



*Hillsborough Transit Authority*  
**AGENDA**  
*Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee Meeting*

**Committee Members**

*Wallace Bowers*  
*Mickey Jacob*  
*Karen Jaroch*  
*Rich McClain*  
*Commissioner Lesley “Les” Miller*  
*Commissioner Sandra Murman*  
*Kathleen Shanahan*

*County Center, 601 East Kennedy Blvd.,*  
*18<sup>th</sup> Floor*  
*Planning Commission Board Room*  
*Tampa, Florida 33602*  
**Monday, February 29, 2016, 9:00 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

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**TAB**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

*David L Smith, HART General Counsel*

Overview:

Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee Chair and Vice Chair is to be elected at the first Committee meeting. Nominations will be made from the floor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)**

**PRESENTATION**

**First Mile/Last Mile Pilot Program**

*Justin Begley, Senior Planner*

Overview:

A service contract with private transportation company Transdev Services, Inc., will be a demonstration of alternative transportation solutions that connect customers within 3 miles of a fixed route to the closest sheltered stop or transit center, while creating a positive experience for patrons via use of the latest technology. The pilot program will be deployed in three areas of Hillsborough County. The areas being identified for the pilot include Brandon, University Area, and Carrollwood.

**2. COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM**

- a. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Approve the Proposed Program of Projects, Hold a Public Hearing to Receive Input on the Proposed Projects and Apply and Accept FY2015 Federal Transportation Funding.....2-1**

*Jeffrey C. Seward, Chief Financial Officer*

Overview:

Annually, HART receives federal funding which is used for operating and capital projects. A resolution from the HART Board is required to receive the funding. In addition, urbanized area formula and bus formula programs have special requirements related to



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identifying the specific list of projects to be reimbursed with the funding and obtaining public input on the projects.

Recommendation:

That the Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee review the action item authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Approve the Proposed Program of Projects, Hold a Public Hearing to Receive Input on the Proposed Projects and Apply and Accept FY2015 Federal Transportation Funding; and advance this item to the full Board of Directors at the February 1, 2016 regular Board meeting.

- b. **Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Award a Contract to Transdev Services, Inc. for transportation services, in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$833,322 (One Year Contract, with one One-Year Option)for the implementation of the First and Last Mile Pilot Program** .....2-7

*Ruthie Reyes Burckard, Chief Operating Officer*

Overview:

The Hillsborough Transit Authority (HART) First and Last Mile Pilot Program is a dynamic rideshare-style service as a complement to existing transit services. The service will provide access to a reservation call center and a smartphone application for customers which will allow real-time ridesharing matching and rider incentives. The shared transportation provider should promote multimodal transportation options in the community and enhance HART fixed route services by extending into areas of the county that currently do not have mass public transportation

Recommendation:

That the Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee review the action item to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award a contract to Transdev Services, Inc. for transportation services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$833,322 (one year contract, with one one-year option) for the implementation of the First and Last Mile pilot program; and advance this item to the full HART Board of Directors at the March 7, 2016 regular Board meeting.

- c. **Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Award a Contract for the Preventative Maintenance Building Roof Replacement and Heavy Maintenance Roof Modifications to Prodigy Contracting Group, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,506,807.21; Plus a 10% Contingency of \$150,680.72 for a Total Not-To-Exceed of \$1,657,487.93** .....2-10

*Jeffrey C. Seward, Chief Financial Officer*

Overview:

The purpose of this action item is to approve a contract with a Construction Firm to remove and replace the existing Preventative Maintenance (PM) building roof and upgrade the Heavy Maintenance (HM) roofing system.

Recommendation:

That the Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee review the action item authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to award a contract for the Preventative Maintenance building roof replacement and Heavy Maintenance roof modifications to Prodigy Contracting Group, Inc. in the amount of \$1,506,807.21; Plus a 10% Contingency of \$150,680.72 for a total not-to-exceed of \$1,657,487.93; and advance this item to the full HART Board of Directors at the March 7, 2016 regular Board meeting.



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- d. **Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Increase the Value of Contract VC-000520 for Construction Services for the HART Ybor Administrative Office Renovation Project with Midstate Contractors, Inc. by the Amount of \$53,821.14 for a Total Not-To-Exceed of \$618,635.86**..... 2-13  
*Jeffrey C. Seward, Chief Financial Officer*

Overview:

At the September 14, 2015 regular Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved Resolution #R2015-09-33 ~ authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to award a contract for construction Services for the HART Ybor Administrative Office Renovation Project to Midstate Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$513,467.93, Plus a 10% Contingency of \$51,346.79 for a total not-to-exceed of \$564,814.72. As the project has progressed, additional safety sensitive needs, unanticipated electrical work, and data connections have been identified.

