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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

This meeting was conducted by means of Communications Media Technology.

Committee Chair Long called the September 2, 2020 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 9:01 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, Van Scoyoc; Alan Suskey, Suskey Consulting; and PSTA staff.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

Approve August 5, 2020 Minutes – Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Driscoll, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

2021 Draft State Agenda – Mr. Miller highlighted the draft 2021 State Legislative agenda. He said that approval will take place at the October meeting. Mr. Pierce briefly outlined the priorities and talked about when the session will begin. Questions and comments were made about the Clearwater Ferry partnership and the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) deficit. Mr. Suskey mentioned the House Appropriations and the budget deficit.

Transportation Management Area (TMA) Earmark Policy Draft –

Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, talked about earmarks and Block Grants and the unintentional consequences. She indicated that the TMA will discuss further in September and present a proposal to PSTA in October. She added that PSTA has not asked for earmarks since 2017.

2021 Draft Federal Agenda – Mr. Miller showed the group the draft 2021 Federal Legislative agenda for discussion. Mr. Glenn spoke about the COVID-19 funding relief. He also talked about the Fast Act reauthorization, the upcoming election, and briefly outlined the remaining items on the list. Discussion took place regarding the location of the new transit center in downtown Clearwater.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 am. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for October 9th at 9:00 am.