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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2019

Committee Chair Long called the August 9, 2019 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Members present: Janet Long, Charlie Justice, and Heather Gracy. Members absent: Joe Barkley and Gina Driscoll. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO; Dan Saracki, PSTA Board member; Kaitlyn Bailey, RSA Consulting; Alan Suskey and RJ Myers, Suskey Consulting; Harry Glenn, Van Scoyoc; and PSTA staff members. The following participated via telephone: Steve Palmer, Van Scoyoc; Ron Pierce and Natalie King, RSA Consulting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

STATE/FEDERAL UPDATES

Mr. Suskey stated that the first Committee week is next month; otherwise, there is not much happening right now. He talked about the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) bill and the Appropriations projects deadline in November. Mr. Pierce mentioned meetings with the local delegates and approval of the draft State Legislative priorities next month. Committee Chair Long inquired if PSTA would be submitting an Appropriations request this year and there was discussion about the possibility of a request for electric buses. The Committee discussed the loss of funds due to the change in the TD formula and transportation for high school students in Pinellas County. Mr. Miller outlined the State grant opportunities that PSTA applies for.

Mr. Glenn gave a Federal update on the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, PSTA's innovative programs, Federal priorities for next year, and appropriations funding levels. Mr. Palmer spoke about the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) funds and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). He also mentioned the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act bill which will expire in September 2020. The Committee reviewed the Federal grant opportunities.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve June 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Justice made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gracy, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS

The draft State and Federal Legislative priorities will be presented next month.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for September 4th at 9:00 AM.