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PLANNING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2022

Committee Chairperson Shulman called the February 18, 2022 Planning meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Members present: Josh Shulman, Vince Cocks, David Albritton and Jeff Gow (not a member of the Planning Committee). Members absent: Rene Flowers, Deborah Figgs Sanders, and Michael Fridovich. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; PSTA staff members; and members of the public.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

January 19th, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Allbritton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cocks to approve the minutes. There was no public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Dunedin Interlocal Agreement for AVA Services Extension – Mr. Labutka, Senior Planner, presented an action item to extend the interlocal agreement the AVA autonomous vehicle pilot service in Dunedin. He explained the Dunedin service will operate along Douglas Avenue and is anticipated to reopen to the public as early as April 2022 for approximately six weeks. He said PSTA and the City of Dunedin developed an interlocal agreement that grants approval for PSTA to deploy the demonstration service. It also outlines how the Dunedin helped secure a shuttle storage location with access to charging and a rooftop space for Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) equipment. Mr. Allbritton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cocks to approve the extension of AVA services agreement with Dunedin. There was no public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

SunRunner Equity Analysis – Mr. Labutka presented the equity analysis for the SunRunner Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project in accordance with Title VI requirements. He explained all projects funded by Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Small Starts program are required to complete and approve a service and fare equity analysis six (6) months before the start of operations. Mr. Labutka reviewed the two analyses conducted of proposed changes related to the implementation of the SunRunner. The

Service Equity Analysis was completed to assess the impact of implementing the SunRunner, the service plan of which includes decreasing local service on the Central Avenue Trolley from 20 to 30-minute frequencies and truncating Route 18 at Grand Central Station.

He said the Fare Equity Analysis was completed to assess the impact of a Flamingo-only fare collection system including not accepting cash on board SunRunner vehicles and implementing a retail network where cash can be used to purchase and reload Flamingo fare cards. Also included in the analysis was a SunRunner financial plan that anticipates a fare free promotional period on the SunRunner for at least the first six (6) months of operations. He said given the recent vendor non-renewal for the Flamingo card retail network, PSTA may extend this promotional fare period if a retail network is not sufficiently in place near all SunRunner stations at the end of six-months of initial operation. Mr. Allbritton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cocks to approve the SunRunner Equity Analysis, there were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

PSTA's Sustainable Strategic Plan Progress Report - Ms. Sobush and Ms. Dufva of the Planning Department presented a progress report on the Sustainable Strategic Plan that presents a holistic approach to sustainability using the triple bottom line framework: social, environmental, and economic sustainability (Healthy Communities and Workforce, Environmental Sustainability, and Economic Vitality). They presented the comprehensive agency plan to establish short-, medium-, and long-term goals along with key metrics to measure performance or progress over time. Ms. Dufva explained the creation of a data reporting tool that organizes and tracks the environmental metrics required by American Public Transportation Association's (APTA's) Sustainability Commitment Program. The goal is to help PSTA advance from its current silver status to gold status within the APTA Sustainability Commitment Program.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for March 23rd at 10:30 am.