



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT**

Jim Holton (Chair)  
Cliff Manuel, Jr (Vice Chair)  
Commissioner Janet Long (Secretary/Treasurer)  
Commissioner Reggie Bellamy  
Commissioner Karen Seel  
Commissioner John Mitten  
Mayor Jane Castor  
Mayor Rick Kriseman  
Secretary David Gwynn  
Secretary L.K. Nandam  
Executive Director David Green  
Legal Counsel Alan Zimmet  
TBARTA Staff

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

(Cornelius Neil Cosentino) FASTA Florida has recently introduced to TBARTA three major Tampa Bay metro mobility initiatives. The first was a recommendation to study the proposed Tampa Bay Metro Consortium business model with the following provisions: Each of the five county bus systems operated independently within their county - but they commit to provide market given metro services. The commitment would be based on a X number of seat miles of metro service - their buses that cross county lines. Consortium model would increase efficiency by economy of scale. One business entity for each of the major management functions vs the present five separate operations. No corporate, management and other employee positions are reduced by attrition no new hires until those employees retire. We hope you understand the second proposal as practical game changer to start in 2021. We asked the TBARTA staff to review the proposed Beta System of a Community based Micro Transit Circulator also known as Jitney systems. The third system we recommended was MWAYS that would be autonomous mobility corridors using Tampa POLK Street MWAY from Union station to Old Port Tampa as a model. We also would like you to consider the TBARTA adopt Open Ledger Governance (OLG). OLG - would require TBARTA finances when expenses and income are posted on their ledger - that would be available to anyone who wants to see review these how the line items are posted. OLG - will increase effectiveness and efficiencies of all organizations and would also control prevent unauthorized or illegal financial actions. Open Ledger Governance is simple technical possible today at a very low cost. The logic of OLG is simple - i.e., government spends our taxes and it is unequivocal that we citizens have an inalienable right to see real time how the money is spent. It is our

objective to slowly expand OLG to all levels of government - starting with TBARTA and the proposed Metro Jitney systems.

(Yainia Burgos) I am in favor of HyperloopTT. Hyperloop is the first breakthrough in transportation in almost a century. The advantages of hyperloop travel are transformative and create economic opportunity for our communities. Since 2013, HyperloopTT has built the first full-scale test track, signed agreements with more than 10 governments around the world, filed 40+ patents and created the world's first insurance framework and certification guidelines for passenger hyperloop systems.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

#### Accept September Board Minutes

Motion made by Mayor Kriseman, Seconded by Mayor Castor.

Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Mayor Castor, Mayor Kriseman, Commissioner Bellamy, Commissioner Mitten, Commissioner Seel.

Motion passes 8-0.

#### Approve FY 2021 Meeting Schedule

Motion made by Commissioner Long, Seconded by Commissioner Bellamy.

Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Mayor Castor, Mayor Kriseman, Commissioner Bellamy, Commissioner Mitten, Commissioner Seel.

Motion passes 8-0.

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

#### Air Taxi Update (David Green)

In order to partner with Lilium and make Tampa Bay an air taxi hub six action items were presented to create a business case.

- Identify routes for best use case.
- Analyze demand between routes to confirm commercial viability.
- Evaluate potential opportunities to accelerate the timeline.
- Explore potential landing sites.
- Conduct technical surveys /structural assessments.
- Support with the setup of landing sites.

### **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

#### **LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – COMMISSIONER LONG**

#### Federal Legislative Update (Harry Glenn, Van Scoyoc)

Congress passed a continuing funding resolution to keep the government operating through December 11th. Part of that legislation also included passing a one-year extension of the FAST Act. The Secretary of the Treasury and Speaker continue to negotiate on a COVID relief package. Senator McConnell has decided to bring a smaller package that would focus on PPP for small business, hospitals, and schools. Congressman Charlie Crist's office reached out regarding our Innovative Transit Technology study. There is a lot of interest from both the Democrats and Republicans on an infrastructure package that would include transportation initiatives.

#### State Legislative Agenda (Ron Pierce, RSA)

The FY2021 State Legislative agenda was presented 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.

Motion to pass made by Cliff Manuel, Jr, Seconded by Commissioner Mitten.

Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Mayor Castor, Mayor Kriseman, Commissioner Bellamy, Commissioner Mitten, Commissioner Seel.

Motion passes 8-0.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – COMMISSIONER JANET LONG**

##### Executive Director Compensation

Board Officers completed an annual evaluation for the Executive Director for the year ending October 25, 2020. The recommended salary increase is 3% and is included in the FY2021 operating budget. The fiscal impact would be 3% salary increase effective October 26, 2020.

Motion made by Commissioner Long, Seconded by Manuel, Jr.

Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Mayor Kriseman, Commissioner Bellamy,

Commissioner Mitten, Commissioner Seel  
Voting Nay: Mayor Castor

Motion passes 7-1.

Regional TD Program Agreement with UZURV (Chris DeAnnuntis)

An agreement with UZURV to support the proposed regional transportation disadvantaged service program was presented. 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.

Motion made by Cliff Manuel, Jr, Seconded by Commissioner Long.  
Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Mayor Castor, Mayor Kriseman, Commissioner Bellamy, Commissioner Mitten, Commissioner Seel.

Motion passes 8-0.

**POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – CLIFF MANUAL**

During recent Board meetings there have been several presentations regarding innovative transit technologies. To put things into perspective an update was given on funds that are still available for planning and studies. The State ITT (innovative transit technology) grant has a remainder of \$779k. In addition, there is \$248k available in the operating grant and \$1.3m within the FTA grant. The recommendation is to use the remaining funds for the following projects:

- Annual RTDP update
- Gondola study
- Smart BRT corridor study
- HART network evaluation/service plan
- UAM
- Ferry PD&E
- Hyperloop
- Regional transit electrification study
- Microtransit/mobility-on-demand feasibility study

It was also noted that during the Policy Committee meeting we received 18 public comments in support of a Hyperloop feasibility study.

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT – BILL JOHNSON**

The CAC had a follow up on their previous recommendation to recognize transit workers during COVID and suggested that the Board adopt a resolution for each transit agency. Staff was directed to do so.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

We remain hopeful to come up with creative funding approaches. The Finance Committee has discussed items such as SIS funding, diverting rail funds, and tolls. He encouraged each member to discuss these opportunities with their legislators.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Congratulated staff and the Tindale Oliver team on receiving a first place FPTA marketing award for public engagement related to Envision 2030.

Birthday wishes were given to Secretary Nandam.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### RRT Update: Stations, Parking, and Vehicle Technologies (Scott Pringle, WSP)

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>.

#### **\*\*NEXT BOARD MEETING\*\***

**November 13, 2020 – 10:00 AM**

**West Pasco Government Center**

**8731 Citizens Drive - Commission Board Room**

**New Port Richey, FL 34654**

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