Recommendation:

That the Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee review the action item authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to increase the value of contract VC-000520 for construction services for the HART Ybor Administrative Office renovation project with Midstate Contractors, Inc. by the amount of \$53,821.14 for a total not-to-exceed of \$618,635.86; and advance this item to the full HART Board of Directors at the March 7, 2016 regular Board meeting.

**3. DISCUSSION ITEM**

- a. **Overview of Federal and State Legislative Initiatives and Outreach**  
*Holland & Knight, HART Federal Legislative Support Team*  
*Cesar Hernandez, Government Affairs Specialist* ..... 3-1
- b. **State of Transportation**  
*Katharine Eagan, Chief Executive Officer* ..... 3-2

**ADJOURNMENT**

## **COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM**

*Approval of the Proposed Program of Projects, Holding a Public Hearing to Receive Input on the Proposed Projects and Applying and Accepting FY2015 Federal Transportation Funding*

## **OVERVIEW**

Annually, HART receives federal funding which is used for operating and capital projects. A resolution from the HART Board is required to receive the funding. In addition, urbanized area formula and bus formula programs have special requirements related to identifying the specific list of projects to be reimbursed with the funding and obtaining public input on the projects.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Government, Administration and Operations Committee review the action item authorizing approval of the Proposed Program of Projects, holding a public hearing to receive input on the proposed projects and applying and accepting FY2015 federal transportation funding; and advance this item to the full HART Board of Directors at the March 7, 2016 regular Board meeting.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This action will have a positive impact on HART's budget. The Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) will reimburse operating related expenses for fixed route, paratransit, and streetcar programs. \$123,514 of the formula funds would reimburse capital expenses related to accessibility improvements at bus stops (sidewalks, landing pads) to meet Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements that 1% of the formula program be allocated to transit enhancement projects. Also, 1% (\$123,514) of the formula funds must be expended for security projects or HART must certify that the expenditure for security is not needed.

Additionally, the Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program (Section 5339) provides funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase bus and bus related equipment. These funds can also be used to construct bus facilities.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Federal Register notice issued on August 27, 2015 announced the full year allocation of funding for the FY2015 formula programs. Formula program funds are made available to the Tampa/St. Petersburg urbanized area. In urbanized areas with more than one transit system, the FTA apportionment for formula funds must be divided between the agencies by an interlocal agreement. The agreement between HART, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) and Tampa Bay Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) for the distribution of the formula funds was approved on October 15, 2015. HART qualifies for funding under three FTA formula programs. Grant applications will be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) using the Transit Awards Management System (TrAMS), which will be deployed March 2016. The formula programs are described below.

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- *Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307)*  
The Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) is the largest funding program, with the funding allocated based on population, service, and density considerations. \$28,505,944 was made available to the Tampa/St. Petersburg urbanized area for the Section 5307 program; with HART receiving \$12,351,403. Section 5307 funding is the main federal source of transit capital and eligible operating funds. Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) projects are now eligible for funding under the Urbanized Area Formula Program. There is no set-aside or cap for JARC projects under this program.
  - *Bus and Bus Facilities (Section 5339)*  
Map-21 established a new formula grant program under Section 5339. This capital program provides funding to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment, and to construct bus-related facilities. The Section 5339 (Bus and Bus Facilities) funds allocated to the urbanized area is \$3,066,753; with HART receiving \$1,332,934, which will be used to purchase replacement buses.
  - *State of Good Repair (Section 5337)*  
MAP-21 established a new formula grant program to provide capital assistance for maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement of existing fixed guideway and high intensity motor bus projects to maintain a state of good repair. Section 5337 funds can also be used to assist with the development of the required Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan.

HART is the only transit agency in our area eligible to receive Section 5337 (State of Good Repair – Fixed Guideway) funds. HART has \$1,324,283 available to use under this funding category. Staff is developing a comprehensive plan to use the available funds in the most efficient manner possible. Next month, a grant application will be submitted to FTA for streetcar maintenance projects (\$444,888). An additional application using the remaining fixed guideway funds (\$879,395) will be submitted to FTA later this fiscal year.

HART and PSTA are eligible to receive Section 5337 (State of Good Repair – High Intensity Motorbus Systems) funds. \$225,813 was made available to the urbanized area; with HART receiving \$209,242. HART will submit a grant application next month for consultant services to assist with the development of the TAM (\$70,602) plan. An additional application using the remaining high intensity motor bus funds (\$138,640) will be submitted later this fiscal year.

