LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

May 8, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.
315 Court Street, 5th Floor
Board of County Commissioners Conference Room

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 10, 2019**
3. **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
4. **NEXT STEPS**
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

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FORWARD PINELLAS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
APRIL 10, 2019

Committee Members in Attendance:
Commissioner Dave Eggers, Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas Chair
Councilmember Brandi Gabbard, City of St. Petersburg

Also Present:
Whit Blanton, Executive Director
Sarah Caper, Principal Planner
Tina Jablon, Executive Administrative Secretary
Chelsea Hardy, County Attorney's Office
Brian Lowack, Intergovernmental Liaison, Pinellas County
Darryl Henderson, Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce, VP Public Policy & Economic Development
Cheryl Reed, Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator, City of Largo

Absent:
Mayor Cookie Kennedy, City of Indian Rocks Beach, Forward Pinellas Treasurer

The Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee met in the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners 5th Floor Conference Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER
   Commissioner Eggers called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. and those present introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2019
   A motion was made by Councilmember Gabbard, which was seconded by Commissioner Dave Eggers and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the March meeting (2-0).

3. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
   Sarah Caper referenced the adopted Forward Pinellas Policy Positions and the latest updates received regarding bills of interest. She offered highlights of the latest activities regarding those bills.

   The committee discussed the bills and potential responses. It was decided to recommend that the full board authorize the executive director to draft a letter to the Pinellas Legislative Delegation urging action on the following items:

   - Preserve the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the maximum extent possible by approving relevant funding in the Senate's proposed budget
   - Invest in meeting the existing transportation backlog in Florida's urbanized and congested areas rather than build new toll roads through rural areas described in the proposed MCORES program as defined in SB 7068 and HB 7113

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- Reconcile differences in the House and Senate bills to make distracted driving a primary offense
- Pass SB 542, which supports micro-mobility but enables some local control over launching scooter sharing services

4. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There being no additional items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

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