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### TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA – NOVEMBER 15, 2016; 4:00 PM PSTA HEADQUARTERS

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## TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 18, 2016

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 September 20, 2016 meeting minutes and the 2017 meeting schedule, and to recommend approval of the Direct Connect agreements and the February 2017 service changes. The following members were present:

Gloria Lepik-Corrigan, Committee Vice-Chair

Julie DiPietrantonio

Teresa Dunphy

John Estok

David Kovar

Alejandra Mesa

Mark O'Hara

Elisabeth Olden

Tanya Pistillo

David Schneider

Portia Smith

Christopher Talley

Carson Zimmer

#### Absent:

Elaine Mann, Committee Chair Richard McDaniel

Robyn Pierce

Kimberly Rankine

**Dave Stanton** 

#### Also Present:

Brad Miller, CEO Sarah Ward, Forward Pinellas PSTA Staff Members Members of the Public

### DRAFT

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Vice-Chair Lepik-Corrigan opened the meeting at 4:09 PM.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

#### **NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Miller welcomed and thanked the new members of the TRAC Committee for serving and explained the role of the Committee. The TRAC members and staff introduced themselves. The Committee viewed a Bay News 9 story that featured Ms. Olden regarding PSTA's Direct Connect service.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> – Ms. DiPietrantonio made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zimmer to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>2017 Meeting Schedule</u> – Mr. Talley made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Hara to approve the meeting schedule for 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Direct Connect Agreements</u> – Mr. Miller explained PSTA's three innovative programs; the Direct Connect, the TD Late Shift, and the new Sandbox program. He said staff is asking the Committee to recommend approval of a second pilot of the Direct Connect program to encompass the whole county. He showed the seven connecting points for this pilot and demonstrated how the program works. Mr. Miller indicated that there will be five providers for this service; Uber, Lyft, United Taxi, Care Ride and Wheelchair Transport. He explained that PSTA will pay \$5.00 towards the cost of the trip. Mr. Miller noted that the budget for this program is \$100,000 and the goal is to have 50 rides per day. The Committee had questions relating to costs, surge pricing, and connecting point locations. After discussion, Mr. Talley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Olden to recommend approval of the Direct Connect agreements. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>February 2017 Service Changes</u> – Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, presented the proposed February 2017 service changes. She explained the incremental expansion of service, as well as frequency improvements. Ms. Borchers also spoke about the elimination of the Safety Harbor Jolley Trolley route. There was a brief discussion about the prioritization of the Saturday and Sunday frequencies,

improvements on Routes 74 and 79, and the recent October service changes. Ms. Olden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zimmer to recommend approval of the February 2017 services changes. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

<u>SR 60 Multimodal Strategies</u> – Ms. Borchers introduced Sarah Ward, Forward Pinellas, who presented the SR 60 Multimodal Implementation Strategies project linking Clearwater Beach, downtown Clearwater, and Tampa International Airport (TIA). She showed several maps describing the study area, the project approach, and existing conditions. Ms. Ward also provided the project schedule, public and stakeholder outreach opportunities, and next steps.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM. The next meeting will be held on November 15th at 4:00 PM.

#### **ACTION ITEM**



#### **Election of Officers**



Action: Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to the Transit Riders Advisory Committee

(TRAC)

Staff Resource: Cassandra Borchers, CDO

TRAC

#### Background:

- Elaine Mann has served as Chair of TRAC since 2014 and her term is up this month. Elaine has expressed desire to take a break from the Committee. Staff appreciates Ms. Mann for her service to PSTA and will miss her commitment and leadership.
- According to Article 4 Officers and Duties of the TRAC Bylaws, a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected at the last regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year.
- The TRAC Bylaws also states that any "regular" Committee member may nominate or be nominated to be an officer.
- All elections shall be by a simple majority vote of the regular members. The TRAC member receiving the highest number of votes will be declared Chair. The TRAC member receiving the second highest number of votes will be declared Vice-Chair.
- The elected officers will then be asked to accept or decline their appointment.

#### Recommendation:

• Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to TRAC.

# TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2017 ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS BALLOT FOR CHAIR



2017 TRAC Chair eligible members are listed below.

Staff will call for nominations from eligible members prior to the vote.

JULIE DIPIETRANTONIO	
GLORIA LEPIK-CORRIGAN	
TANYA PISTILLO	
KIMBERLY RANKINE	
ALEJANDRA MESA	
RICHARD MCDANIEL	
ELISABETH OLDEN	
DAVE STANTON	
CARSON ZIMMER	
MARK O'HARA	
TERESA DUNPHY	

# TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2017 ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS BALLOT FOR VICE CHAIR



2017 TRAC Vice Chair eligible members are listed below.

Staff will call for nominations from eligible members prior to the vote.