FTA requires all projects, funded under Section 5307 and Section 5339 to develop a proposed Program of Projects (POP) and provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed POP. The proposed POP is shown on Attachment I. The listing includes the Section 5307 and 5339 projects that will be included in grant applications that will be submitted to FTA.

Staff is seeking authorization to hold the public hearing for the applications and to apply for the funding. Staff will advise the Board on the feedback received.



**NEXT STEPS**

Present the recommendation by the Government, Administration and Operations Committee to the full HART Board of Directors at the March 7, 2016 regular Board meeting.

Prepared by: Jeanie Satchel, Director of Capital Planning & Development

Reviewed by: Jeffrey C. Seward, Chief Financial Officer

Approved by: Katharine Eagan, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

- I. FY2015 Proposed Program of Projects (POP) Funding
- II. Proposed Resolution #R2016-03-XX

ATTACHMENT I

<b>FY2015 PROPOSED PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP) FUNDING</b>	
<b>SECTION 5307 PROJECTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>OPERATING FUNDS</b>	
Capital Tire Leases (Bus and Paratransit)	\$575,128
Preventative Maintenance (Bus)*	\$8,657,984
ADA Paratransit **	\$1,235,140
Preventative Maintenance (Streetcar)*	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,668,252</b>
<b>CAPITAL FUNDS</b>	
Revenue Vehicles - Major Components	\$838,035
Transit Enhancements***	\$123,514
Security Projects***	\$123,514
Bus Wash Project	\$136,781
Ybor and 21 <sup>st</sup> Ave Administration Facility Improvements	\$364,510
MTC Restrooms	\$15,000
Information Technology Upgrades	\$81,797
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,683,151</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,351,403</b>
*Includes Salaries and Wages, Benefits and/or Services, and Facilities **FTA allows up to 10% of the total Formula allocation ***FTA requires 1% of the total Formula allocation	
<b>SECTION 5339 PROJECTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Revenue Vehicles – Replacement*	\$1,332,934
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,332,934</b>
*Funds will be used to purchase 40' replacement buses	

ATTACHMENT II

**RESOLUTION NO. #R2016-03-XX**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED PROGRAM OF PROJECTS, HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT ON THE PROPOSED PROJECTS AND APPLYING AND ACCEPTING FY2015 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, contracts for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision of a local share of the project costs, where applicable; and

**WHEREAS**, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of applications for assistance under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21), the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements hereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the applicant that disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with these projects, and that definitive procedures have been established to insure that DBEs have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for procuring supplies, equipment and services related to these projects;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HILLSBOROUGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Chief Executive Officer is authorized to file grant applications on behalf of the Hillsborough Transit Authority (HART), Florida, with the U.S. Department of Transportation, for federal funds to aid in the financing of capital and special projects pursuant to the Urbanized Area Formula, State of Good Repair, Bus and Bus Facilities grant programs, other grant programs and other special funding categories authorized under Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21).

**Section 2.** The Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute, with said applications, assurances or any other documents required by the U.S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

**Section 3.** The Chief Executive Officer is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business policies in connection with project procurement needs.

**Section 4.** The Chief Executive Officer of HART is authorized to furnish additional assurances, certifications and information as the U.S. Department of Transportation may require in connection with the application of the projects.

**Section 5.** The Chief Executive Officer is authorized to accept and execute grant contract agreements on behalf of HART with the U.S. Department of Transportation.

**Section 6.** Proper officers of HART are authorized to do all things necessary and required in order to submit the applications for the FY2015 FTA Urbanized Area Formula Funds and funding in other federal transportation grant categories.

**Section 7.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HILLSBOROUGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY ON MARCH 7, 2016.**

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**Councilman Mike Suarez, Chairperson  
HART Board of Directors**

**ATTEST:**

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**Commissioner Sandra L. Murman, Secretary  
HART Board of Directors**

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**David Smith  
HART Board General Counsel**



**COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM**

*Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Award a Contract to Transdev Services, Inc. for Transportation Services, in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$833,322 (One Year Contract, with One One-Year Option) for the Implementation of the First and Last Mile Pilot Program*

**OVERVIEW**

The Hillsborough Transit Authority (HART) First and Last Mile Pilot Program is a dynamic rideshare-style service as a complement to existing transit services. The service will provide access to a reservation call center and a smartphone application for customers which will allow real-time ridesharing matching and rider incentives. The shared transportation provider should promote multimodal transportation options in the community and enhance HART fixed route services by extending into areas of the county that currently do not have mass public transportation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee review the action item to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award a contract to Transdev Services, Inc. for transportation services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$833,322 (one year contract, with one one-year option) for the implementation of the First and Last Mile pilot program; and advance this item to the full HART Board of Directors at the March 7, 2016 regular Board meeting.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Funding to be provided by HART General Revenues currently appropriated in the 2016 HART approved budget. HART has also been notified by FDOT that a two year grant has been programmed for FY2016-17 in the amount of \$400,000 for the First and Last Mile Program.

**BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this pilot partnership agreement is to solicit a demonstration of alternative transportation solutions that connect customers within 3 miles of a fixed route to the closest sheltered stop or transit center, while creating a positive experience for patrons via use of the latest technology. The pilot program will be deployed in three areas of Hillsborough County. The areas being identified for the pilot include Brandon, University Area, and Carrollwood.

**PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATION**

On January 7, 2016, a Request for Proposals (RFP-18213) for First and Last Mile Transportation Solutions was issued in compliance with HART procurement policies. The solicitation was posted on HART's website and DemandStar with direct notices sent to 74 contractors.

On February 4, 2016, three proposals were received and reviewed by Procurement for responsiveness. All proposal submissions were determined to conform to essential requirements in the proposal submitted. Subsequently, three responsive proposals were technically evaluated by an evaluation committee.

Review factors were weighted 750 points for technical; pricing was weighted 250. Technical factors included:



- Fleet (100 points);
- training (200 points);
- work plan (250 points)
- experience/reference (200 points)

The technical evaluation resulted Transdev Services, Inc. receiving the highest technical points; the price evaluation resulted in Transdev Services, Inc. receiving the highest price points.

A responsibility review was conducted on Transdev Services, Inc. to include active business license to conduct business in the state of Florida. Transdev Services, Inc. was determined to have the capacity and capability to perform the work and is, therefore, eligible for award.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Present recommendation by the Strategic Planning and Legislative Committee to the full HART Board of Directors at the March 7, 2016 regular Board meeting.

Prepared by: Gregory Brackin, Director of Operations Support – ADA Officer  
Al Burns, Director of Procurement and Contracts Administration

Reviewed by: Ruthie Reyes Burckard, Chief Operating Officer

Approved by: Katharine Eagan, AICP, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Proposed Resolution #R2016-03-XX

ATTACHMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. # R2016-03-XX**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO TRANSDDEV SERVICES, INC. FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$833,322 (ONE YEAR CONTRACT, WITH ONE ONE-YEAR OPTION) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST AND LAST MILE PILOT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Hillsborough Regional Transit (HART) has a need for transportation services provided by Transdev Services, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, HART issued a Request for Proposal (RFP #18213) in compliance with HART procurement policies; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposal from Transdev Services, Inc. was received and evaluated and found to conform to essential requirements in accordance with the solicitation provisions; and

**WHEREAS**, Transdev Services, Inc. was determined to have the capacity to perform the work and is, therefore, eligible for reward; and

**WHEREAS**, funding to be provided by HART General Revenues currently appropriated in the 2016 HART approved budget. HART has also been notified by FDOT that a two year grant has been programed for FY2016-17 in the amount of \$400,000 for the First and Last Mile Program;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HILLSBOROUGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Chief Executive Officer is authorized to award a contract to Transdev Services, Inc. for transportation services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$833,322 (one year contract, with one one-year option) for the implementation of the first and last mile pilot program

**Section 2.** Proper officers of HART are authorized to do all things necessary and required in order to implement the terms of the aforementioned contract.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HILLSBOROUGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY ON MARCH 7, 2016.**

ATTEST:

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**Councilmember Mike Suarez, Chairperson  
HART Board of Directors**

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**Commissioner Sandra Murman, Secretary  
HART Board of Directors**

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**David L. Smith, Esquire  
HART Board General Counsel**

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**COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM**

*Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Award a Contract for the Preventative Maintenance Building Roof Replacement and Heavy Maintenance Roof Modifications to Prodigy Contracting Group, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,506,807.21; Plus a 10% Contingency of \$150,680.72 for a Total Not-To-Exceed of \$1,657,487.93*

**OVERVIEW**

The purpose of this action item is to approve a contract with a Construction Firm to remove and replace the existing Preventative Maintenance (PM) building roof and upgrade the Heavy Maintenance (HM) roofing system.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee review the action item authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to award a contract for the Preventative Maintenance building roof replacement and Heavy Maintenance roof modifications to Prodigy Contracting Group, Inc. in the amount of \$1,506,807.21; Plus a 10% Contingency of \$150,680.72 for a total not-to-exceed of \$1,657,487.93; and advance this item to the full HART Board of Directors at the March 7, 2016 regular Board meeting.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Funding in the amount of \$385,250, from Federal grants and HART funds, is currently appropriated to remove and replace the PM building roof. The optional upgrade to the HM roofing system is funded by FY2016 Federal Formula Funds.

