

TBARTA held a virtual **Board Meeting** on Friday, August 21st via Zoom.

State Government Relations and Lobbying Services

- The Board unanimously approved award of a 1-year contract to RSA Consulting Group, LLC. The fiscal impact is \$8,500 per month to be funded by local contributions. The agreement is a piggybacking arrangement from PSTA's contract with RSA Consulting Group, which expires next year. This third and final contract year will run from October 26, 2020 through October 25, 2021.

FY 2021 Operating Budget

- The Board unanimously approved Resolution 2020-09: A resolution adopting the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 for carrying on the duties and obligations of the authority. The final \$6.6 million budget is supportive of TBARTA's mission and includes resources to support the organization, the Commuter Assistance Program, and planning work to continue our transit vision for Tampa Bay.

MCAT Service Improvements

- The Board unanimously approved Resolution 2020-08: A resolution in support of Manatee County Area Transit's service development grant application for improved service on Route 99. TBARTA strongly supports MCAT's Service Development Grant application to FDOT for service improvements to the Route 99 and regards these improvements as an important contribution to regional transit service.

Presentations

Cable Car Presentation

- Steven Dale (SCJ Alliance) introduced the Board to the various cable car system projects that SCJ has worked on around the world. This technology is very robust, able to move between 3,000 and 6,000 people per hour in each direction, and has existed since the late 1800's. In addition, it is cost effective, clean with zero-point source carbon emissions, safe and accessible to all users. It works as a series of small cabins that circulate and are propelled and supported by ropes. The cars can detach within the stations, which are staffed with attendants to allow people to board and alight. The highest cost elements are the stations, and a system can be built in 1-2 years. Several possible corridors were identified for continued evaluation. Next steps include meeting with Forward Pinellas and other local partners to explore interest in advancing a project. There was a consensus to consider a resolution of support at the September Board meeting.

**The complete presentation can be found here <https://bit.ly/2EIKKvC>.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2020, 10:00 am, online via Zoom.