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PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2018

Committee Chair Gerard called the November 14, 2018 Planning Committee meeting to order at 10:41 am. Members present: Patricia Gerard, Joe Barkley, and Joshua Shulman. Members absent: Charlie Justice and Samantha Fenger. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO, and PSTA staff members.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

October 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Shulman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barkley, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PSTA-Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer, recommend PSTA renew the MOU for continued collaboration with HART to eliminate redundancies and reduce costs. PSTA's position in advancing the MOU is to be supportive of all collaboration and demonstrate regional leadership. Mr. Shulman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barkley, to approve the continued MOU with HART. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Information Item:

Advantage Pinellas Transit Plan – Heather Sobush, Planning Director, presented the different options that the agency, along with Forward Pinellas, will focus on for the 10-year bus plan improvements. The objectives are to stabilize and reverse ridership decline and expand mobility options to increase convenience and access to transit for riders. Ms. Sobush explained the strategy will be to reinforce the core routes which carry the most riders, and eliminate/re-direct resources from unproductive routes. Committee members recommended PSTA include provisions for transfers should be built into scheduling the

new routes, and a concerted effort to include affordable, innovative options for cities that may experience significant reductions in bus service.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am. The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on January 16, 2019 at 10:30 am.