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PLANNING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2022

Committee Chairperson Shulman called the May 19, 2022 Planning meeting to order at 10:48 a.m. Members present: Josh Shulman, Vince Cocks, and David Albritton. Members absent: Rene Flowers and Deborah Figgs-Sanders (meeting conflict). Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; and PSTA staff members.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

April 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Cocks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allbritton, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Federal Grant Program of Projects (POP) – Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer, presented the proposed POP that PSTA will apply for Federal formula funds through capital grant applications for FY22. She explained that after the public hearing and Board approval, PSTA can submit grant applications at the end of June for eligible funding.

Ms. Leous described the capital projects that PSTA plans to fund, which include the Clearwater Multimodal Transit Center, electric bus purchase, charging areas for electric buses, solar panel purchase and installation, mobility management, as well as short range planning projects. Immediately prior to the Planning Committee meeting, staff held a public hearing on the POP. Mr. Cocks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allbritton, to recommend approval of the POP. Motion passed unanimously.

SunRunner Rising Development Study – Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, reported on the successful community-building, collaborative effort over the past two years by PSTA in partnership with the City of St. Petersburg, the City of Pasadena, and Forward Pinellas to integrate land use and transportation planning while developing the SunRunner Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system for downtown St. Petersburg. She introduced Eric Bosman of Kimley Horn who provided a detailed update of the study and recommendations that will improve economic development and ridership, stimulate multimodal connectivity and accessibility, and enable mixed-use development for ten station areas of the SunRunner. Committee-Chair Shulman suggested the study and future funding be used to increase capacity and frequency on existing transit routes that

feed into the SunRunner corridor for maximum value. Mr. Allbritton commented that the SunRunner is a perfect example of how premium transit can transform and improve our communities. Mr. Cocks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allbritton, to recommend approval to accept the SunRunner Rising Development Study findings. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m. The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for June 15th at 10:30 a.m.