



November Board Meeting
Friday, November 13, 2020 – 10:00 AM
West Pasco Government Center
8731 Citizens Drive - Commission Board Room
New Port Richey, FL 34654

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Jim Holton (Chair)
Cliff Manuel, Jr (Vice Chair)
Commissioner Pat Kemp
Mayor Rick Kriseman
Rich McClain (virtual)
Commissioner John Mitten
Commissioner Kathryn Starkey
Secretary David Gwynn
Secretary L.K. Nandam (Nicole Mills)
Executive Director David Green
Legal Counsel Alan Zimmet
TBARTA Staff

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(Aubrey Myrick) I am a senior at the University of South Florida, in support of building an Hyperloop system in Tampa Bay. As I approach graduation in the spring, I must figure out where to take my talents, skills, and education, acquired here in Tampa. I could stay in the Tampa Bay area, but this up-and-coming community doesn't have all the metropolitan features of a city that I am looking for. If Tampa were to make transportation a priority and build a Hyperloop system in the area, it would bring (and keep) younger generations entering the workforce into the city. This will help position Tampa Bay as a forward thinking, next-generation region and will attract the best and brightest to work in our community. A project like this, which will bring a world-renowned technology to the region and is something we cannot reject. Rejecting this project will stifle momentum for our region and will send a message that Tampa Bay is NOT OPEN TO INNOVATION.

(Sabrina Wilner) I am a student at the University of South Florida, writing to voice my support for the approval of the Hyperloop Systems project. I currently have an hour commute to work and school, and I personally feel as though building a Hyperloop Transportation System would help relieve a great deal of pressure on traffic, and would elevate the city by finally efficiently connecting the region from Tampa to St. Pete and Bradenton. Rejecting a project like this would be detrimental to the growth and prosperity of our community and would drive a lot of young talent away.

(Tzaitel Torres) I am writing to voice my support for the approval of the building of the Hyperloop System in Tampa bay. Hyperloop is building the future of mobility. By creating the world's most advanced low pressure, high speed, fully sustainable, tube-based transportation system, Hyperloop TT can connect people and cities across vast distances at incredible speeds to revolutionize the way we travel.

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Commissioner John Mitten (Hernando County) was recognized with Resolution 2020-10 for his dedication as a member of the TBARTA Board. In addition to serving on the Board, he also served as Vice Chairman of the Policy Committee and on the Finance and Legislative Committees. He has exemplified the spirit of regionalism by lending his support to improve transportation and mobility throughout the five counties served by TBARTA.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – COMMISSIONER STARKEY

Federal Legislative Update (Harry Glenn, Van Scoyoc)

We are still awaiting election results for both the Senate and House. Currently the Democrats appear to remain in control of the House. Congress will reconvene on January 4th and the new President will be inaugurated on January 20th. The chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee has not yet been determined, nor the Chairman of the Banking Committee who oversees all of the Federal Transit programs. The Senate and House will both reconvene by next week. The transit funding appropriation bill appears to be safe and should pass by the end of the year along with a continued funding resolution for transit agencies. The President elect has spoken about completing an infrastructure bill within the first 100 days of his administration. Included in that would be re-authorization for highway and transit programs.

State Legislative Update (Ron Pierce, RSA)

Ron Peirce gave highlights from RSA's election report. The Florida house picked up five seats for both Republicans and Democrats, increasing Republican majority. In the Senate Republicans also picked up one seat to continue majority. Upcoming Committee weeks have been announced with two weeks in January and three in February. Session is set to start on March 2nd and end on May 7th. RSA is currently finalizing sponsors for our upcoming bill. The goal is to have them lined up by early December, have drafts submitted in early January and position for them to be heard in early February. They are also finalizing House and Senate appropriations sponsors and hope to bring that information to the January meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – CHAIR HOLTON

FY2020 and October Financials (Melonie Williams)

FY 2020 draft numbers through the month of September held a net surplus of \$184,761. This was \$85,000 over the budget of \$176,000. On the revenue side we were under budget by \$2.2 million dollars due to the timing of the PD&E and technology studies. On the expense side we were also under budget by \$2.2 million dollars. At the end of FY 2020 there was approximately \$112,000 in the bank.

