

Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority  
Minutes of November 14, 2016 Board Meeting  
1104 E. Twiggs Street  
Tampa, FL 33602

The Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority held a public meeting at 1:30 p.m. on November 14, 2016, at the Authority's Transportation Management Center, 1104 E. Twiggs Street, Tampa, Florida. The following were present:

**BOARD:**

Vincent Cassidy, Chair  
John Garcia, Vice-Chair  
Daniel A. Alvarez, Sr., Secretary  
Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn  
Commissioner Lesley "Les" Miller  
FDOT D-7 Secretary Paul Steinman  
Bennett Barrow

**STAFF:**

Joe Waggoner, Patrick Maguire, Lynne Paul,  
David May, Bob Frey, Sue Chrzan, Rafael  
Hernandez, Debbie Northington, Max Artman,  
BJ Lamb, Man Le, Shari Callahan, Donna  
Obuchowski, Susan Chase, Anna Quinones,  
Elizabeth Grey

**MICHAEL BAKER:**

Todd Potter

**BROAD & CASSEL:**

David Brickhouse

**PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF:**

Abhay Thorat, Andy Greenwood, Christina Kopp

**CITIGROUP:**

Kevin Dempsey

**HNTB CORPORATION:**

Alphonse Stewart, Ginny Burchan

**JMT:**

Sara Beresheim

**J.P. MORGAN:**

Nathaniel Johnson

**MECHANIK NUCCIO – GAS WORX:**

David Mechanik

**PLAYBOOK:**

Lindsey Parks

**STIFEL:**

Margaret Lezcano

**TBARTA:**

Ramond Chiaramonte

**WADE TRIM:**

John Melendez

**WELLS FARGO:**

Mike Olliff

**OTHER:**

Neil Cosentino

**I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Vincent Cassidy called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M., followed by General Counsel Maguire leading in the Invocation and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

## II. PUBLIC INPUT / PRESENTATIONS

### A. Introduction – THEA Board Member, Bennett Barrow, CFP®

Chairman Cassidy welcomed THEA's newest Board Member, Bennett Barrow, to the meeting. Chairman Cassidy provided some background information on Mr. Barrow stating he is the founder of Triple Crown Wealth Architects (TCWA) and Vice President of Barrow Asset Management, a Registered Investment Advisor in Tampa, Florida. He graduated from the University of the South (Sewanee) in 2002 and later worked in Madrid, Spain and Santiago, Chile working as a pension reform analyst for a public policy institute. Mr. Barrow returned to work at Barrow Investment Management and earned his certified financial planner designation from the University of South Florida Financial Planner Program in 2011. He is on the Board of Trustees at Berkeley Preparatory School, Board of Directors at St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation, and Advisory Committee for High Risk Hope.

Mr. Barrow is eager to join THEA due to their reputation as good fiscal stewards for toll dollars and creative thinkers regarding the future of transportation.

### B. Public Speaker, Mr. Neil Cosentino

Mr. Cosentino introduced himself as a retired Airforce pilot who lives in this community, and a member of a think tank. The think tank has worked with the Gandy community many years ago when FDOT-7 came to the community with plans to put in a dual bridge elevated road bed on the Gandy. Mr. Cosentino worked as an engineer prior to pilot training and is familiar with construction. Mr. Cosentino stated "he is here to say that we need four lanes, not two lanes... if you're gonna do it, do it right." His request is that this program is revisited with a reanalysis because he feels there will be a need for two elevated road beds on Gandy with a total of four lanes.

Chairman Cassidy noted Mr. Cosentino's comments will be taken under advisement and will speak with management to see if we are in the same position of this issue currently.

### B. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA)

#### *Year in Review Presentation – Mr. Ramond Chiaramonte, FAICP, Executive Director*

Chairman Cassidy introduced Mr. Ramond Chiaramonte, Executive Director, TBARTA. Mr. Chiaramonte provided a presentation on the "*TBARTA Year in Review*". Formerly, Mr. Chiaramonte was Assistant Director of the Planning Commission in Hillsborough County and MPO Director and now has a regional perspective. TBARTA is the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority whose role is to develop and implement a regional transportation master plan which was adopted in June 2015.