<b>Funds Required</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Federal Grants PM Building	\$241,770.90
HART Funds PM Building	\$143,479.10
FY2016 Formula Funds HM Building	\$1,121,557.21
<b>Total Funds Required</b>	<b>\$1,506,807.21</b>

**BACKGROUND**

Currently both the HM and PM buildings experience water intrusions during rain storms. Rain storms cause water damage to the office areas, the inventory areas, and the mechanics work area. Also, there is no roof access for the PM building. This project will provide safe interior and exterior points of access for the PM roof. Other safety improvements include additional protection while inspecting the CNG tanks.

**PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

On January 5, 2016, Invitation for Bid IFB-17826 was issued in compliance with HART procurement policies. The solicitation was posted on HART's website and DemandStar as well as Florida Minority Supplier Development Council (FMSDC) membership and Hispanic Business Initiation Fund of



Florida (HBIF) membership with direct notices sent to vendors registered to provide the services. The solicitation was accessed from HART’s website by 16 firms and/or individuals.

On February 12, 2016 at 4:00 pm, three priced bids were received.

Vendor/Price	Peach State Roofing, Inc.	Prodigy Contracting Group, Inc.	Southern Roofing Company, Inc.
Total Price	\$531,550	\$1,506,807.21	\$2,121,601
Responsive	no	yes	yes

The bid from Peach State Roofing, Inc. was determined materially non-responsive to the solicitation requirements.

The bid submitted by Prodigy Contracting Group, Inc. was responsive to the solicitation requirements. Prices were determined to be fair and reasonable. Prodigy Contracting Group, Inc. has been determined a responsible contractor having the full financial capacity and trade experience to perform the work and is, therefore, eligible for award.

**NEXT STEPS**

Present recommendation by the Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee to the full HART Board of Directors at the March 7, 2016 regular Board meeting.

Prepared by: Lynda Crescentini, Project Manager - Capital Planning and Development  
 Al Burns, Director of Procurement and Contracts Administration

Reviewed by: Jeffrey C. Seward, Chief Financial Officer

Approved by: Katharine Eagan, AICP, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Proposed Resolution #R2016-03-XX

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**RESOLUTION NO. #R2016-03-XX**

**AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT AND HEAVY MAINTENANCE ROOF MODIFICATIONS TO PRODIGY CONTRACTING GROUP, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,506,807.21; PLUS A 10% CONTINGENCY OF \$150,680.72 FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED OF \$1,657,487.93**

**WHEREAS**, Hillsborough Regional Transit (HART) has a need for a roof replacement/roof modification; and

**WHEREAS**, HART issued an Invitation for Bid (IFB-17826) in compliance with HART procurement policies; and

**WHEREAS**, prices were determined to be fair and reasonable and a contract awarded to Prodigy Contracting Group, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for these services was budgeted through a mix of Federal Grants, and HART Funds;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HILLSBOROUGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors authorizes the Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Award a Contract for the Preventative Maintenance Building Roof Replacement and Heavy Maintenance Roof Modifications to Prodigy Contracting Group, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,506,807.21; Plus a 10% Contingency of \$150,680.72 for a Total Not-To-Exceed of \$1,657,487.93.

**Section 2.** Proper officers of HART are authorized to do all things necessary and required in order to implement the purchase of the aforementioned goods and services.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HILLSBOROUGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY ON MARCH 7, 2016.**

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**Councilmember Mike Suarez, Chairperson  
HART Board of Directors**

**ATTEST:**

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**Commissioner Sandra Murman, Secretary  
HART Board of Directors**

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**David L. Smith, Esquire  
HART Board General Counsel**

### **COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM**

*Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Increase the Value of Contract VC-000520 for Construction Services for the HART Ybor Administrative Office Renovation Project with Midstate Contractors, Inc. by the Amount of \$53,821.14 for a Total Not-To-Exceed of \$618,635.86*