JULIE DIPIETRANTONIO	
GLORIA LEPIK-CORRIGAN	
TANYA PISTILLO	
KIMBERLY RANKINE	
ALEJANDRA MESA	
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#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**



Bylaws, Meeting Etiquette & Efficiencies, Sunshine Law



Action: Information Item

Staff Resource: Sangita Land, CCO



#### **BY-LAWS**

- The By-Laws instruct the Committee on various procedures related to the purpose of the Committee, organization of meetings, and Committee member responsibilities related to attendance and participation of meetings.
- Ms. Land will provide the Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) with a presentation of the key elements of the By-Laws.

#### **MEETING ETIQUETTE & EFFICIENCIES**

#### **Purpose**

• In order to ensure meeting efficiencies (including adhering to the proposed agenda time schedule) and to follow a pledge of public conduct, PSTA urges the observance of the following rules of order at committee meetings:

#### **Basic Meeting Etiquette**

- Hold all questions until the end of a presentation. At that point in time, the Chair will invite questions of the committee.
- Prior to asking a question of a presenter or committee member, raise your hand indicating you wish to speak. A member must be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
- Direct constructive comments and questions only to the issue being presented.
- No member can speak twice to the same issue until everyone wishing to speak has had their turn.
- All remarks must be courteous and constructive in language and deportment. Refrain
  from any display of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, lack of respect, or personal
  attacks.
- Remarks are not to be directed at, or to, the public unless the Chair has requested a Member to do so.

The TRAC values the open exchange of ideas, fair discussion of issues, and encouragement of participation in committee proceedings.

Civil discourse is a cornerstone of American democracy & a vital ingredient to successful local governance.

#### **SUNSHINE LAW**

• Ms. Land will give an overview of the Sunshine Law.



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#### GOVERNMENT IN THE SUNSHINE LAW

#### **SECTION 286.011, FLORIDA STATUTES**

#### I. Basic Provisions.

Section 286.011(1) provides that:

"All meetings of any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any country, municipal corporation, or political subdivision, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, at which official acts are to be taken are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times, and no resolution, rule, or formal action shall be considered binding except as taken or made at such meeting."

#### II. What constitutes a "board or commission"?

- A. All governing bodies and decision-making committees.
- В. All advisory boards that are more than mere fact-finders (e.g. those that make a recommendation to the governing body). This includes the committee or board to which you have been appointed. A public body cannot escape the application of the Sunshine Law by delegating a job to an "alter ego." Advisory boards with "decision-making" functions, (i.e., screening applicants for an appointed position) are subject to the Sunshine Law. The courts focus on the nature of the act performed in determining whether a committee is making a recommendation or decision or merely fact-finding.

#### III. What constitutes a "meeting"?

- A. An occasion where two or more members of the same board are present (includes presence physically, by telephone, even when conferring by written documents or communications through third parties, i.e., spouses), and
- B. Discussion ensues on a matter on which "foreseeable action" will be taken (this encompasses entire decision-making process, including briefings, workshops, etc.).

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#### IV. Requirements for a public meeting.

#### A. Location

- 1. Section 286.011(6) prohibits holding public meetings at any facility that discriminates on the basis of sex, age, creed, color, origin, or economic status.
- 2. Section 286.26 requires accommodations to be made, upon written request received at least 48 hours in advance, for physically handicapped individuals. Federal law requires that persons with disabilities be given full access to all municipal meetings and programs.

#### B. Notice

- 1. The Statute does not contain any particular notice requirement.
- 2. The courts have interpreted the intent of the statutes to require "reasonable notice."
- 3. In an informal opinion, the Attorney General's office has suggested that reasonable notice should contain the time an place of the meeting and, if available, an agenda (otherwise a summary of subject matter) (note: the courts have held publication of an agenda is not required and it is not a Sunshine Law violation to discuss items not on the agenda). The Attorney General has further advised that these notices should be "prominently displayed" in a City Hall or comparable area set aside for that purpose and that the notices should be posted sufficiently in advance to provide "appropriate and effective notice under the circumstances." Except in cases of emergency, special meetings should have at least 24 hours reasonable notice.
- 4. Section 286.0105 requires that each notice include the advice that if a person(s) decides to appeal any decision, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.

