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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 5, 2020

This meeting was conducted by means of Communications Media Technology.

Committee Chair Long called the August 5, 2020 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 9:00 am. Members present: Janet Long, Joe Barkley, Gina Driscoll, Heather Gracy, Charlie Justice, and Dan Saracki. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO; Ron Pierce, RSA Consulting; Harry Glenn and Steve Palmer, Van Scoyoc; and PSTA staff.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

Approve July 15, 2020 Minutes – Mr. Barkley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Saracki, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

Clearwater Ferry Partnership – Mr. Miller and Trisha Rodriguez, Owner of Clearwater Ferry, outlined the process and meetings that will take place to discuss partnership opportunities with the Clearwater Ferry. Ms. Rodriguez talked about the history of the Clearwater Ferry and how the service is run. She also mentioned funding opportunities for improvements to the docks and landing areas. Mr. Miller spoke about the Jolley Trolley starting out as an independent entity that grew into a partnership with PSTA, and it is his hope that the same happens with the Clearwater Ferry. Questions and comments were made about possible service to other areas and how to transport riders to other cities near the docks. Discussion also took place regarding Federal capital funding and local operating assistance to expand this service.

Draft 2021 Federal Priorities and Update - Mr. Glenn gave an update on the COVID House Bill which would provide funds for the top ten cities only. He mentioned other funding available; however, not for transportation. Mr. Palmer talked about the Appropriations Bill and highlights from the Transportation Committee. The Committee reviewed the draft Federal agenda included in the packet. The final vote will take place at the October meeting.

Draft 2021 State Priorities and Update – Mr. Pierce outlined the draft State priorities included in the packet. Discussion took place about the formula for the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program as well as funding for the Autonomous Vehicle (AV) demonstration program. It was noted that the State's 25% support of \$500,000 has been accomplished and will be taken off this list. Mr. Miller explained number ten on the

priority list, to allow Transportation Network Companies partnerships (TNC), stating that currently, there is not a way to conduct annual inspections on Uber/Lyft vehicles. The rule needs to be updated to be in line with PSTA's current situation. A brief discussion also took place about the impacts of COVID and funding for the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA).

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 am. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for September 2nd at 9:00 am.