

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
Between
TAMPA BAY AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
HERNANDO COUNTY
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
PASCO COUNTY
PINELLAS COUNTY
MANATEE COUNTY

This Interlocal Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of the ___ day of 2018 ("Effective Date"), by and between the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) and the following political subdivisions of the State of Florida: (1) Hernando County; (2) Hillsborough County; (3) Pasco County (4) Pinellas County, and (5) Manatee County, hereinafter collectively the "Counties."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, TBARTA is an agency of the State of Florida created pursuant to Chapter 343, Part V, Florida Statutes to improve mobility and to plan, develop, finance, construct, own, purchase, operate, maintain, relocate, equip, repair, manage, and expand multimodal transportation systems and options for passengers and freight across the five Counties of its defined region; and

WHEREAS, TBARTA is responsible by statute for developing and implementing a Regional Transit Development Plan ("RTDP"), that will encompass the five Counties, identify regional transit service needs and opportunities and direct regional funding for transit projects within a 10-year prioritization period, considering the local transit agency Transit Development Plans (TDPs), the Florida Transportation Plan, the Strategic Intermodal System, and other applicable transit plans and regionally significant studies; and

WHEREAS, TBARTA will be the primary recipient of the Regional Transit Feasibility Plan, which identifies a catalyst regional transit project, as well as outline projects that can be implemented following the initial catalyst project, within Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties; and

WHEREAS, the TBARTA RTDP will consider the results of the RTFP, encompassing the regional transit priorities of Hernando and Manatee Counties as well, addressing how their regional connectivity fits into the regional transit system cohesively; and

WHEREAS, TBARTA will conduct annual updates to the RTDP with input from the Counties, their transit agencies and Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and

WHEREAS, TBARTA is in the process of becoming a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Designated Recipient, to apply for capital funds to implement or assist with the cost of projects identified in the RTFP and RTDP; and

WHEREAS, Federal capital funding and state funding for regional transit projects will require a local match for capital costs up to fifty percent of the project total; and

WHEREAS, TBARTA operates a regional commuter assistance program which includes the TBARTA Commuter Vanpool Program, providing a regional transit option for commuters traveling to or from the counties of Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties; and

WHEREAS, TBARTA provides an increase in the Urbanized Area Formula Funding Program annual allocation through reporting its vanpool vehicle miles to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) National Transit Database (NTD), in an average amount of two-million dollars that is distributed between Pasco County Public Transit (PCPT), Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART), Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) and TBARTA; and

WHEREAS, TBARTA provides a monthly flat-rate four-hundred-dollar subsidy per vanpool out of its share of NTD dollars, regardless of size, to incentivize single-occupancy vehicle (SOV) commuters to switch to ridesharing, providing significant impacts to congestion, air quality, and environmental benefits, conserving more than 1,052,991 gallons of fuel, 10,214 metric tons of CO₂, 996,822 parking spaces, and 4,149,234 trips last year;

WHEREAS, TBARTA has requested local funding contributions from member Counties in previous years based on the most recent 5-year American Community Survey population data, split by the percentage relative to the total for the region, to cover operational and planning costs between periods of reimbursement for its state and federal grants, as well as costs for regional coordination efforts not covered by grants; and

WHEREAS, TBARTA has undergone an organizational restructuring and revised its mission to plan, develop, fund, implement, and operate a regional transit system that serves all five member Counties in the Tampa Bay region, with the specific goals of developing and maintaining a regional transit development plan; developing, implementing, and operating a sustainable and efficient regional transit system; and, identifying and securing sustainable funding sources to support a regional transit system; and

WHEREAS, the TBARTA Fiscal Year runs from September 30 to October 1, with an annual budget presented and adopted by its Governing Board prior to September 30.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto, each in consideration of the mutual promises and undertakings of the other as herein provided, do by covenant and agree, as follows:

1. Each County shall provide an annual funding contribution to TBARTA, based on

the percentage of its total population, according to the most recent ACS 5-year population estimates;

2. The total amount of funding for TBARTA from member Counties shall be re-evaluated each year, based upon operational and project needs;
3. Prior to June 1 of each year, TBARTA shall develop a program of regional projects and include the proportion of local funding contributions in its annual budget to support these projects. The program and budget shall be transmitted to each County along with an invoice for an amount to be paid by September 30 of each calendar year, beginning in 2018.
4. The minimum annual contributions from the Counties will equal a sum of \$300,000, and be distributed according to the formula as shown in Exhibit A.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the County Commission of _____ on this ___th day of _____, 2018.

_____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

_____, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____

DATE: _____

_____, Chair
Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority

ATTEST: _____

DATE: _____

TBARTA FUNDING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

EXHIBIT A

| County | 2016 Population | ACS* | Proportion of Total | Contributions for FY 2019 |
|--------------|--------------------|------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hernando | 176,797 | | 5.39% | \$16,164.91 |
| Hillsborough | 1,323,059 | | 40.32% | \$120,970.00 |
| Manatee | 353,411 | | 10.77% | \$32,313.10 |
| Pasco | 488,310 | | 14.88% | \$44,647.19 |
| Pinellas | 939,548 | | 28.63% | \$85,904.80 |
| TOTAL | 3,281,125 | | 100.00% | \$300,000.00 |

*5-year estimates