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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES – MAY 20, 2015**

The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) held a staff public hearing to receive comments from the public concerning the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Program of Projects. This hearing took place in the auditorium at PSTA Headquarters at 10:30 AM on this date with the following Board members present:

Bill Jonson, Chairperson
Janet Long, Secretary/Treasurer
Mark Deighton
Darden Rice
Ken Welch

Also Present:

Brad Miller, CEO
PSTA Staff Members

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jonson opened the meeting at 10:42 AM.

STATEMENT FOR RECORD

Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer, read the following statement: This public hearing has been scheduled so that the general public may be given the opportunity to comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Program of Projects. A final decision will be made at the May 27, 2015 Board Meeting.

Individuals wishing to make a presentation today are required to complete a yellow public hearing speaker card. This card can be given to staff either at the start of the hearing or during the hearing. Speakers will be recognized in the order in which the comment cards are received. Public comment is limited to three minutes per individual speaker, unless additional time is granted. A group can designate a spokesperson by completing the appropriate form and presenting it to staff. The spokesperson can then speak on behalf of the group, addressing staff for three minutes for each member of the group present in the audience who waives his/her right to speak, up to a maximum of

ten minutes. Presentations will be limited to only the subject for which the public hearing is being held. The public hearing will not be closed until all individuals so desiring have had an opportunity to make a presentation. Please raise your hand if you require a public hearing speaker card and one will be provided by staff.

A paid advertisement concerning this public hearing appeared in the *Tampa Bay Times* on Monday, May 4, 2015. Notices were posted at PSTA administrative headquarters, Park Street Terminal, Grand Central Station, Williams Park, Pinellas Park Transit Center, on all PSTA buses, and on PSTA's website on Monday, May 4, 2015. Information fliers were distributed via insertion in all Schedules-By-Mail requests, on the PSTA bus fleet, and at the Customer Service Centers beginning on Monday, May 4, 2015. A press release announcing the public hearing was e-mailed or faxed to major media contacts and area social service agencies on May 18th. To date, there are no comments on the proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Sherouse, St. Petersburg resident, commented about a Route 18 bus stop, and also suggested having Route 74 go across Gandy to the St. Petersburg Housing Authority instead of Route 444. He spoke about grant funding for shelters and transit centers, and said that more money is needed for buses instead. Chairperson Jonson asked staff to speak with Mr. Sherouse regarding his concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing was adjourned at 10:48 PM.