



2015 Federal Legislative Achievements and Activities

- 6/24/2015 – PSTA Board approves contract with Van Scoyoc Associates to provide federal advocacy services
- 7/10/2010 – Harry Glenn and Steve Palmer meet with Brad Miller at PSTA headquarters to begin the development of PSTA’s federal legislative agenda for the remainder of 2015
- 7/31/2015 – VSA drafts and circulates a letter for signature by the bipartisan Tampa Bay area Congressional delegation to the Chairman of the House Transportation Committee in support of PSTA’s federal funding priorities (copy attached)
- 8/5/2015 – Harry Glenn attends PSTA Legislative Committee meeting, which includes a legislative update from Congressman David Jolly via conference call
- 8/11/2015 – VSA submits a draft 2015 federal agenda for consideration by the Legislative Committee and the PSTA Board of Directors
- 8/26/2015 – Harry Glenn attends PSTA Board Meeting at which the board approves the federal legislative agenda
- 8/31/2015 – VSA submits revised federal legislative agenda to the Legislative Committee to add support for funding for Low and No Emission Bus Grant program
- 9/2/2015 – Harry Glenn attends PSTA Legislative Committee meeting at which the revised federal legislative agenda is approved
- 9/30/2015 – PSTA Board approves the revised federal legislative agenda
- 10/7-8/2015 – PSTA Washington fly-in (agenda attached)
- 10/15/2015 – Harry Glenn attends a meeting with Brad Miller and PSTA staff to review results of the Washington trip and to discuss applications to the Federal Transit Administration for the Central Avenue BRT route and a Low No Bus Grant (Steve Palmer joins by phone)

11/17/2015 – Steve Palmer joins the PSTA Legislative Committee by phone to provide an update on federal transportation and appropriations legislation

11/20/2015 – PSTA submits Low and No Emissions Bus Grant application to Federal Transportation Administration. The application includes individual bipartisan letters of support drafted by VSA and signed by Senator Bill Nelson and members of the Pinellas County Congressional delegation. VSA further assisted in securing letters of support from the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners and the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce. VSA also was asked to assist PSTA in securing documentation from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection certifying the air quality status of Pinellas County as a condition of eligibility for the grant application.

Regular VSA legislative activities in support of PSTA throughout 2015

- VSA provides Brad Miller, the PSTA Board, and the PSTA Legislative Committee with weekly updates on legislative actions by Congress. These included regular updates on congressional action on the FAST Act, the five-year \$305 billion transportation bill.
- VSA provided support to PSTA staff during the drafting of the application for Low and No Emission bus grants.
- VSA continues to support PSTA staff with the development of the application for federal funding for the Central Avenue BRT project.
- VSA provides support to PSTA staff with efforts to release surplus federal funds from a completed federal highway project along U.S. 19/Enterprise Road for alternate use by PSTA.
- VSA has provided updates and analysis of proposed FTA rulemakings that could impact PSTA.