#### C. Minutes

1. Section 286.011(2) requires that minutes be kept of each public meeting and that they be open to public inspection.

2. Meetings may be tape recorded or video taped, but this is not required and does not alleviate the need for written minutes.

#### D. Voting

- 1. Section 286.012 requires that all members present at a meeting vote on official actions or decisions unless they comply with the conflict of interest provisions of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Roll call votes on all matters are not necessary.
- 3. Secret ballots are prohibited.

#### V. <u>Effect of Sunshine Law Violations</u>.

#### A. Sanctions

- 1. Criminal knowing violation of the Sunshine Law is a second degree misdemeanor, with penalties of up to \$500 in fines and up to 60 days in jail.
- 2. Civil inadvertent violations are civil infractions with penalties not to exceed a \$500 fine.
- 3. Removal from office, attorneys' fees, injunctive and declaratory relief.
- B. Validity of actions taken in violation of the Sunshine Law.
  - 1. Actions which have been taken are <u>void ab initio</u>.
  - 2. Members of the general public have standing to sue.
  - 3. Initial action taken in violation of the Sunshine Law can be cured by an independent final action taken in the Sunshine; in other words, start over but in the Sunshine (however, this cannot be merely a perfunctory ratification of secret meetings.)

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#### SUNSHINE LAW - DO'S AND DON'TS

#### **DON'TS**

- 1. Hold any conversation with other members of the committee regarding items that are schedule to come before the committee, or is likely to come before the committee outside of advertised, public meetings.
- 2. Ask other people, including staff, about their conversations with another committee member regarding items that are likely to come before you.
- 3. Send memos or emails to other committee members asking that they reveal how they will vote. This includes "reply all" emails to agenda items in which you indicate your views on matters that are either scheduled to come before the committee or is likely to come before the committee.
- 4. Abstain from voting without having a conflict of interest.
- 5. If you have questions about whether a meeting or communication will violate the Sunshine Law, it probably does.

#### DO'S

- 1. Attend social functions with colleagues (just do not discuss any matters which may come before the committee!)
- 2. Feel free to talk to PSTA staff.
- 3. Feel free to talk to members of other boards or committees.
- 4. Feel free to talk to other members of boards and committees of different political entities.



## BYLAWS OF THE TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



#### ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of this Committee shall be the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC or Committee) effective February 26, 2014, the first meeting taking place March 11, 2014.

#### <u>ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE</u>

The purpose of the Committee shall be to provide insight and recommendations to the PSTA Board of Directors and its committees (as appropriate) on operational and transit service issues. Topics for the committee to review and discuss will be presented by staff to the TRAC prior to discussion by the Board of Directors. The Committee will be comprised of members from the public representing diversity and geographic distribution of people in Pinellas County based on the most recent United States Census Data. Committee members will:

- 1. Provide knowledge of the transit system and related overall community needs and values
- **2.** Establish comprehension of existing and future programs and projects related to delivery of public transit services.
- 3. Express overall citizen values and responses for capital and operating projects
- 4. Promote better public dissemination of general information about PSTA
- **5.** Provide insight on various planning efforts (such as the PSTA Transit Development Plan).

#### ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

The representation should consist of the following:

12 transit users (defined by at least two (2) trips per week) selected to reflect the diversity and geographic distribution of county residents.

- 2 representatives from North County, 3 from Mid-County, 3 from South County and one from the Beach Communities
- o 1 DART user
- o 1 student
- o 1 professional in the field of engineering, architecture, planning, legal business, finance, environmental, marketing or public relations, or similar.
- So as to preclude actual or perceived conflict of interest, no person who is an officer or employee of any governmental agency, private non-profit, agency, or social service agency which plans, operates or oversees public transportation within PSTA's service area shall be eligible to become an appointed member of the Committee. No elected officials may serve on the TRAC.



- Members must be active users of the PSTA bus system by making a minimum of two
  trips per week. If a member moves out of the PSTA area or discontinues use of the bus
  system, the member must immediately inform staff of the change and voluntarily
  withdraw his/her membership from the TRAC Committee.
- Members are recommended by the PSTA Board Nominating Committee and approved by the PSTA Board of Directors. PSTA will advertise for applications for new committee members annually or as needed, to fill vacancies or to fill concluding member terms.
- Committee members may be removed for misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, or misconduct, by a two-thirds vote of the TRAC members.

