

**HILLSBOROUGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY (HART)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAJOR PROJECTS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, May 17, 2010, 9:30AM
HART Administrative Office, 1201 East 7th Avenue
Tampa, FL 33605**

Board Members Present

John Byczek
Fran Davin
John Dingfelder
Ron Govin
Alison Hewitt
David Mechanik

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Staff Members Present

David Armijo
Katharine Eagan
Joe Escobedo
Olga Gonzalez
Philip Hale
Tameca Johnson
Brenda Mowen
David Persaud
Lena Petit
Mary Shavalier
Michael Stephens
Deborah Tamargo
Ken Wagner

Others Present

Clark Jordan-Holmes, JJH
Deborah Lyons, FDOT
Ted Jackovics, the Tampa Tribune
Pierre Mathurin, 3409 W Caracas Street, Tampa, FL 33614

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Sign-in sheets are attached.

Meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Alternatives Analysis Study

Mary Shavalier, HART Chief of Strategic Planning, gave a presentation on HART's Alternatives Analysis Study. A full copy of the presentation is on file and can be obtained from the Clerk of the Board at petitl@gohart.org.

Director Byczek left at 10:42 a.m.

Director Mechanik noted that a circulator system will need to be designed to serve the downtown area and connect to the light rail.

Director Davin asked whether the Encore project in downtown could be serviced by a circulator service instead of light rail.

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Ms. Shavaliere responded that this option will be considered.

Ms. Shavaliere stated that HART is working with major local employers to obtain employee data to better understand trips origin patterns.

Director Govin left at 11:03 a.m.

Ms. Shavaliere outlined the next steps in the Alternatives Analysis (AA) process and the timeline for conclusion of the study. She said CSX is aware of this timeframe and is expected to contact HART.

Chairperson Hewitt thanked staff who represented HART during the Board of County Commissioners public hearing on May 13, and providing the public information about the AA.

MINUTES

Director Mechanik made a motion to approve the Major Projects and Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2009. Director Dingfelder seconded. All Committee Members present voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Armijo reported that HART staff had a positive meeting with CSX representatives and is scheduled to meet with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff next week. He indicated that it is critical to strategically choose a first alignment and a maintenance facility location; they are the biggest cost generators and will have a significant effect in the cost management of potential future alignments.

Ms. Shavaliere noted that the community has expressed concerns about the location of the maintenance facility.

Mr. Philip Hale added that staff will be able to consider locations for a maintenance facility once an alignment is identified. He said that one of the major challenges is to limit deadhead miles. Mr. Hale noted that the ideal location for the facility is at the midpoint to the alignment terminus.

Ms. Shavaliere explained that the preliminary engineering process will involve detailed environmental work.

Mr. Armijo stated that during this process it is important to take into consideration future plans for the downtown and Westshore area.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.