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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 6, 2018

Committee Chair Long called the June 6, 2018 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Members present: Janet Long, Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, and John Tornga. Members absent: Joe Barkley and Patricia Johnson. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO; Natalie King and Ron Pierce, RSA Consulting; RJ Myers, Suskey Consulting, and PSTA staff members. The following participated via telephone: Charlie Justice, Legislative Committee member; Harry Glenn and Steve Palmer, Van Scoyoc.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Tornga made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wheeler-Bowman, to allow Mr. Justice to participate by telephone. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve April 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Ms. Wheeler-Bowman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tornga, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Federal and State Legislative Updates – Mr. Glenn and Mr. Palmer gave an update on federal legislative issues. They spoke about various state and federal grants, as well as the President's infrastructure budget. They also discussed the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Administrator nomination, which may be decided by August. Mr. Palmer indicated that Jane Williams is currently the acting Administrator and assured the Committee that PSTA's Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is still moving ahead.

Mr. Pierce briefly talked about the state legislative issues. Mr. Miller stated that the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission (TDC) awarded funds to PSTA for a third year for the Authority's TD Late Shift program, but may not be available next year. Ms. King indicated that she will investigate what will happen after three years of

funding and report back to the Committee. Discussion also took place regarding regional transportation and the possibility of a half-cent referendum in Hillsborough. Mr. Pierce will report back on the progress of the referendum.

Support for Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Funding – Mr. Miller provided information on the history and structure of TBARTA and gave a presentation on how PSTA will assist the Agency with their financial and grant funding issues. Committee Chair Long made a few suggestions about the presentation before it is brought in front of the TBARTA Board on Friday, June 8th. Comments were made relating to the program management services and administrative fees for PSTA's services to TBARTA.

FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Glenn mentioned that PSTA received \$80,000 from the FTA for Hurricane Irma-related funding.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 AM. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for August 1st at 9:00 AM.