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**TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES – MAY 17, 2016**

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The Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) held a meeting in the Auditorium at PSTA Headquarters at 4:00 PM on this date. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the April 19, 2016 meeting minutes, recommend approval on the Ulmerton Road Park & Ride, and receive information on the June/October 2016 service improvements. The following members were present:

Elaine Mann, Committee Chair  
Gloria Lepik-Corrigan, Committee Vice-Chair  
Julie DiPietrantonio  
David Kovar  
Alejandra Mesa  
Elisabeth Olden  
Kimberly Rankine  
David Schneider  
Carson Zimmer

Absent

Catherine Baranowski  
Vivian Peters  
Robyn Pierce  
G.W. Rolle  
Chelsea Schneiter  
Dave Stanton

Also Present:

James Bradford, COO  
PSTA Staff Members  
Members of the Public

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Mann opened the meeting at 4:02 PM.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

June/October 2016 Service Improvements – Bob Lasher, External Affairs Officer, talked about the Community Bus Plan recommendations and minor service changes effective in June. Juan Luvian, Marketing and Sales Coordinator, spoke about the public outreach for the service changes on Routes 11, 444, and 52. Christine McFadden, Manager of Scheduling, presented the June service changes for Route 52 and also the October system-wide service changes. Mr. Lasher spoke about the early public engagement for the service changes and the feedback received from the public workshops to date. In addition, he outlined the final public outreach planned for July through October 4th leading up to the service changes. The Committee had a few questions on the proposed changes to which Mr. Lasher responded.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of Minutes – Ms. Olden made a motion, seconded by Ms. DiPietrantonio to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Ulmerton Road Park & Ride – Henry Lukasik, Director of Maintenance, delivered a presentation on site improvements for the Ulmerton Road Park & Ride. He presented background information on the facility and its current condition. He explained that as a result of the building's current state of disrepair, PSTA, with support from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), decided the facility should be demolished. Mr. Lukasik described the planned site renovations and indicated that an Invitation for Bid (IFB) was issued with six contractors responding. Jam 5:20 Inc. was selected as the most responsive, responsible, and lowest cost supplier. He noted that the total price for this project is \$200,000; \$100,000 funded by FDOT and \$100,000 funded by PSTA.

The Committee discussed marketing opportunities for the new Park & Ride and had questions about Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility and the cost of repairing the facility versus demolition. After Mr. Lukasik answered their questions, Ms. Lepik-Corrigan made a motion, seconded by Ms. DiPietrantonio to recommend approval of a one-time contract with Jam 5:20 Construction, Inc. for the Ulmerton Road Park & Ride improvements for a not to exceed cost of \$200,000. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

### **FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS**

The Committee was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Bradford recognized Shelbie Harris who is retiring after 35 years with PSTA. He thanked the Scheduling staff for all their hard work on the service changes. Ms. Lepik-Corrigan relayed information about her experience at Countryside Mall and the lack of safe handicap access to sidewalks.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 PM. The next meeting will be held on June 14th at 4:00 PM.