



January Board Meeting
Friday, January 22, 2021 – 10:00 AM
Bradenton Area Convention Center
1 Haben Blvd, Palmetto, FL 34221
(Long Boat Key Room)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Jim Holton
Commissioner Janet Long
Rich McClain
Commissioner Pat Kemp
Commissioner Kathryn Starkey
Commissioner Reggie Bellamy
Commissioner Elizabeth Narverud
Secretary David Gwynn
David Green
Alan Zimmet
TBARTA staff

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jonathan Roberson/MCAT – We wanted to thank the Board for passing a resolution of support in August 2020 for MCAT's grant application for enhanced service on route 99, US 41. The project has been funded in the FDOT work plan. This is one of the busiest bus corridors in Manatee and Sarasota counties producing over half a million trips per year. It is a good project for FDOT district one and both counties. The enhanced service will kick off next year. The MPO has had the capital funds for this service programed for number of years. Everything added up and this will improve mobility in the region.

David Hutchinson/Sarasota Manatee MPO – I wanted to echo Jonathan's thank you on behalf of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO. We appreciate the coordination that your staff participates in with all regional MPO's and the CCC. Going forward we are not going to be able to continue to provide mobility on the roads for everybody. We are going to need more and more transit so we look forward to utilizing these key corridors increasingly in the future we appreciate your support and what you do. Thank you.

Peter James/peter@turfroboots.us - Dear Board Members, I am commenting on the upcoming "Gonadal Feasibility" study item on your January 22nd Agenda. I would ask the board to consider expanding the study to include Personal Rapid Transit(PRT) and Group Rapid Transit (GRT) modes of transit. CCAWAY.net describes guideways in more detail. The second video on the website of the Heathrow

PRT system is very informative. It mentions the ability to drive pods off the guideway to your final destination. Making guideways accessible to all.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

October/November Board Meeting Minutes

Moved to February due to lack of quorum.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – COMMISSIONERS LONG & STARKEY

Federal Legislative Update (Harry Glenn & Steve Palmer, Van Scoyoc)

- The latest version of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law 12/27/20 and provided \$14 billion for transit. The current COVID Relief proposal by President Biden on 1/14/21 recommends \$20 billion for transit.
- The FY2021 DOT appropriation includes \$1 billion for the TIGER/BUILD Program and \$13 billion for the Federal Transit Administration.
- The Biden administration infrastructure campaign proposals included \$2 trillion over four years for Infrastructure and transit. The President will unveil his plan before a joint session of Congress next month.
- Mayor Pete Buttigieg has been chosen as the new Secretary of Transportation. He has proposed \$1 trillion for states, cities, and local governments to build sustainable infrastructure.
- Polly Trottenberg has been named as the new Deputy Secretary of Transportation. She served as a Commissioner for the New York City Department of Transportation, as Undersecretary for Transportation for Policy under President Barack Obama and as Transportation Policy Adviser to Senator Chuck Schumer.
- Nuria Fernandez is poised to be the next FTA administrator. She served as General Manager/CEO at the Valley Transportation Authority in Santa Clara, in San Jose, CA, Chief Operating Officer at the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, is the Current APTA Chair and former Deputy FTA Administrator during Clinton Administration.

The full report along with lists for House and Senate Transportation Committee leaders can be found here <https://bit.ly/3rEO9IT>.

State Legislative Update (Ron Pierce, RSA)

Representative Jackie Toledo will be representing TBARTA's \$1.5 million appropriation with HB #20-37. We are currently working with Jim Boyd to sponsor a bill on the Senate side. A few rule changes have taken place this year. One included submitting a testation form with this year's appropriations request. In addition, we need at least 50% of the appropriation to be included in the initial budget and secured.

We are looking at securing non-recurring general revenue funds separate from transportation trust fund. Regarding the updates to our enabling act, SB 422 has been filled by Rouson with Mariano sponsoring the bill from the House side. Changes to the enabling act include aligning the CCC with the MPO, adding in mayoral designees and updates relating to the RTDP.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – COMMISSIONER LONG

December Financials (Melonie Williams)

Year to date through the month of December, the net surplus of \$327,00 was \$159,000 under the budget of \$486,000. On the revenue side we were under budget by \$946,000 due to the timing of the PD&E study along with the use of the 5307 funds. At the end of October there was approximately \$575,000 in the bank. In addition we have received all local contributions.