### **OVERVIEW**

At the September 14, 2015 regular Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved Resolution #R2015-09-33 ~ authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to award a contract for construction Services for the HART Ybor Administrative Office Renovation Project to Midstate Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$513,467.93, Plus a 10% Contingency of \$51,346.79 for a total not-to-exceed of \$564,814.72. As the project has progressed, additional safety sensitive needs, unanticipated electrical work, and data connections have been identified.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee review the action item authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to increase the value of contract VC-000520 for construction services for the HART Ybor Administrative Office renovation project with Midstate Contractors, Inc. by the amount of \$53,821.14 for a total not-to-exceed of \$618,635.86; and advance this item to the full HART Board of Directors at the March 7, 2016 regular Board meeting.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Funding for these services is currently appropriated in the adopted FY2016 Capital Budget, through various federal grants awarded to HART. These grants include Section 5307, Section 5309, and Surface Transportation funds.

### **BACKGROUND**

Ybor Station was originally developed to accommodate the streetcar maintenance and operation functions. In 2007/2008, the third floor was developed to provide office space for administrative staff. The HART Ybor Administrative Office has incurred limited upgrades to essential systems over the past eight years. The existing HVAC has a total of three roof top units all of which are requiring remedial action. Additionally, the acoustics on the 3rd floor are not conducive to an office environment or formal public meetings and hearings, current florescent lighting is not energy efficient and the existing Ybor information technology infrastructure and cooling system thereof, is inadequate to serve the Administration workforce currently or in the future.

On September 24, 2015, contract VC-000520 for the HART Ybor Administrative Office Renovation Project was competitively awarded to Midstate Contractors, Inc.

On February 9, 2016, HART staff became aware of the County-required safety considerations as well as additional needs for electrical and Information Systems infrastructure to serve HART Administrative office staff. The project's Architect of Record, the Construction Manager for the project, and HART Procurement Department have reviewed the construction requirements and concur that they are necessary for successful completion of the project. Midstate Contractors Inc.



was determined to have the capacity to perform the additional contract work and is, therefore, eligible for amendment of the existing contract.

**NEXT STEPS**

Present recommendation by the Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee to the full HART Board of Directors at the March 7, 2016 regular Board meeting.

Prepared by: Al Burns, Director of Procurement & Contracts Administration  
Jeanie Satchel, Dir. of Capital Planning & Development, Grants and Documentation

Reviewed by: Jeffery C. Seward, Chief Financial Officer

Approved by: Katharine Eagan, AICP, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Proposed Resolution #R2016-03-XX

**RESOLUTION NO. #R2016-03-XX**

**A RESOLUTION THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF CONTRACT VC-000520 FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE HART YBOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE RENOVATION PROJECT WITH MIDSTATE CONTRACTORS, INC. BY THE AMOUNT OF \$53,821.14 FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED OF \$618,635.86**

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2015, contract VC-000520 for the HART Ybor Administrative Office Renovation Project was competitively awarded to Midstate Contractors, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, staff became aware of the County-required safety considerations as well as additional needs for electrical and Information Systems infrastructure to serve HART Administrative office staff; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for these services is currently appropriated in the adopted FY2016 Capital Budget, through various federal grants awarded to HART. These grants include Section 5307, Section 5309, and Surface Transportation Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Midstate Contractors Inc. was determined to have the capacity to perform the additional contract requirements;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HILLSBOROUGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Chief Executive Officer to increase the value of contract VC-000520 for Construction Services for the HART Ybor Administrative Office Renovation Project with Midstate Contractors, Inc. by the amount of \$53,821.14 for a Total Not-To-Exceed of \$618,635.86.

**Section 2.** Proper officers of HART are authorized to do all things necessary and required in order to implement the terms of the aforementioned contract.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HILLSBOROUGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY ON MARCH 7, 2016.**

ATTEST:

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**Councilmember Mike Suarez, Chairperson  
HART Board of Directors**

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**Commissioner Sandra Murman, Secretary  
HART Board of Directors**

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**David L. Smith, Esquire  
HART Board General Counsel**



## **DISCUSSION ITEM REPORT**

### ***Government Relations Activities***

Attachment I: State and Federal Legislative Updates prepared by HART Government Relations Specialist Cesar Hernandez (February 9, 2016, February 15, 2016, February 22, 2016)

### ***HART At-a-Glance***

Attachment II: A compilation of key HART messages, organized by:

- Vision & Leadership
- Innovation
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Prepared by: Cesar Hernandez, Government Relations Specialist

Reviewed by: Marco Sandusky, Sr. Manager of EEO and Community Programs

Approved by: Katharine Eagan, AICP, Chief Executive Officer



## State Legislative Update

### Overview

HART staff has been active this session, engaging state legislators and their staffs on HART's legislative priorities. These efforts have been in coordination with HART Board members and with HART's state legislative support contractor, Justin Day of the Advocacy Group.

