



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Jim Holton (Chair)
Cliff Manuel, Jr (Vice Chair)
Commissioner Janet Long (Secretary/Treasurer)
Mayor Jane Castor
Mayor Rick Kriseman
Rich McClain
Commissioner Pat Kemp
Commissioner Kathryn Starkey
Commissioner John Mitten
Commissioner Karen Seel
Secretary David Gwynn
Secretary L.K. Nandam
Executive Director David Green
Legal Counsel Jennifer Cowan
TBARTA Staff

ABSENT

Commissioner Reggie Bellamy

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(UZURV Advantage Ride TD Program- Bill Roberts/TBARTA CAC) The CAC has not looked at this particular recommendation, but this is certainly consistent with all of their previous discussions in support of a Regional TD service. They just want to make sure it is a sustainable program. The feedback from the CAC is to start a program like this and have it run for a short period, even a year, then have it discontinued would be very disruptive. In terms of this concept and the proper use of the M-CORES funds and the TBARTA funds, the CAC would support this grant request.

(UZURV Advantage Ride TD Program- Kurt Scheible/TBARTA TMC) I have been working at PCPT for a long time trying to get a program like this in place for a while. The biggest thing that I would say is as long as we get the funding in place like Mr. Roberts said for a long term project, I wholly support something like this to serve our citizens of the community. I researched this and there are a lot of things that have to go into it. The long term is my concern. Can we support this long-term and will TD support this long term? If that's the case then go for it because I know there is a need for it here in

Pasco County for TD types of service to Pinellas, Hernando and Hillsborough. I would want to put my support behind a project like this moving forward.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Accept June Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Rich McClain, Seconded by Commissioner Long.

Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Mayor Kriseman, Rich McClain, Commissioner Starkey, Commissioner Mitten, Commissioner Seel

Motion passes 8-0.

FY2019 Audit Report

During the June Board meeting Clifton, Larson, Allen provided a financial statement audit for FY2019 ending on September 30, 2019, along with a State Single Audit on the Commuter Assistance Program/Ride Share grants and finally the NTD procedure report as required by the Federal Transit Administration. The financial statement came back with a clean audit report. The audit report for the Commuter Services program also came back with no findings on compliance. There were some management comments suggesting updates that can be made to ensure proper internal controls going forward. Several financial highlights were presented. The general fund analysis showed an upward trend on expenses related to salaries and consulting expenses. Eighty-four percent of this funding comes from Federal and State grants, while the other sixteen percent comes from local contributions. An increase in assets occurred due to participation in the FRS pension plan. Accounts receivable also carried a high balance of \$1.2 million related to outstanding grant reimbursements. The complete report and governance letter can be reviewed here: <https://bit.ly/3ei2iEK>. The Board voted to accept the audit.

Motion made by Cliff Manuel, Jr, Seconded by Commissioner Starkey.

Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Mayor Castor, Mayor Kriseman, Rich McClain, Commissioner Starkey, Commissioner Mitten, Commissioner Seel

Motion passes 9-0.

LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – CLIFF MANUEL

Federal Legislative update (Harry Glenn and Steve Palmer, Van Scoyoc)

Congress has been working on appropriations, the effort to provide additional COVID-19 funding and the multi-year surface transportation authorization bill. Lobbyists are working with the Senate in order to see additional funds go to transit relief. They expect to have a bill finished by early August. The House passed a \$5 billion/5-year bill for transit funding. Republicans will need to be convinced to provide additional funds on the next COVID-19 bill for transit. Appropriations work has been put on hold from the Senate due to police reform. There are only 3 weeks left before the August recess.

State Legislative update (Ron Peirce, RSA)

The Governor acted on the budget and vetoed our \$1.5 million dollar appropriation. RSA is in the process of setting up meetings with incoming House and Senate leadership to talk about a dedicated funding source and bringing back our enabling act with revisions. The support for TBARTA is still there. There has been talk of innovative changes at the authority, ways to do some larger projects, and what our long-term future goals are. There continues to be a need for sustainable recurring funding from the State general operating budget. Staff will draft a letter to FDOT regarding this funding issue.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – COMMISSIONER JANET LONGJune 2020 Financials (Melonie Williams)

Year to date through the month of June, the net surplus of \$253,628 is \$11,797 under the budget of \$265,425. We were under budget by \$2.8 million dollars due to the timing of the PD&E and Technology studies. On the expense side we were also under budget by \$2.8 million dollars. At the end of June we had approximately \$153,000 in the bank. We received \$2.2 million from the CARES Act. Part of these funds will be used for FY2021 operating expenses.

BMO Performance Discussion (David Green)

The Board awarded a contract for legal services to Bryant Miller Olive (BMO) on August 3, 2018 which continues until terminated by either party. Per the agreement, the Governing Board shall review BMO's performance and compensation prior to August of each year. The Board voted to approve continuing services at the same rates as last year.

Motion made by Commissioner Long, Seconded by Commissioner Mitten.

Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Mayor Castor, Mayor Kriseman, Rich McClain, Commissioner Kemp, Commissioner Starkey, Commissioner Mitten, Commissioner Seel

Motion passes 10-0.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – RICH MCCLAINPTASP - Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (Brian Pessaro)

The FTA requires operators of public transportation systems that receive federal funds to develop a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) that includes a Safety Management System (SMS). This rule became effective July 2018 with a compliance deadline of December 31, 2020. The Board voted to approve TBARTA's PTASP.

