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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 5, 2021

Committee Vice-Chairperson Dan Saracki called the May 5, 2021 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 9:05 am. Members present: Janet Long, Dan Saracki, Gina Driscoll, Jamie Robinson, David Allbritton, and Kathleen Peters. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO. Attending via Zoom were Ron Pierce, RSA Consulting; Harry Glenn and Steve Palmer, Van Scoyoc; and PSTA staff.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

Approve April 7, 2021 Minutes – Mr. Allbritton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

[Ms. Peters entered the meeting at 9:07 am.]

Information Items:

State Legislative Updates – Mr. Pierce gave an update on the State Legislative session. Highlights included the state budget, the Transportation Trust Fund, Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) funding and projects, loss of funding for innovative programs, Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) funding, and letters of support for projects in Clearwater.

[Ms. Long entered the meeting at 9:10 am] [Ms. Driscoll entered the meeting at 9:15 am]

Federal Legislative Updates – Mr. Glenn talked about the Appropriations Bill, the budget, funds for transit, earmarks, charging infrastructure for electric vehicles, and grant programs. Mr. Palmer spoke about the Infrastructure Bill and funding.

Other Business:

Mr. Miller mentioned that PSTA is preparing a proposal for the City of Clearwater for a land swap in downtown Clearwater for the new Clearwater Intermodal Center.

Ms. Long said that the proposed listening tour with the Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg, may be scheduled for late May or early June.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for June 2nd at 9:00 am.