Commuter Services Ad Campaign (Chris Jadick)

Moved to February due to lack of quorum.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – RICH MCCLAIN

Transit Worker Proclamation (Chris DeAnnuntis)

Moved to February due to lack of quorum.

DBE Program and Goal (Diane Durr)

Moved to February due to lack of quorum.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Holton encouraged all members to attend the Board meetings. We have been without a quorum for two meetings. This has not helped move funding or projects forward.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The aerial gondola feasibility study RFP will be issued on February 1st. All proposals are due March 8th, and we will bring a recommendation for contract to the Board in April.
- We are finalizing our 2020 annual report. It should be ready for distribution by next Friday.
- We are distributing a pandemic commute survey through local area chambers of commerce.
- Our two vanpool webinars will take place next week. One is targeted to former vanpools that were disrupted during covid with the intent of bringing them back to the program. The other targets new vanpools. This is part of our effort to expand outreach with virtual tools.

PRESENTATIONSTD Tampa Bay (Chris Jadick)

TBARTA is working in partnership with UZURV to provide regional Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) service. This program is funded by Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) through an Innovative & Service Development grant. The year 1 budget for this pilot service is \$907,000 and runs through June 30. The primary purpose of the service is to provide county-to-county TD trips. In addition, a secondary purpose is to provide off hour transportation within counties during evenings and weekends when local CTC services are not offered. In order to qualify, participants are required to complete an eligibility application similar to those of local CTCs, although we hope to share rider lists with local agencies to simplify the application process in the future. Marketing began in December with the TD Tampa Bay.com website, outreach to disability advocates, emails, flyers, newsletters, a media release, and social media. Customers in all five counties are using the service, with the majority of trips originating in Hillsborough thus far. 130 regional trips were completed through January 10. The average cost per trip so far is \$52.00 and the average trip length is 21 miles.

RRT Milestone #3: Recommended Alternative (Scott Pringle, WSP)

We reached our 3rd major milestone of the project and have identified the locally preferred alternative. Alternatives 1, 3 and 5 were advanced in June 2020 with a focus on 3 and 5. Alternative 3 is the most competitive with a mid-level investment. It includes dedicated freeway BRT lanes, except across the Howard Frankland bridge where express lanes would be utilized. Station design prototype options include intermodal (street-level), neighborhood (street level), and in-line (adjacent to interstate - with option for possible amenities). The benefit analysis was measured by cost, ridership, travel time, and feasibility to construct. The median cost is estimated at \$353 million for the entire corridor. Phase 1 includes SR 54 to Downtown Tampa, phase 2 includes Downtown Tampa to Westshore and phase 3 includes Westshore to Downtown St. Petersburg. This phasing strategy aligns with the current TBNext program schedule. Next steps include completing NEPA, following possible changes to the FDOT and TBNext work programs, and defining an operating plan and costs. Station recommendations are identified below:

- SR 54 (neighborhood station) adjacent to the Grove
- SR 56 (intermodal station) at Tampa Premium Outlets
- Bearss (neighborhood station) SE corner of Bearss Ave and Nebraska Ave
- USF (intermodal station) SE corner of Fowler Ave and Nebraska Ave
- Waters/Bird Street Area (in-line station) between Waters Ave and Bird St
- Heights Area (neighborhood station) near intersection of MLK Blvd and Florida Ave
- Downtown Tampa (intermodal center) near intersection of Morgan St and Scott St
- Himes (neighborhood station) near intersection of Spruce St and Dale Mabry Hwy
- Westshore (in-line intermodal center) near intersection of Trask St and Cypress St
- Greater Gateway (intermodal center) near intersection of 28th St and Roosevelt Blvd
- 62nd Ave N (neighborhood station) near intersection of Haines Rd and 54th Ave N
- Tropicana Field (neighborhood station) co-located with SunRunner at or near Tropicana Field
- Downtown St. Pete (neighborhood station) co-located with SunRunner at or near 4th St N

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

****NEXT BOARD MEETING****
February 19, 2021 – 10:00 AM
PSTA Board Room
3201 Scherer Drive
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

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