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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES AUGUST 14, 2018

PSTA staff held a public hearing on August 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM at PSTA Headquarters, 3201 Scherer Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, to receive public comments on the October services changes and merging Routes 97 and 98 into Route 52.

Present were: Bob Lasher, External Affairs Officer; Nicole Dufva, Public Engagement Specialist; and Christine McFadden, Manager of Schedules.

PUBLIC COMMENT

M. Sano, PSTA Bus Operator, believes this change is great and, in general, it looks like a positive change for the system.

Jennifer Collins, Pinellas Park resident, said she has been riding the bus for five or six years and thanks PSTA for continuing to travel into Carillon. She offered to be a voice or volunteer at Raymond James to promote PSTA and the service.

Mark O'Hara, TRAC member via email, suggested Route 52 get cut in half as was done with Routes 19 and 59. He also suggested the new 52LX make limited stops as it travels from Grand Central Station to Carillon.

Patrick Harris, via email, had the following recommendations regarding the merger of Routes 97 and 98 with Route 52:

- Add AM/PM rush-hour commuter or express buses to compensate for the loss of Routes 97 and 98.
- Restore Route 52 service to downtown St. Petersburg.

Dave Kovar, TRAC member, said at the TRAC meeting on August 14th, that he loves the changes and fully supports it.

ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing concluded at 6:30 PM.