TBARTA's goal is to support efforts to obtain federal and state funding for projects as well as getting the right projects on the table for discussion. Mr. Chiaramonte reviewed growth projections for the region and potential migration trends. Based on transportation needs to

meet potential growth projections TBARTA created a list of priorities which currently include: 1) I-275 SR 60/Memorial Interchange; 2) Gateway Expressway; 3) Howard Frankland Bridge; 4) Tampa Bay Express-Phase I; 5) SR 54/56 Improvements; 6) Suncoast Parkway 2; 7) TIA/People Mover Connection/Westshore Regional Multimodal Center and 8) University Parkway/I-75 Interchange Area. These priorities were adopted at the February 2015 Board Meeting.

Mr. Chiaramonte then reviewed the commuter services provided for District 7 all of which are trying to be expanded into the future. This brings in extra federal dollars into the area that also helps HART and PSTA. Ridesharing impacts were reviewed including regional fare payments and apps for ride sharing.

Lastly, next steps were reviewed to include partnering to build stronger relationships with other transportation agencies, engage the private sector, expand the vanpooling program and regional school commute program, and implement single regional fare cards across all counties and Suntrails coordination.

Chairman Cassidy thanked Mr. Chiaramonte for his presentation and information. Chairman questioned why the Selmon West Extension would not be considered a TBARTA priority? Mr. Chiaramonte explained it is in TBARTA's plan; however, priorities are listed to obtain funding or compete for funding sources at the state and/or federal level. The fact that the Gandy Project is not in competition is the reason it is not listed in the priority listing.

Chairman Cassidy then asked for clarification regarding the FDOT Plan for the Future Express Bus and questioned if it considered busing from the City of Tampa to the Airport? Mr. Chiaramonte explained that the express lanes provide a great opportunity for such transit service. The Premium Transit Study begin done by HART will identify the priorities.

Mr. Waggoner referred to very early in the presentation to the maps that indicated where people drive to and from and the numbers expected in population growth. He noted one of the numbers seen on federal USDOT publications states that there are 4 trips made every day for every person in the United States. Hillsborough County has 1.3 million in population which equates to 5.2 million trips a day generated by Hillsborough County Population alone. If growth is 500,000 people as projected in the next 15-20 years, you are talking about another 2 million trips per day. Mr. Waggoner is currently looking at such numbers and will bring back to the Board highlights of what that kind of demand means to our community and to our region. This region is underserved by the existing infrastructure.

Mr. Chiaramonte agreed with Mr. Waggoner and stated highway per capita in the Region is very low compared to most states. He cited Orlando noting they were a smaller metropolitan area but they have more expressways than the Tampa Bay area.

Mr. Garcia questioned if there was any type of carpooling app that matches up people. Mr. Chiaramonte noted there are some competing apps but it is a matter of getting one tailored to schools.

Mr. Alvarez thanked Mr. Chiaramonte for his very informative presentation. Mr. Alvarez asked for further information regarding the Emergency Ride Home program. Mr. Chiaramonte explained this program in detail for Mr. Alvarez.

Mr. Alvarez questioned the University Parkway/I-75 interchange as it relates to THEA's long term project connecting the northern triangle in New Tampa I-75/I-275 and what is THEA's interaction with TBARTA? Mr. Waggoner explained THEA works through the MPO here. THEA's work program was published and shared with the MPO who in turn incorporates that into their long range transportation program. Currently the only thing in our work program for that area is the East/West project, for which we have programmed planning and preliminary design funds. Full coordination and information is shared which then is consolidated to make a composite plan at that level to ensure the region is working together. This allows TBARTA to speak as one voice.