HART has briefed 100% of the Hillsborough County Delegation about HART legislative priorities either during session or prior to session in their respective districts. To date, the regional farecard program has been presented to the following leadership:

- Senate Minority Leader, Arthenia Joyner
- Senate Transportation Committee Chair, Senator Jeff Brandes
- House Majority Leader, Representative Dana Young
- House Minority Leader, Janet Cruz
- Chair of the House Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative Clay Ingram
- House Committee Chair of the Transportation and Ports Sub-committee, Representative Pat Rooney

*January 11-February 5*

### Week 1

On January 13, HART Government Relations Specialist Cesar Hernandez traveled with CEO Katharine Eagan to meet with key state elected officials on HART state legislative priorities. Ms. Eagan presented HART's funding request for the regional farecard program to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Additionally, The Advocacy Group set up key meetings with the House Majority Leader, Representative Dana Young, Chair of the House Transportation & Economic Development (TED) Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative Clay Ingram and Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Jeff Brandes. At these initial meetings HART's regional farecard program was well-received and both Leader Young and Senator Brandes agreed to support as well as put in an appropriations request for the regional farecard project.

### Week 2

On January 20 – 21, Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Eagan participated in the Public Transportation & Transportation Disadvantaged Legislative Awareness Day in Tallahassee. Justin Day of the Advocacy Group helped arrange follow-up contacts during this trip with Senator Brandes and the staff of Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Tom Lee and Senate Appropriations Committee member Bill Galvano. Additional meetings were held with State House members of the Hillsborough delegation: Representatives Ed Narain (Transportation & Ports Subcommittee Member), Jake Raburn and Dan Raulerson. We wrapped up the day by discussing our farecard project with House Committee Chair of the Transportation and Ports Subcommittee Representative Pat Rooney and with Representative Amanda Murphy.

### Week 4

On February 2, Mr. Hernandez, Ms. Eagan, and Mr. Day held meetings with Senate Minority Leader Arthenia Joyner, House Minority Leader Janet Cruz and Representative Sean Harrison. In addition, presentations of the funding request for the regional farecard program were made to the following transportation staff: Senate TED staff director Philip Miller, House TED staff director Greg Davis, and



Senate Transportation Staff Director Kurt Eichen. We also met with staff from Senator John Legg's Office, Legislative Assistant Jim Browne.

*Next steps for the week of February 8, 2016*

In the Senate, Senator Jeff Brandes has submitted an appropriations request for the regional farecard program amount of \$5,405,879. Leader Dana Young in the House has submitted an appropriations request for the same amount. This request did not go into the initial proposed budgets that were passed by the Appropriations Committees of both the House and the Senate. By Thursday February 11, both the House and the Senate are expected to pass their respective budgets. Although HART's initial request is not in either budget, we will continue to work with our House and Senate champions to identify an opportunity to insert our funding in the budget.

Mr. Hernandez will be traveling to Tallahassee for Hillsborough Day on February 10. He will be capitalizing on this trip with follow-up meetings on the regional farecard program, including face-to-face meetings with legislators and/or staff of committee members in the geographic area of the regional farecard program.

## **Federal Legislative Update**

### Overview

#### FAST Act

The Conference Report for Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, a five year funding bill, was announced on December 2, 2015. HART has focused on exploring the language in sections 5310 and 5312. Section 5310 details the establishment of a Pilot Project for Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility, which will finance innovative programs for the transportation disadvantaged that improve transportation services, including non-emergency medical transportation services. Section 5312 addresses technology demonstration, deployment and evaluation, with a focus on low or no emission vehicles or zero emission vehicles and "advanced technology." HART staff, with its federal legislative consultants, is also closely tracking the release of the federal parameters to properly seek federal monies for bus and bus facilities discretionary funding.

#### TIGER

President Obama signed the 2016 Omnibus Appropriations Act on December 18, 2015, appropriating \$500 million for an eighth round of the TIGER competitive grant program. The application period will open in late February and last 45 days. HART received positive feedback from FTA on last year's TIGER application for the regional farecard project. An important best practice for TIGER is to have regional support, and HART Government Relations staff is proactively connecting with regional partners on HART's TIGER intentions.

