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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 1, 2019

Committee Chair Long called the April 1, 2019 Executive Committee meeting to order at 11:06 AM. Members present: Janet Long and Pat Gerard. Members absent: Joe Barkley, Darden Rice, and Patricia Johnson. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO, and PSTA staff members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

March 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting minutes will be approved at the May meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Confirmation of No St. Pete Beach Financial Support for Central Avenue Rapid Transit – Mr. Miller talked about the submission to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. He said that St. Pete Beach will not be a contributing partner in the project. Mr. Miller also spoke about the recent article in the *Tampa Bay Times* opposing the project. Chairperson Long pointed out that since this project began, there have been four different Mayors for St. Pete Beach. It was noted that certain aspects of the project have changed over the years based on new data. Mr. Miller indicated that it was never confirmed that St. Pete Beach was going to provide funds for this project; it was always referred to as potential or possible funding. Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, explained the process with FTA and how the funding package was outlined in the submittal. She indicated that PSTA's funding was the only commitment included in the application. Staff will be attending a Commission meeting with St. Pete Beach on April 9th. Discussion also took place regarding changes PSTA is willing to make to the BRT project based on concerns from St. Pete Beach Commissioners and citizens.

Funding Action Plan – Discussion took place regarding the cities that are not members of PSTA, as well as a meeting Mr. Miller had with Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas Executive Director, and Barry Burton, Pinellas County Administrator, regarding funding support. Mr. Miller spoke about two options for PSTA: 1) implement the proposed service reductions in June, or 2) do not cut the service and support the routes with PSTA reserves. There was also discussion about the gas tax revenue.

April Board Agenda – The group reviewed the April Board agenda. Chairperson Long suggested that recognizing David Banther, outgoing Board member, be moved to the beginning of the agenda before the public hearing.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 AM. The next Executive Committee meeting will be on May 6th at 11:00 AM.