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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2020

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Chairperson Joe Barkley called the August 26, 2020 Board meeting to order at 9:01 am. Members present: Joe Barkley, Chairperson; Pat Gerard, Vice-Chairperson; Gina Driscoll, Secretary/Treasurer; Dave Allbritton, Richard Bennett, Vince Cocks, Heather Gracy, Charlie Justice, Janet Long, Darden Rice, Jamie Robinson, Dan Saracki, Josh Shulman, and Ken Welch. Member absent: Keith Sabiel. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Alan Zimmet, PSTA General Counsel; PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

Chairperson Barkley read an opening statement regarding PSTA holding this meeting as a virtual meeting and provided information to ensure the ability of the public to comment prior to and during the virtual meeting.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Committee Updates:

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Update – In Ms. Long's absence, Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer, gave an update on the recent TBARTA meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gerard, to approve the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included approval of the July 29, 2020 Board meeting minutes, the Maintenance uniforms contract, the Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) By Laws, and the PSTA core network switch replacement.

Action Items:

Pedestrian Crossings Project on US 19 – Whit Blanton, Executive Director of Forward Pinellas, gave a presentation on the pedestrian crossing project on US 19. The segment is from SR 580 to CR 95 and will provide safety for pedestrians along that corridor. He talked about the planned improvements at specific intersections including Harn Boulevard and Curlew Road that will help lower crashes, fatalities, and injuries to

pedestrians. He also mentioned that these crossings will be close to the Pinellas Trail connections.

[Ms. Long entered the meeting at 9:30 am]

In response to Chairperson Barkley's call for public comment, Todd Pressman, St. Petersburg resident representing businesses in the area, stated his opinion that the proposed location of the crossing is not a good location and does not believe there is demand for a crossing.

Gloria Lepik-Corrigan, Clearwater resident, said she crosses US 19 and is in support of this project.

Terry Detts, business owner, expressed his concern with the crossing. He stated that he does not see the demand.

Duncan Kovar, Safety Harbor resident, said that he is in support of the crossings on US 19 and believes there should be more of them.

Mr. Justice wanted clarification that the Board is only supporting a letter and not the design. Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, further explained the process and the expectation of today's action. There were a few additional questions and comments about a tunnel across US 19, creating a safe environment for pedestrians, the timeline of the project, and the future of development in the area.

After discussion, Ms. Rice made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long, to approve sending a support letter. There were no further public comments. Motion passed (13:1) with Mr. Bennett dissenting.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Agreement for South Pasadena Avenue Repaving – Abhishek Dayal, Director of Project Management, outlined the locally funded agreement with FDOT for improvements on South Pasadena Avenue for an amount not to exceed \$508,444. This will be part of the SunRunner Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. Questions and comments were made about the Business Access and Transit Lanes (BAT) lanes, the budget, and costs.

After discussion, Ms. Rice made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gerard to approve the FDOT agreement. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

Shelter Deployment Plan – Jacob Labutka, Project Planner, and Michael Hetrick, Assistant Project Manager, gave a presentation on the shelter deployment plan including the deployment phases and match program. Questions were asked about the approach to adding passenger amenities to stops, ridership criteria, funding, cost and specifications of a shelter, and useful life of a shelter.

Reports and Correspondence:

Performance Updates – Mr. Miller said the reports are included in the packet. He also showed a video from the Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the SunRunner BRT project.

Future Meeting Subjects:

The Board was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects

Other Business/Board Comments:

Comments were made about the mobility program process and bus cleanliness. Chairperson Barkley provided information about the upcoming meetings including the first Budget Public Hearing on September 16th at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Barkley adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am. The next meeting is September 16th at 6:00 pm for PSTA's first Budget Public Hearing and September 30th at 6:00 pm for the second Public Hearing and regular Board meeting.

Chairperson