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PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 21, 2017

Acting Chair Rice called the June 21st Planning Committee meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Members present: Darden Rice, Patricia Johnson, Bill Jonson and John Tornga. Members absent: Pat Gerard and Joe Barkley. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO; PSTA staff, and members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

May 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes – Ms. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonson, to approve the May 17th meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously. There was no public comment.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Regional Express Bus Proposal – Whit Blanton, Executive Director of Forward Pinellas, shared a presentation originally given to the Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group on June 2nd, 2017. He explained to the committee members the need for a network of regional express transit routes that will complement existing routes in order to unify major downtown hubs in Pinellas, Hillsborough County and perhaps small areas of Pasco County. After a lengthy discussion about the need for funding for the regional bus service, it was clear to all that we need a shift in priorities at the State and Regional Department of Transportation to achieve a much needed regional transit system.

Transit Feasibility Plan - Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, gave an overview of Florida DOT and HART's Regional Transit Feasibility Plan conducted by consultants. She explained that their next step is to narrow 15 potential transit projects down to the top three projects that have the greatest potential to be funded by state and federal grants. The plan has identified the top five connections in the Tampa Bay area

based on jobs, work trips, population and average trip length. Mr. Jonson expressed his concern about how the final transit project will require 25% of local funds and how this will be accomplished.

Performance Scorecard - Brad Miller, CEO, gave an overview of the new performance measurement system that PSTA staff will be evaluated on for fiscal year 2018. He described how each department will have metric parameters to set the standard for individual performance and overall agency outcomes. Each member received a sample of the Performance Metrics Scorecard. Mr. Miller told the members that they would hear a presentation by the lead consultant at TransPro at the next Board meeting.

PRESENTATION

FY 2018 Draft Budget - In lieu of time, Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer gave an abbreviated summary of the highlights of the 2018 draft budget which will be presented in full to the PSTA Board on June 28th. She focused on the fact that PSTA has a balanced budget through 2021. The only downside to the 2018 budget is the increased cost of employee health insurance. Ms. Leous explained that PSTA is still researching health care options for next year. The goal is to achieve a balance between reducing health care costs, at the same time as trying to keep the rates affordable for the employees.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19 at 10:30 AM.