TD services if needed, and establish standards for regional service.
  - Identify dedicated and sustainable funding sources, become a designated recipient for federal funding (in process), and better define value provided to each member county.
  - Pursue seamless regional travel with a unified regional transit brand, utilizing co-branding in the near-term and establishing interlocal agreements.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2020 10:00 am at Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA).