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## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

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Committee Vice-Chair Johnson called the September 6, 2017 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Members present: Patricia Johnson, Doug Bevis, and Lisa Wheeler-Bowman. Members absent: Janet Long and Charlie Justice. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO; Bill Jonson, PSTA Board member; and PSTA staff members. The following participated via telephone: Samantha Fenger, PSTA Legislative Committee member; Harry Glenn, Van Scoyoc; Alan Suskey, Suskey Consulting; Ron Pierce, RSA Consulting; and Natalie King, RSA Consulting.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

### ACTION ITEMS

August 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes – Ms. Wheeler-Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bevis, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

2018 Federal Priorities – Mr. Miller outlined the draft Federal Priorities for 2018 which will be presented for approval at the September Board meeting. Mr. Glenn indicated that the President did not approve funds for any new Capital Investment Grants, but the projects already approved by the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) will move forward. He also announced that the House and Senate are considering a bill to provide \$8 billion in funding for Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma.

Mr. Bevis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wheeler-Bowman to recommend approval of the FY 2018 Federal Legislative priorities. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

**[Ms. Fenger joined the meeting via telephone at 9:08 AM.]**

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Federal Letters of Support for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Small Starts Project – Mr. Miller indicated that the application for BRT funding will be submitted to the federal government by the end of this week. He said the goal is to have Florida's Congressional delegation write letters to the FTA in support of PSTA's application for the BRT project. Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, added that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has also written a letter of support.

## **FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS**

Mr. Miller noted that there is a joint PSTA-HART Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 12th. The main discussion will be on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was implemented a year ago.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Jonson mentioned the Transportation Management Area (TMA) meeting on Friday, September 8th, and questioned whether it is still being held due to the impending hurricane. It was noted that staff should be notified tonight if it is going to be cancelled. Mr. Jonson asked about a PSTA Board position on the TMA and Mr. Miller replied that Chairperson Rice sits on that Committee. Mr. Jonson also shared his thoughts about local funding for the Regional Feasibility Plan.

Mr. Miller reminded the Committee about the first Budget Public Hearing taking place tonight at 6:00 PM.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 AM. The next Legislative Committee meeting will be held on October 4 at 9:00 AM.