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PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2019

Committee Vice-Chairperson Barkley called the August 21, 2019 Planning Committee meeting to order at 10:35 AM. Members present: Pat Gerard, Joe Barkley, Joshua Shulman, Dave Allbritton and Vince Cocks. Members absent: Samantha Fenger. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

July 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Allbritton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cocks, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

[Chairperson Gerard entered the meeting at 10:46 AM, and Committee Vice-Chairperson Barkley turned the meeting over to her.]

Transit Development Plan (TDP) Progress Report – Heather Sobush, Director of Planning, recommended the Planning Committee approve the 2019 TDP Progress Report for submittal to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Ms. Sobush summarized PSTA's priority projects, the FY2019 accomplishments, and an updated ten-year financial plan that will be included in the TDP Progress Report. She emphasized that the TDP progress report has a significant impact in PSTA's future budget as it enables PSTA to be eligible to request funding from FDOT.

Ms. Sobush summarized a list of general accomplishments achieved by PSTA, as well as the Federal and State Grants that have been awarded to the Authority this year. She highlighted PSTA's focus on planned priority projects, such as the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project, the Flamingo regional farebox program, and sustainable bus replacement.

Ms. Sobush explained that the TDP serves as PSTA's 10-year Service Vision which is incorporated into Forward Pinellas' Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), a twenty-five year plan, as well as TBARTA's Master Plan, to achieve consistency among all the different transportation agencies. Whit Blanton, Executive Director of Forward Pinellas, suggested revisions be made to the wording of the 2045 Vision Plan, and removal of the word "proposed" to the map key included in the TDP. Mr. Blanton explained these edits will avoid confusion and achieve consistency with their Advantage Pinellas Plan.

The Committee had questions relating to the timing of proposed priority projects, the status of the Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) Park and Ride, and the inclusion of the Clearwater Intermodal Center in the priority projects. All questions were addressed. Mr. Barkley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Albritton, to recommend the 2019 TDP Progress Report with recommended amendments be submitted to FDOT. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS

The Committee was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM. The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for September 18th at 10:30 AM.