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## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 6, 2018

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Committee Chair Long called the March 6, 2018 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 1:03 PM. Members present: Janet Long, Patricia Johnson, Joe Barkley, and John Tornga. Member absent: Lisa Wheeler-Bowman. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO; Bill Jonson, PSTA Board member; and PSTA staff members. The following participated via telephone: Charlie Justice, Legislative Committee member, Steve Palmer, Van Scoyoc, and Natalie King and Ron Pierce from RSA Consulting.

Mr. Tornga made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson to allow Mr. Justice to participate via telephone. Motion passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

### ACTION ITEMS

Approve February 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Tornga made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barkley, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

State and Federal Legislative Updates - The Committee received an update on the State Legislative priorities from Mr. Pierce. He said that the Legislature is close on a budget deal. He spoke about \$1 million earmarked for the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) for one year, one time; \$600,000 for Planning and \$400,000 for Operations. He also briefly spoke about Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) funding. Mr. Miller mentioned the draft letter to David Gwynn of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and Jeff Seward of the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) offering PSTA's assistance in improving the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan (RTFP) outreach.

Mr. Palmer reported on the federal affairs and said that work is continuing between the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to reconcile their differences for the

FY2018 Appropriations bills, hopefully by mid-March. He also spoke about the President's infrastructure proposal that has not yet been finalized. Mr. Miller announced that PSTA received a medium-high rating from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. He is hopeful that PSTA will get into the FY2019 Small Starts budget.

Mr. Palmer provided information on the upcoming trip to Washington D.C. He indicated that a meeting itinerary will be firmed up next week.

### **FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS**

Mr. Miller would like a discussion about the \$1 million for TBARTA.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Johnson announced her resignation from the Legislative, Planning, Executive, and Nominating Committees. She will continue to serve on the PSTA Board and the Local Coordinating Board (LCB).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for April 4th at 9:00 AM.