Motion made by Rich McClain, Seconded by Commissioner Long.

Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Mayor Castor, Mayor Kriseman, Rich McClain, Commissioner Kemp, Commissioner Starkey, Commissioner Mitten, Commissioner Seel

Motion passes 10-0.

Resolution 2020-07: Adoption of Corporate Seal (David Green)

TBARTA's statute indicates the right to adopt and use a corporate seal. Doing so will make the process of certifying documents more efficient. The Board voted to approve Resolution 2020-07: Adoption of Corporate Seal.

Motion made by Rich McClain, Seconded by Commissioner Long.

Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Mayor Castor, Mayor Kriseman, Rich McClain, Commissioner Kemp, Commissioner Starkey, Commissioner Mitten, Commissioner Seel

Motion passes 10-0.

Envision 2030 Path Forward (David Green)

The Board adopted the Envision 2030 final report at the June meeting. One of the recommendations was support for continued evaluation of potential actions for the Board to consider in collaboration with local partners. It was discussed that we need to find proactive champions and look for funding through different sources. Staff has been tasked to work on defining a focused strategy.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair echoed comments made earlier on the Governor's veto, stating a need to refocus our funding efforts. There is a plan afoot with FDOT. Feedback has been in support for the existing BRT project, but the Legislature wants to see an emphasis on technology projects.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We are testing the new agenda management system during this meeting. A training session took place earlier this month. Please review the recording prior to the August meeting, we will be fully roll out the new system then. Agenda materials will only be made available through that platform going forward.

We completed our TAM (transit asset management) plan, a copy was emailed out.

The Procurement and Grants manager position was filled with Diane Durr, she will start August 10th.

PRESENTATIONSITT Final Plan (Christina Kopp, WSP)

Three specific technologies were evaluated during the Innovative Technology study: Urban Aerial Gondolas (cable propelled transit), Air Taxis (urban air mobility) and Hyperloop. Transit profiles were established for each type of technology along with needs and qualitative assessments. The urban aerial gondola has the greatest potential for near-term implementation due to potential connections in the region having already been identified. There are opportunities to explore air taxi technology in the form of local pilot projects. The hyperloop analysis provided insights that this future technology is geared more toward interstate and freight corridors. The Board concurred that TBARTA should advance these technologies with remaining funds from the innovative transit solutions grant.

Lilium Air Taxi (Tassilo Wanner and Marie Masson, Lilium)

The Lilium Jet is a fully electric five-passenger aircraft with a 185-mile range per battery charge. Tassilo Wanner pointed out that this technology is already possible within the existing FAA regulatory framework. Lilium will be registered as a regular airline with pilots certified as CPL pilots. Marie Masson explained that their vehicle can provide a trip from Tampa to St. Petersburg in 8 minutes at a cost between \$60 and \$90. This fare is based on local taxicab pricing and will decrease over time. The Lilium Jet has no emissions and very low noise. Landing pads could be placed at airports and eventually existing public transportation facilities such as the top of parking garages. The Board requested and voted for a dialogue with Lilium to outline their needs for introducing this technology in Tampa Bay. A report of those findings will be provided at the August board meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Long, Seconded by Commissioner Starkey.

Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Mayor Kriseman, Rich McClain, Commissioner Starkey, Commissioner Mitten, Commissioner Seel

Motion passes 8-0.

Port Manatee (Dave Sanford, Manatee County Port Authority)

Port Manatee is Tampa Bay's first port of call and one of the 15 largest Florida seaports, as they move 10 million tons of cargo annually. The seven port board members are also Manatee County Commissioners. The port has many economic impacts such as contributing \$3.9 billion annually to the economy, supporting more than 27,000 jobs and users generating over \$3 million in tax revenue for Manatee County. Dave Sanford identified the top trading partners for both imports and exports. Key commodities are fuel, bananas, avocados, pineapples, fruit juice and petroleum products. The port would not be suitable for public ferry service due to being a federally regulated facility with restricted access. They are however currently exploring cruise and international passenger cargo/ferry options. Several capital improvements are planned such as berth enhancements, expansion of the intermodal container yard, warehouse improvements, and more.

Advantage Ride (Travis Snellings and John Donlon, UZURV)

UZURV has taken the rideshare concept and transformed it to meet the specialty transit needs of those in the paratransit community. They previously operated a pilot service called "Advantage Ride" through a CTD grant, however continued funding was recently vetoed from the state's budget. Advantage Ride assisted individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Hillsborough, Manatee and Pinellas Counties. UZURV uses a three-part technology base including DOTS (driver onboarding and tracking system), CLARA which is the operational component, and a robust analytics and billing system. UZURV and TBARTA are partnering on a CTD grant application to fund intercounty service for the transportation disadvantaged throughout TBARTA's entire 5-county region. Service would be provided by UZURV, marketing and customer surveys by TBARTA, and rider eligibility by local CTCs.

All presentations and additional accompanying documents can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3hn03Ci>.

****NEXT BOARD MEETING******August 21, 2020 – 10:00 AM****Online via Zoom**

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