Chairman Cassidy recognized the hard work that lay ahead of Mr. Chiaramonte and wished him lots of luck. He looks forward to partnering any way possible and thanked him for sharing his talents with our community.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2016 BOARD MEETING**

*Mayor Buckhorn moved for approval of the October 24, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Garcia. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **IV. INFORMATIONAL / ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Executive Director – Joe Waggoner**

#### **1. Ratification of the Florida Department of Transportation Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Selmon West Extension Project**

Mr. Waggoner explained the MOA as it stands now presented to the Board for ratification enables THEA to move forward with the project. This also puts THEA in a good position with regard to relocation of any utilities that may be required and the utility companies will be responsible for the cost of relocating those utilities if the Department's right-of-way had prior right status on it. It also provides security to the Agency in that the access points as designed for the project will not be changed without THEA's consent. It does assume DOT taking ownership of the portion of the project that is within their right-of-way upon completion. With that ownership DOT is also responsible for maintenance and operation of that portion of the project as well.

*Mayor Buckhorn made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller for ratification of the Final Memorandum of Agreement between the Florida Department of Transportation and Tampa Hillsborough County Expressway Authority for the Selmon West Extension Project.*

*There being no questions the motion passed unanimously.*

**B. Operations and Maintenance Committee – Vincent Cassidy / Dave May, PE, Staff**

**1. Miscellaneous Paving Projects & Signal Installation RFQ**

Mr. May stated the purpose of this item is to resurface Meridian and Brandon Parkway and to implement the pedestrian safety recommendations as a result of the co-study with DOT in the Channelside/Meridian area. The proposed paving projects include mill, resurface, stripe and install traffic controllers in the existing signal cabinets as follows: a) Brandon Feeder Roadways (Town Center Boulevard, Brandon Parkway, Pauls Drive, Brandon Main Street and Providence Road/Lakewood Drive) in Hillsborough County, Florida; and b) Meridian Avenue from north of Cumberland Avenue to Twiggs Street (East Jackson Street, East Kennedy Boulevard and East Twiggs Street) in Hillsborough County, Florida, with a total project length of approximately 2,465 feet. Funding comes from the renewal and replacement budget in the amount of \$2.954 million. Three different vendors submitted legitimate bids including Hubbard Construction, Ajax Paving, and Preferred Materials. It was noted Hubbard Construction, the lowest bidder, intends to subcontract 5.21% of the contract dollars to SBEs.

*Commissioner Miller made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Garcia for the selection of Hubbard Construction and directs staff to begin contract negotiations.*

Chairman Cassidy noted the estimated cost was initially \$100,000 less and hopes THEA will be able to find other areas to make up the difference in cost.

Mr. Alvarez questioned the inclusion of the SBE part. Mr. May explained THEA requests vendors provide us that information as part of their bid package. This is a process that is done with all bids so THEA can track exactly how many SBE percentages we are getting out of these contract dollars. We strongly encourage vendors to target at least 15% or greater depending upon the contract and situation.

*There being no further questions, comments or need for clarifications the motion passed unanimously.*

**2. Dynamic Message Signs - Installation**

Mr. May reviewed the next item of installation of the newly purchased Dynamic Message Signs (DMS), previously brought before the Board at the October 24, 2016 meeting. Two proposals were received for installation. One received from Highway Safety Devices and the other from Transcore. Funding is from the capital budget of \$822,354. Highway Safety Devices came in at \$1.6 million and Transcore was \$822,354.

*Mr. Garcia made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller for the selection of Transcore and directs staff to begin contract*

*negotiations. The contract is for an estimated maximum of 180 calendar days after Notice to Proceed and are required within this contract to coordinate heavily with Daktronics regarding the delivery and the manufacturer to maximize both parties' efficiencies and minimize the impact on MOT. Contract execution is subject to final review and approval by THEA General Counsel.*

Chairman Cassidy questioned if it was possible Highway Safety misunderstood the request justifying the variance gap in quotes. Mr. May explained there were a number of questions and not certain Highway Safety was comfortable with this particular installation. Mr. May noted THEA is absolutely certain Transcore understands the requirements.