#### ATTENDANCE

- Each member will be required to attend meetings regularly and must notify PSTA TRAC
  Staff of any expected absences. A member may have to withdraw his/her position on the
  Committee to an alternate member if s/he does not regularly attend meetings. To
  maintain a position on the TRAC, a member shall maintain a minimum of 80%
  attendance rate. This equates to no more than one missed meeting for every four
  meetings attended and no more than four meetings within a two-year term.
- Each member will receive a monthly bus pass (or equivalent) for their service on the committee. Members are required to attend each TRAC meeting to receive the monthly bus pass.
- Members may be removed from the Committee by PSTA staff for noncompliance with attendance requirements.

#### **ALTERNATES**

- The Committee will consist of 5 alternate members; 1 from North County, 1 from Mid-County and 1 from South County, 1 representing students, and 1 representing professionals, to fill in when regular members from each of the geographic areas cannot attend.
- Alternate members shall attend each meeting and be held to the same attendance standards as regular members, including eligibility for monthly bus pass distribution.
- Alternates will have the opportunity to vote on Committee matters when a regular member from his/her geographic area is absent, but will not otherwise have voting privileges.
- Alternate members will fill vacated positions in their region, completing the original term of the member, and as such, will then have full voting privileges.



#### **TERMS**

- The Committee member terms will be staggered with a mix of 2 and 3 year terms for the initial appointments and 2 year terms for subsequent appointments to ensure member and Committee continuity. Terms will be selected at the first meeting of the second year of the committee's existence. Two year terms will terminate at the last scheduled TRAC meeting in 2015. Three year terms will terminate at the last scheduled TRAC meeting in 2016. Members whose terms have expired are eligible to reapply for the TRAC during the open application process in the fall of each year.
- Members will not serve more than two consecutive terms.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Members will inform staff of any changes to contact information such as address, phone
number or e-mail as soon as such change takes place. Members who move out of the
area they represent may be asked to withdraw his/her membership from the TRAC
Committee.

#### **QUORUM NOTICE**

 Members should respond within 24 hours to any e-mailed quorum notice requests so that staff can determine if enough TRAC members will be present at the meeting to form a voting quorum.

#### ARTICLE 4 – OFFICERS AND DUTIES

A Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected at the last regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year.

Any regular member may nominate or be nominated to be an officer. All elections shall be by a simple majority vote of the regular members.

The Chairperson shall preside and maintain order at all meetings. The Committee shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, on matters of parliamentary procedure to the extent that the rules and procedures contained therein are not inconsistent with these bylaws. The Chairperson shall be responsible for pertinent Committee correspondence and information releases. The Chairperson shall also serve as a liaison between the TRAC and the PSTA Board of Directors at key Board meetings, or as necessary.

The Vice-Chairperson shall, during the absence of the Chairperson, serve, and exercise all the duties and powers of the Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson.

If both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a meeting, a temporary Chairperson shall be selected by majority vote of the members present. A permanent vacancy of a Chair or Vice Chair shall be filled by a majority vote of the members present at the next regular meeting. The officer so elected shall fill the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacant office.



If, at any time, the Committee feels that an officer is not performing their duties, the Officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

#### ARTICLE 5 - MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet monthly at a date, time, and place acceptable to a majority of the membership. The date or time may be changed if a seven (7) day notice is given to the members.

The Chairperson may call special meetings when deemed necessary.

A seven (7) day notice shall be given for regular meetings. Emergency or special meetings may be called with a minimum of three (3) day notice, indicating the reason for the meeting.

Agendas shall be prepared prior to all meetings. Agendas will be mailed electronically, with meeting notices and minutes of the previous meetings, at least four (4) days prior to any regular meeting, and at least two (2) days prior to any emergency or special meeting. Members without access to electronic mail may request a hard-copy agenda and package be mailed to his/her home.

Each member shall have one (1) vote. Members must abstain from any vote where there is a conflict of interest involving any specific action item. Only when a conflict of interest is declared, will a Committee member be allowed to abstain from voting.

A quorum shall consist of one-half (1/2) plus one (1) of the voting membership and shall be required for conduct of all official business. A majority of the quorum shall be necessary to decide an issue before the Committee.

### <u>ARTICLE 6 – AMENDMENTS</u>

Proposed bylaw amendments can be forwarded to the PSTA Board of Directors only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the regular members of the TRAC, provided a copy of the proposed amendment(s) shall have been sent to every member 24 hours in advance of the vote. All proposed amendments shall be voted on at regular meetings.

TRAC Bylaws and proposed amendments must be approved by the PSTA Board of Directors.

The PSTA Board of Directors can amend the TRAC Bylaws at their discretion by majority vote.

