



Joint Finance/Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, March 26, 2021 – 10:00 AM

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)

3201 Scherer Drive

St. Petersburg, FL 33716

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 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. See staff prior to the meeting to complete a comment card. You will be able to provide comment for three (3) minutes when recognized.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. State Legislative Update (Ron Pierce, RSA)

4. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

[A.](#) Updated Financial Strategy (Commissioner Long)

5. ADJOURNMENT

****NEXT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING****

April 23, 2021 – 9:00 AM

HART Board Room

1201 E. 7th Avenue, 3rd Floor

Tampa, FL 33605

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The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) works to advance regional transportation needs in Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas counties. Our purpose is to plan, develop, fund, implement, and operate a regional transit system in this area.

STRATEGIC PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

(Connecting recommendations to the TBARTA Guiding Principles that support our mission.)

- **Sustainable Funding** – Develop sustainable funding options that reflect public support and leverage multiple financing opportunities.

Recommendation: By streamlining organizational costs and strategically utilizing current funding sources TBARTA can be sustainable beyond fiscal year 2022.

- **Regional Partnerships** – Work with statewide, regional, and local partners to develop and implement regional transit solutions.

Recommendation: Develop a strong partnership with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC). Together there will be improved communication and coordination with all local jurisdictions. We believe that partnerships make our efforts stronger.

- **Implementation Focus** – Give primary focus to developing actionable plans and advancing transit concepts into operation.

Recommendation: Determine the feasibility of using federal 5307 funds to purchase buses (preferably environmentally sustainable ones) to be used for regional public transit. Explore funding sources with FDOT for local transit agencies to operate the regional service. This would benefit TBARTA's north counties and/or Manatee County, aligning with regional corridors and helping provide data for the RRT project.

FINANCIAL STRATEGIES IMPACT

- TBARTA can be sustainable beyond fiscal year 2022 utilizing existing grants.

	FY 2021 Adopted Operating/Capital Budget	FY 2022 Forecasted Operating/Capital Budget	ESTIMATED REDUCTION (COST) IMPACT
Operating/Capital Costs	\$6,963,414	\$2,986,576	\$3,976,838