*There being no further questions, comments or request for clarification the motion passed unanimously.*

**C. General Counsel – Patrick Maguire**

**1. Gas Worx, LLC request to extend the term of the Ground Lease Option Agreement between it and THEA by one (1) year in exchange for the payment of an additional Option Fee of \$5,000.**

General Counsel, Mr. Maguire, explained the property in question involves the old Don Phillips site, Gas Worx at Adamo and Channelside under the expressway. Gas Worx's principals changed and also recently purchased the Loomis property next door. They have not had an opportunity to determine how they will be using the property and have asked for a one year extension for an additional \$5,000 as they work towards planning.

*Mayor Buckhorn made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Garcia to authorize THEA's Chairman to execute extension of the Gas Worx, LLC ground lease option agreement for one year in exchange for the payment of an additional option fee of \$5,000 to provide additional time to the applicant to prepare development plans.*

*There being no questions the motion passed unanimously.*

**V. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Operations & Maintenance (Dave May, P.E.)**

Mr. May provided an update on the Selmon West Extension schedule and provided a visual graph showing a color coded schedule. Green represented the schedule that was presented in April or May. The update is shown in a different color (orange) to visualize. The conceptual plans are nearing completion and currently under review. The SEIR reevaluation is under review. It has been transmitted to the planning commissioner. The

draft RFP to the industry is represented by a separate block and allows the industry three weeks to comment. This comment period is reducing risk to the design build contractors and ultimately will help with better pricing. The criteria package development is underway and a meeting is scheduled this week to go over details line by line. Early on CEI procurement. Everything was hinged upon getting MOA approved so that things can progress. Of note, more than 10 meetings have been held with design build teams in the past three or four months. In these meetings THEA has received feedback that work done in advance in an attempt to reduce risk to the design build contractors has created a level of excitement in the industry.

Chairman Cassidy questioned if the projected opening of this road is set for February 2020. Mr. May confirmed this schedule is internal. A Design Build schedule has not been determined yet. Chairman Cassidy requested clarification on Investment Grade Traffic line item included the Bonding part of that study? Mr. May confirmed the affirmative.

**B. Financial / Traffic & Revenue** (*Lynne Paul*)

Ms. Paul reported the information provided in packet is for the first quarter of the fiscal year. Spending is where it should be. Toll revenue looks good and we have sufficient cash and investments to meet the needs of the Authority.

Ms. Paul reminded the Board the Audit Committee will be presenting the FY 2016 financial statements at the December 12th Board Meeting. The Audit Committee will be presenting the FY 2017 revenue sufficiency certification at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting which is a certification where Ms. Paul and the financial revenue engineers certify that THEA will have toll revenue sufficient to cover debt service. Attendance is essential for voting quorum for both the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Toll revenue is approximately 7.5% over last year and 3.5% over projected which is seasonally projected. Traffic is approximately 4.5% over last year.

**VI. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**A. Executive Director** (*Joe Waggoner*) –

Mr. Waggoner reiterated emphasis needed for quorum to be present in December and January meetings for the two items Ms. Paul mentioned.

Mr. Waggoner reminded the Board the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Automated Vehicle Summit is scheduled for November 29-30, 2016.

**B. Chair** (*Vincent Cassidy, Vice-Chair*)

**1. Upcoming Meetings**

- **Committees as a Whole Meeting – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m.**

The Committees as a Whole Meeting scheduled for December 5, 2016 will be cancelled as it will not be needed.

- **Board Meeting – December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m.**

- **2017 Board Meeting Schedule**

The 2017 Board meeting schedule is included in your packet and available on the THEA website located at <http://www.tampa-xway.com/board-of-directors/#>

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Cassidy adjourned the meeting at 2:19 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2016 AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING**

APPROVED:

  
Chair: Vincent Cassidy

ATTEST:

  
Secretary: Daniel Alvarez

DATED THIS 12 DAY OF DEC, 2016