#### **INFORMATION ITEM**



**Clearwater Transit Improvement Projects** 





Action: Information Item

Staff Resources: Cassandra Borchers, CDO

Heather Sobush, Planning Manager Mark Knight, Construction Manager



#### **Background:**

• PSTA staff is working closely with the City of Clearwater, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Forward Pinellas (MPO) on several short and long range projects to improve transit connections in Clearwater and the Region.

#### **Summary:**

Clearwater Beach to Tampa International Airport (TIA) Express

• This PSTA top legislative priority project is designed to provide a regional improvement to the connection between Clearwater Beach and the airport.

#### Clearwater Beach Bus Bay

- With the addition of a one-seat ride on the 7-day/week Coastal Jolley Trolley Route and proposed Beach to TIA Express, combined with the already challenging Clearwater Beach Traffic, PSTA staff approached the city of Clearwater with a concept for bus amenities on the beach.
- A proposed bus bay is the first of a series of proposed improvements and would be funded in 50/50 partnership with the city.
- Located on the north (westbound) side of Causeway Boulevard, just east of the traffic circle, this proposed bus bay would allow space for up to three vehicles including the three Jolley Trolley routes, the Suncoast Beach Trolley, and the future TIA Express.
- The project would also include a shade canopy and pedestrian access to connecting services such as hotel shuttles and localized beach transportation in the city owned parking lot to the north.
- The project would also include Pinellas County's first "queue jump" for buses whereby the traffic metering light currently on Causeway Boulevard would be

- configured to allow buses to exit the bus bay ahead of additional auto traffic if needed.
- A second bus bay is being contemplated on the south (eastbound) side of Causeway Boulevard as part of the Marina redevelopment project.

#### **Clearwater Intermodal Center**

- PSTA's Park Street Transfer Center in downtown Clearwater has long been overcrowded and in need of significant repair.
- PSTA received a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) discretionary grant in 2010 totaling \$1.2 million for the planning, environmental clearance and design of a new intermodal center in downtown Clearwater.
- In preparation for transit improvements in downtown, the City of Clearwater acquired the former St. Pete Times Building and adjacent lot at Court and Myrtle Streets.
- To date, PSTA staff has completed a site selection evaluation of options for a new intermodal center in downtown and are ready to engage a consultant in further analysis of the preferred site.
- The completion of the evaluation and engineering will allow PSTA to have a shovelready project for future discretionary grant opportunities related to bus facility construction.

#### Memorial Causeway Bus Way

- As the gateway to the county's number one tourist destination, and most highly congested corridor, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is re-examining options for a bus way utilizing the Memorial Causeway.
- Internal (to FDOT) evaluations of the bridges are currently underway and will be available soon. If physically feasible, FDOT will complete a cost estimate for this project.

#### SR 60 Corridor Evaluation

- In support of this critical regional corridor and future planned transit enhancements, Forward Pinellas recently initiated a project to develop multimodal implementation strategies that would enhance mobility in the SR60 corridor from TIA to Clearwater Beach.
- This corridor evaluation includes SR60/Gulf to Bay Boulevard, Drew Street, Cleveland Street and Druid Road and will consider the results of planning studies completed in recent years as well as initiatives currently underway.

• The project will identify additional multimodal strategies for providing access to destinations throughout the study area. Example strategies include eliminating gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian network, providing safe access to transit, enhancing access to Clearwater Beach, providing express bus service between TIA and Clearwater Beach, etc.

#### Fiscal Impact:

- Staff will present each of these projects as action items in the future.
- Within the next few months, the Finance Committee and Board will be asked to approve expenditures related to the Clearwater Beach Bus Bay in partnership with the City of Clearwater and the Clearwater Intermodal Center NEPA/PD&E and preliminary engineering to be funded through a discretionary grant.



## Clearwater Transit Improvements

Transit Riders Advisory Committee November 15, 2016

> Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority St. Petersburg, Florida



## Clearwater Transit Projects

- Operations Projects
  - 7-day/week Trolley Service October 2016
  - Clearwater Beach to TIA Express Legislative Priority
- Capital Projects
  - Clearwater Beach Bus Bay (and Queue Jump)
  - Clearwater Intermodal Center (Downtown)
  - Memorial Causeway Bus Way (FDOT)
- Studies
  - SR60 Corridor Evaluation (FP)







