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**PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2019**

Committee Chair Gerard called the October 18, 2019 Planning Committee meeting to order at 10:47 am. Members present: Pat Gerard, Joe Barkley, Josh 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:

August 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Allbritton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cocks, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Agreements with City of St. Petersburg and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - Abhishek Dayal, Director of Project Management Office, presented two agreements and a resolution for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. Mr. Dayal explained the first contract is an interlocal agreement between PSTA and the City of St. Petersburg for design, construction, and maintenance coordination pertaining to right-of-way acquisition assistance, project maintenance, streetscape improvements and utility coordination during the BRT construction, for a not-to-exceed budget of \$254,000. He also presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and related resolution, between PSTA and FDOT for right-of-way acquisition assistance for easements needed for the BRT project along FDOT rights of way, for a not-to-exceed budget of \$300,000. Vice-Chair Barkley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allbritton, to recommend approval of the agreement, the MOU and the resolution for the BRT project. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) Agreement - Henry Lukasik, Director of Maintenance, presented an agreement between PSTA and CTE for electric bus/infrastructure expansion technical services, as included in the Low-No Federal grant

awards from FY17 and FY18. He explained that the CTE will provide project management and technical assistance to help PSTA plan and deploy electric buses on PSTA's fixed route network at a cost not-to-exceed \$275,000. Vice-Chair Barkley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cocks, to recommend approval of the CTE agreement. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Future Meeting Subjects:

Mr. Miller informed the Committee of an issue which may affect PSTA's contract with Chinese-owned BYD for purchasing future electric buses. There is a U.S. Senate Defense Bill which, if passed, will prohibit using Federal funds to purchase products such as rail cars and buses made in China. He expects the bill to pass by the end of the year and PSTA will make necessary adjustments to our agreement with BYD accordingly.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 am. The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2019 at 10:30 am.