Commuter Services Ad Campaign (Chris Jadick)

As FDOT district seven's provider of commuter services, TBARTA is the recipient of a \$350,000 grant to support vanpooling in Hillsborough County. Per the grant agreement, funds will be used to maintain and expand TBARTA's regional vanpool program. 75% (\$262,500) is specifically designated for marketing through "Employer and Community Outreach" with half of that (\$131,250) budgeted for FY 2021. Staff is requesting that the Governing Board approve a purchase order with Clear Channel Outdoor for \$101,500 to market vanpool services in Hillsborough County through an 8-week billboard and digital ad campaign. The promotion would target those most likely to become vanpoolers (i.e., commuters along Hillsborough's busiest highways). The thought is to attract drivers going back to work in February but may have to be pushed further out due to the pandemic. By consensus, the Committee moved to forward this to the January agenda.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – RICH MCCLAIN

Transit Worker Proclamation (Chris DeAnnuntis)

In October, the TBARTA Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) recommended that TBARTA recognize the transit agencies in the five-county region for their response to the Covid-19 health emergency. Staff recommended that the Governing Board issue a proclamation that publicly recognizes the efforts of the transit agencies in the five-county TBARTA region (TheBus, PCPT, PSTA, HART, MCAT) in continuing to provide essential transportation services during the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to lack of quorum this will be moved to the January agenda.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Thanked staff for an easy transition to in-person meetings as well as Commissioner Starkey for the use of the the Pasco Commission facilities for today's meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Florida commission for transportation disadvantaged awarded funding for year one for TD Tampa Bay. Service is set to start December 1st and allows for transportation disadvantage service throughout out five county region.

We were received two awards from Hillsborough County Planning Commission for Envision 2030. The first was an award of merit for planning on our regional transit approach to improving mobility options, access to jobs and enhancing the quality of life for residents in Hillsborough county and the other an award of excellence in the participation category for the public engagement campaign and research used in gathering public input throughout the planning process.

We have filled our new Commuter Services Manager. Ken Boden started on Monday. He comes from Denver with experience in managing a similar program.

We have a new transportation themed podcast. It can be downloaded on iTunes, Google Play and also available on our website.

Birthday wishes to Commissioner Long and Mayor Castor this month.

PRESENTATIONS

Wisk Aero Air Taxi Manufacturer Overview (Dan Dalton, Wisk Aero)

The mission at Wisk is to deliver safe everyday flight for everyone. They currently have 300 employees, and are headquartered in San Francisco, with additional offices in New Zealand and Atlanta. They have over 120 patents and are backed by a joint venture of Boeing and Kitty Hawk. Wisk sees itself as true local partner by supporting job creation, stimulating the economy, and providing educational opportunities. The Cora model is a self-flying, two passenger, all electric eVOTL aircraft. It has a range of 20-50 miles, making it perfect as a last mile air taxi. 1400 flight tests have been completed with no failures. Wisk is currently in the site selection process for a pilot program and hopes to announce a location soon.

Aerial Gondola Manufacturer Overview (Dan Cole and Jon Mauch, Leitner Poma)

The HTI group is comprised of 5 divisions: ropeways, snow groomers/tracked utility vehicles, snow making, urban transportation systems, and wind turbine generators. They have over 3,000 employees and various global production facilities/offices. They offer rope-hauled passenger systems for mountain applications and tourist gondolas, material transport for dams and mining, and cable driven urban airport passenger transportation systems. Monocable ropeways can serve up to 4500 pph and hold up to 10 passengers. Tricable/bicable ropeways can serve up to 6000 pph and hold 35 passengers. Benefits of this type of transportation include: low space requirements, continuous service, systems can be built in less than 1 year, are very safe, wheelchair accessibility, and low capital investment and operating costs. Current gondola sites include New York City, Hong Kong, Mexico City, Bolzano (Italy), Medellin and Santiago (Chili), Ankara (Turkey), and Volga River Crossing (Russia).

****NEXT BOARD MEETING****

January 22, 2021 – 10:00 AM

**Bradenton Area Convention Center
1 Haben Blvd. – Long Boat Key Room
Palmetto, FL 34221**

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