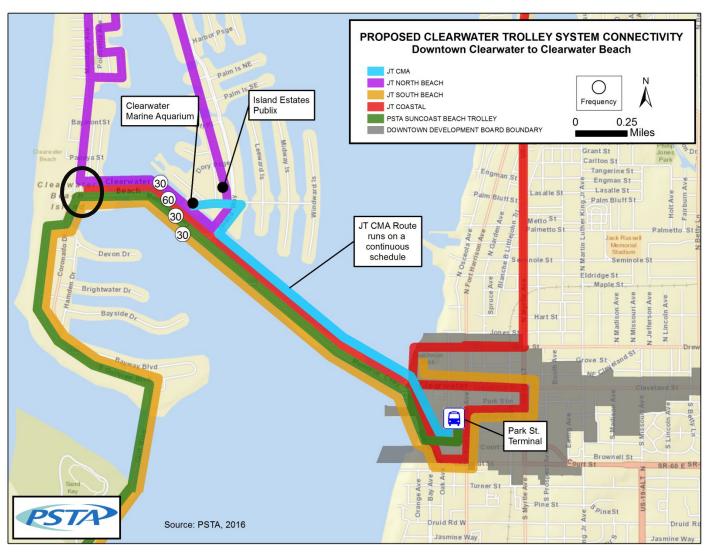








## Beach Connectivity - One Seat Ride



# Total trolleys on bridge:

7 trolleys/ hour + CMA

# Full Trip Dtn to Beach:

5 trolleys/ hour

## Majority Transfers:

- Downtown
- Beach



## Clearwater Beach Bus Bay

- Need for bus transfer location on beach
  - Accommodates trolleys one-seat to beach
  - Prepares for future TIA Express
- Cooperative effort with City of Clearwater











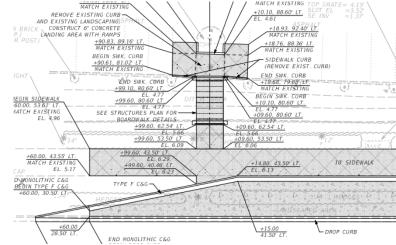


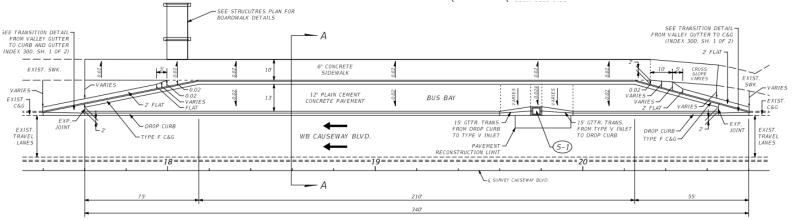




## Clearwater Beach Bus Bay

- Designed for 3 buses or trolleys
  - Shade Canopy
  - Pedestrian Access to onbeach first/last mile
  - Rendering Underway





PLAN DETAILS

















### Clearwater Intermodal Center

- Planning and Design Phases grant funded (\$1.2M)
- Replace aging Park St.
   Transfer Center
- Accommodate service changes resulting in need for recovery areas
- Site Selection Analysis Complete
- Preferred Site Location owned by City

















## Clearwater Intermodal Center

- Grant funded through Final Design
- Initial Cost Estimates available Mid-2018
- Create Shovel-Ready Project for Grant Opportunity
- Scope in development by General Services Consultant





## Memorial Causeway Bridge Bus Way

- Downtown to Beach backups
- Need for bus to have exclusive lanes
  - Existing Trolley Services
  - Future TIA Express
- FDOT reviewing options on current bridge
- Fits with investment in Bus Bay on Causeway Blvd.



















## SR 60 Corridor Evaluation

- Beach to TIA
- Supports other projects
- All-modes
- Recommendations will "fill the gaps"
  - Bike/Ped
  - Complete Streets
  - Enhancements to support transit





## Clearwater Intermodal Facility Project Timeline

PSTA TRAC Committee November 2016

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) St. Petersburg, Florida



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## Planned Grant Funded Task Work Orders

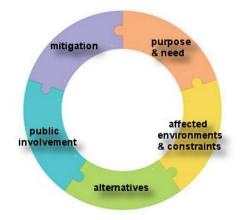
- Clearwater Intermodal Grant (\$1.25 Million)
  - Preliminary Engineering (36%)
  - Final Design (40%)
  - PSTA Staff Time (20%)
  - Project Administration (4%)





## Consultant Task Order 1

- Preliminary Engineering (36%)
  - Existing Conditions
  - Concept Development
  - Environmental/NEPA
  - Preliminary Design (30% 35%)
  - Public Engagement
  - Project Management







### **FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS (JANUARY)**

• June Service Changes