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TRAC COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

This meeting was conducted by means of Communications Media Technology.

Committee Chairperson Kovar called the September 15, 2020 TRAC meeting to order at 4:01 pm. Members present: Duncan Kovar, Chelsea Anderson, Gloria Lepik-Corrigan, Teresa Dunphy, Mary Young, Roman Shurubalko, Kim Rankine, Jayson James, Edwin Klumpp, Debra Bjorkquist, and Mark O'Hara. Member absent: Andrea Baron. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO, PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

Call to Order – TRAC Committee Chairperson Kovar read the required opening statement relating to the use of Communications Media Technology and how the public can view the meeting and make comments.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Presentation:

Safe Streets Pinellas – Sarah Caper Perch, Forward Pinellas, gave a presentation on the Safe Streets Pinellas initiative. She provided information on the core elements of this Vision Zero program which includes: leadership and commitment, safe roadways and safe speeds, a data-driven approach, and transparency and accountability. She presented various graphs and statistics on the Safe Street Pinellas initiative, as well as next steps including continued work with community and agency partners, including demonstration projects, finalize high injury network/hotspots, countermeasures and action plan, and start to implement. Ms. Caper Perch also provided the website address for how the public can participate by completing a Safe Streets pledge form. The Committee discussed how they can assist with the Vision Zero program. It was noted that collaboration between Forward Pinellas and PSTA is critical for this initiative.

Chair Report:

Committee Chairperson Kovar reported the highlights of the PSTA Board meeting held on August 26th.

Forward Pinellas Report

Ms. Lepik-Corrigan spoke about the US 19 underpass project and mentioned that she would like to nominate Forward Pinellas for a TRAC STAR award for this initiative. Committee Chairperson Kovar added that he would support that as well. Mr. Miller thanked all the TRAC members who attended the various meetings on the proposed US 19 crossings.

[Mr. Klumpp entered the meeting at 4:45 pm.]

Action Items:

August 18, 2020 TRAC Meeting Minutes – Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunphy, to approve the minutes, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

TRAC Impact and Initiatives – Bob Lasher, External Affairs Officer, provided an overview of the initiatives that the TRAC Committee has achieved to date: participating in and helping promote recent online rider surveys, promoting the new Essential Workers program, participating in the August PSTA Board of Director's meeting in support of Forward Pinellas' new pedestrian underpass proposal along US 19, as well as support and encouragement for PSTA deployment of hand sanitizing stations at terminals and major transfer facilities. Mr. Lasher said that staff is encouraging TRAC members to continue to engage others on the social media platform of their choice to: promote PSTA services and programs, safe riding practices, and wearing of masks while using the system.

Member Comments:

There were no member comments.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm. The next TRAC meeting is scheduled for October 20th at 4:00 pm.