



## Emergency Legislative Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, February 12, 2021 – 9:00 AM

ONLINE

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT

*Persons wishing to address the Committee can do so in either of two ways:*

*A. Comments no more than 400 words may be sent to [PublicComment@TBARTA.com](mailto:PublicComment@TBARTA.com) and will be read into the record. Written comments must be received no later than the day before the meeting. Comments must include the name, address, organization and topic or agenda item.*

*B. To speak during the meeting, phone 1-732-200-1872 with access code 793427165#, 30 minutes prior to the meeting. You will first speak to a staff member, then be able to provide public comment for a maximum of three (3) minutes when recognized by the chairman.*

3. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Florida Senate Bill 1130

4. ADJOURNMENT

### **\*\*NEXT LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING\*\***

**February 19, 2021 – 8:30 AM**

**Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority**

**3201 Scherer Drive**

**St. Petersburg, FL 33716**

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority meetings are open to the public. If a decision made at a meeting is appealable, any person who decides to appeal will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in a Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 business days before the meeting by calling 1(800) 998-7433. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

By Senator Brandes

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit  
3           Authority; repealing part IV of ch. 343, F.S.,  
4           relating to the creation and operation of the  
5           authority; dissolving the authority and requiring the  
6           authority to discharge its liabilities, settle and  
7           close its activities and affairs, and provide for the  
8           distribution of the authority's assets; amending ss.  
9           339.175 and 341.302, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
10          changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14           Section 1. Part IV of chapter 343, Florida Statutes,  
15 consisting of sections 343.90, 343.91, 343.92, 343.922, 343.94,  
16 343.941, 343.943, 343.944, 343.947, 343.95, 343.96, 343.962,  
17 343.97, 343.973, 343.975, and 343.976, Florida Statutes, is  
18 repealed.

19           Section 2. Notwithstanding any other law, the Tampa Bay  
20 Area Regional Transit Authority is dissolved. The authority  
21 shall discharge or make provision for the authority's debts,  
22 obligations, and other liabilities; settle and close the  
23 authority's activities and affairs; and provide for distribution  
24 of the authority's assets, or the proceeds of such assets, such  
25 that each local general-purpose government represented on the  
26 authority's board receives a distribution generally in  
27 proportion to each entity's contribution to the acquisition of  
28 the assets.

29           Section 3. Paragraph (i) of subsection (6) of section

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30 339.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

31 339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.—

32 (6) POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The powers,  
33 privileges, and authority of an M.P.O. are those specified in  
34 this section or incorporated in an interlocal agreement  
35 authorized under s. 163.01. Each M.P.O. shall perform all acts  
36 required by federal or state laws or rules, now and subsequently  
37 applicable, which are necessary to qualify for federal aid. It  
38 is the intent of this section that each M.P.O. shall be involved  
39 in the planning and programming of transportation facilities,  
40 including, but not limited to, airports, intercity and high-  
41 speed rail lines, seaports, and intermodal facilities, to the  
42 extent permitted by state or federal law.

43 ~~(i) The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority~~  
44 ~~Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee~~  
45 ~~is created within the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority,~~  
46 ~~composed of the M.P.O.'s serving Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough,~~  
47 ~~Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota Counties. The~~  
48 ~~authority shall provide administrative support and direction to~~  
49 ~~the committee. The committee must, at a minimum:~~

50 1. ~~Coordinate transportation projects deemed to be~~  
51 ~~regionally significant by the committee.~~

52 2. ~~Review the impact of regionally significant land use~~  
53 ~~decisions on the region.~~

54 3. ~~Review all proposed regionally significant~~  
55 ~~transportation projects in the respective transportation~~  
56 ~~improvement programs which affect more than one of the M.P.O.'s~~  
57 ~~represented on the committee.~~

58 4. ~~Institute a conflict resolution process to address any~~

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59 ~~conflict that may arise in the planning and programming of such~~  
60 ~~regionally significant projects.~~

61 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
62 341.302, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

63 341.302 Rail program; duties and responsibilities of the  
64 department.—The department, in conjunction with other  
65 governmental entities, including the rail enterprise and the  
66 private sector, shall develop and implement a rail program of  
67 statewide application designed to ensure the proper maintenance,  
68 safety, revitalization, and expansion of the rail system to  
69 assure its continued and increased availability to respond to  
70 statewide mobility needs. Within the resources provided pursuant  
71 to chapter 216, and as authorized under federal law, the  
72 department shall:

73 (3) Develop and periodically update the rail system plan,  
74 on the basis of an analysis of statewide transportation needs.

75 (b) In recognition of the department's role in the  
76 enhancement of the state's rail system to improve freight and  
77 passenger mobility, the department shall:

78 1. Work closely with all affected communities along an  
79 impacted freight rail corridor to identify and address  
80 anticipated impacts associated with an increase in freight rail  
81 traffic due to implementation of passenger rail.

82 2. In coordination with the affected local governments and  
83 CSX Transportation, Inc., finalize all viable alternatives from  
84 the department's Rail Traffic Evaluation Study to identify and  
85 develop an alternative route for through freight rail traffic  
86 moving through Central Florida, including the counties of Polk  
87 and Hillsborough, which would address, to the extent

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88 practicable, the effects of commuter rail.

89       3. Provide technical assistance to a coalition of local  
90 governments in Central Florida, including the counties of  
91 Brevard, Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lake, Marion, Orange,  
92 Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Manatee, Sarasota, Seminole,  
93 Sumter, and Volusia, and the municipalities within those  
94 counties, to develop a regional rail system plan that addresses  
95 passenger and freight opportunities in the region, is consistent  
96 with the Florida Rail System Plan, and incorporates appropriate  
97 elements of ~~the Tampa Bay Area Regional Authority Master Plan,~~  
98 the Metroplan Orlando Regional Transit System Concept Plan,  
99 including the SunRail project, and the Florida Department of  
100 Transportation Alternate Rail Traffic Evaluation.

101       Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.