

Resolution to Request Prioritization of the I-275/SR 60 Interchange in the FDOT Strategic Intermodal System 2045 Cost Feasible Plan

Resolution No. 2018-12

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, hereinafter “five-county region”; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is the agency responsible for the designation, implementation, and management of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), an intermodal network of transportation facilities and services of statewide, interregional and regional significance; and

WHEREAS, the I-275 & State Road 60/Memorial Hwy Interchange, hereinafter “Interchange”, is a part of the SIS; and

WHEREAS, Section 339.64 Florida Statutes requires FDOT to coordinate with metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), regional planning councils, local governments, and other transportation providers to update the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP), which provides guidance into investments on and off the SIS; and

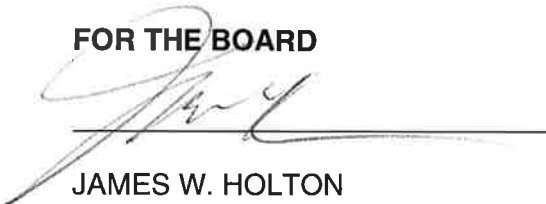
WHEREAS, TBARTA, in conjunction with the MPOs and other partners in the region, have identified the reconstruction of the Interchange as a top regional priority and essential to improving mobility on the interstate system, managing congestion, accommodating premium transit service, and being integral to the overall continued economic vitality of the Tampa Bay region; and

WHEREAS, TBARTA is the agency responsible for the development and implementation of a regional transit system that would benefit from the median transit envelope created by the proposed interchange improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TBARTA GOVERNING BOARD THAT:

- 1. TBARTA recognizes that delays in the reconstruction of the Interchange will exacerbate congestion on I-275 and in the Westshore District, and will be problematic for the timely implementation of a regional transit system.**
- 2. TBARTA formally requests that FDOT advance reconstruction of the Interchange in the Strategic Intermodal System 2045 Cost-Feasible Plan be the number-one priority for Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) funding.**

FOR THE BOARD



JAMES W. HOLTON

Chairman

ATTEST:



Commissioner Janet C. Long

Secretary-Treasurer