

TBARTA held a virtual **Board Meeting** on Friday, October 16th via Zoom.

Executive Director Compensation

- After completing an annual performance evaluation, the Board approved 7-1 a 3% salary increase for the Executive Director. The new salary will become effective on October 26, 2020.

FY2021 State Legislative Agenda

- The Governing Board unanimously approved the FY2021 State Legislative agenda with the following items:
 - ✓ **Appropriation Request** - \$1.5 million in recurring funds for agency operations and administration.
 - ✓ **Legislation Amending the Enabling Act:**
 - Authorization for the mayors who are members of the Governing Board to appoint a designee to attend a board meeting in his or her place with full voting rights on all issues. The designee must be an elected official of the governing body of the mayor's municipality and be voted on by such body.
 - Clarification of what constitutes a quorum by aligning with the definition of "quorum" as it is defined in statute.
 - Removal of mandated committees, allowing the Governing Board to have full autonomy in their committee process.
 - Removal of the Chairs Coordinating Committee from TBARTA, placing the committee within the MPOs.
 - Electronic voting rights for Board members.
 - ✓ **Legislation Amending State Fund Participation in Regional Transit** - 341.303 (4)(a) Florida Statutes authorizes the state to fund up to 100 percent of the net operating costs of any eligible intercity or commuter rail system for up to 7 years. The amendment would extend funding to include regional fixed guideway transit to make the Regional Rapid Transit project eligible.

UZURV Regional TD Program Agreement

- The Governing Board unanimously approved an Agreement with UZURV to support the proposed regional transportation disadvantaged service program. TBARTA will contribute up to \$150,000 per year for marketing and support services. These expenses will be funded by local contributions and are included in TBARTA's approved FY 2021 operating budget. The CTD will vote to award grants on October 28 and, if awarded, the program will begin on November 2.

Presentations

RRT Update: Stations, Parking and Vehicle Technologies

- A three-tier approach was used to screen sites by cost/feasibility, equity/visibility, community accessibility, and economic development. WSP provided an update on the current proposed site selections. SR 54 had three top sites all centered around The Grove. Bearss Ave included one inline option, and two neighborhood opportunities. Waters Ave/Bird St has two inline stations, and two neighborhood options at the former Kmart and dog track sites. The Heights community does not want inline stations, so we are looking at the old Sacred Heart academy and Florida/MLK area. Himes Ave has one inline option and two neighborhood options on Spruce and Dale Mabry. 62nd Ave N. has two neighborhood stations and one inline option. Next steps are to develop a series of architectural design prototypes for each type of station. Preliminary designs are focusing on two in-line station prototypes and three neighborhood stations. The project parking needs are currently projected to be 800-1400 total

spaces. This was determined using data-driven best practices, understanding each neighborhood type, and through public comments. Goals were established to identify opportunities to share on-street parking, create partnerships with local and private entities, and encourage transit-oriented development based on USF School of Architecture best practices. No parking garages will be needed. Transit vehicles were researched using four key considerations: seating, technology, comfort, and cost. More information will be provided at a later date.

**The complete presentation can be found here <https://bit.ly/3m63kZ1>.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2020, 10:00 am, West Pasco Government Center.