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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 6, 2020

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Committee Chair Long called the May 6, 2020 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 9:00 am. Members present: Janet Long, Joe Barkley, Gina Driscoll, Charlie Justice, and Dan Saracki. Member absent: Heather Gracy. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO; Ron Pierce and Kaitlyn Bailey, RSA Consulting; Alan Suskey, Suskey Consulting; Harry Glenn and Steve Palmer, Van Scoyoc; and PSTA Staff.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Miller relayed information on how to provide public comments. There were no public comments.

**Action Items:**

**Approve February 5, 2020 Minutes** – Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Justice, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Information Items:**

**State and Federal Updates** – Mr. Glenn and Mr. Palmer provided an update on the Federal Legislative issues relating to COVID-19 as well as the status of the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding. Mr. Palmer spoke about possible funding for transit agencies under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Infrastructure Bill funding for the current year.

Mr. Pierce and Mr. Suskey gave an update on State Legislative priorities including Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) funding, the Essential Workers program, State budget issues, as well as funding for Medicaid rides. Mr. Pierce also briefly spoke about possible recurring funds for the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA).

Questions were raised and discussed regarding a special session, projections on the gas tax, and innovative transportation options funding.

**Other Business:**

No other business was discussed.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 am. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for June 3rd at 9:00 am.