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## PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 16, 2017

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Committee Chair Gerard called the August 16, 2017 Planning Committee meeting to order at 10:45 AM. Members present: Joe Barkley, Bill Jonson and John Tornga. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO; PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

### ACTION ITEMS

July 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Jonson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barkley, to approve the July 19th meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Transportation Development Plan (TDP) Progress Report – Jacob Labutka, Transit Planner, summarized the TDP Progress Report and asked for approval to move forward for Board approval next week. Mr. Jonson questioned what needs to be done for the region to further progress in future transit plans. Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, clarified that the TDP is a report of the ongoing projects currently underway, and that future regional transit plans will be developed by both TBARTA and the HART-funded Transit Regional Transit Feasibility Plan. Mr. Labutka recognized Mr. Jonson for his recent memo listing upcoming transportation projects throughout Tampa Bay. Committee Chair Gerard asked that the Board receive a copy of Mr. Jonson's memo. Mr. Barkley added that he attended a recent University of South Florida St. Petersburg meeting with state representatives and local leaders, where the issue of regional transportation was raised as a key factor in enhancing tourism in our region. After no further discussion, Mr. Barkley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tornga to approve the TDP Progress Report. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

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## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Grant Discretionary Application Plan & Successes – Ms. Borchers, updated the Committee on the types of grants that PSTA has been awarded for specific projects. Grants can be funded by the Federal government, the State of Florida, or locally by the Department of Transportation district office, partnering cities, or Pinellas County government. Ms. Borchers also stated that the downtown St. Petersburg Circulator project received a full 50% match from Florida Department of Transportation, as well as an additional \$1 million dollars in funding for the design of the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

## **FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS**

Mr. Miller informed the Committee that the FY18 budget hearings will be held on September 6th and 20th at 6:00 PM. The Planning Committee will take action to recommend approval at the September 20th meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM. The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 10:30 AM.