#### Week of February 1, 2016

On February 3, Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Eagan held a conference call with the Lisa Barkovic and Karl Koch of Holland & Knight to discuss the anticipated release of the TIGER grant process and development of a strategy to go after the funding. Also, follow up analysis on sections 5310, 5312 and bus discretionary and bus facility funding in the FAST Act was discussed. To date, no additional information has been released on parameters of the release of federal funding on these sections.

#### Next steps for the week of February 8, 2016

Ms. Eagan and Mr. Hernandez are reaching out to regional partners regarding HART's intention to apply for a TIGER grant to fund the regional farecard program and planning travel to Washington, D.C.



## **State Legislative Update**

### *Overview for the week of February 8, 2016*

Cesar Hernandez, Government Relations Specialist travelled to Tallahassee for Hillsborough Day on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hernandez, represented HART during the activities scheduled throughout the day, additionally he followed up with the staff of legislators in the Hillsborough County delegation and geographic area of the regional farecard program.

The House and Senate approved their respective budgets on Thursday, February 11 2016. However, each budget differentiates in the following areas: Tax cuts, corporate incentives, schools and hospitals. HART's appropriations request was not included in either budget passed. Nevertheless, the Government Relations team alongside Justin Day of the Advocacy Group is closely working with the House and Senate supporters to identify an opportunity to include our request within the budget, when the House and Senate enter conference. Furthermore, Justin Day met with the Vice President of Public Policy & Advocacy for the Tampa Bay Partnership, Ryan Patmintra, to discuss collaborative messaging when presenting to delegation members since the Tampa Bay Partnership will be traveling to Tallahassee the week of February the 15.

### *Next Steps for the week of February 12, 2016*

Cesar Hernandez and Justin Day of the Advocacy Group will be in communication with the Hillsborough Delegation, BALD delegation, legislators within the regional farecard area and our champions within the House and the Senate for our appropriations request. HART's Government relations team anticipates that by mid next week, the legislators who will be on conferences and the schedule will be announced. Conference committees could begin as early as next week.



## Federal Legislative Update

*Overview for the week of February 8, 2016*

HART Government Relations staff received analysis from our D.C contract lobbyists *Holland & Knight* and *Boothe Transits Consultants* on President Obama's budget request to Congress for fiscal year (FY) 2017 on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. *Holland & Knights* summary can be viewed on this [link](#) and *Boothe Transits Consultants* analysis can be viewed on the following [link](#) in detail. A full summary from the White House can be found [here](#), and more detailed numbers and information are available [here](#). The President's entire budget calls for approximately \$4.1 trillion in total expenditures. This is the Administration's last budget request and much of the spending within the budget emphasizes on issues, such as environment, education, and transportation.

Here is a budget summary for the [U.S. Department of Transportation](#):

FY 2017 budget requested \$98.076 billion – a 29% increase over FY 2016 enacted funding. In the President's FY 2017 budget, he announced his new initiative, the 21st Century Clean Transportation Plan. The budget requests \$32 billion per year over 10 years to help replace the nation's aging transportation and infrastructure system. The programs proposed build upon the base established by the Grow America initiative.

Below is a list of major programs with their requested FY 2017 funding levels:

- **Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program** (\$1.25 billion – a \$750 million increase over FY 2016 enacted funding)
- **\$19.883 billion for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula grants**, 69% increase over FY 2016 enacted funding
- **Capital Investment Grants (New Starts):** \$3.5 billion, 60% increase over FY 2016 enacted funding (\$2.302 authorized in FAST Act): Supporting 31 total projects.
- **\$6.267 billion for Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)**, 273% increase over FY 2016 enacted levels

Though discussions with both of our contract lobbyists, we have identified three federal funding opportunities for HART:

- **Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program**
  - The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is expected to be released between February 15 and February 29<sup>th</sup> and will include a 45 day turnaround and no pre-application process.
- **Bus and Bus Facilities Grant**
  - NOFO is expected to be released between February 25<sup>th</sup> and February 29<sup>th</sup> and will include a 45 day turnaround to apply.
- **No/Low Emission Buses/Facilities Grant**
  - NOFO is expected to be released between February 26<sup>th</sup> and February 29<sup>th</sup> and will include a 45 day turnaround to apply.

*Next Steps for the week of February 15th, 2016*

Cesar Hernandez and the Holland & Knight team are scheduled to have a conference call on Monday February 15 at 3:30 pm. The aim of the conversation will be to outline the strategy for the opportunities presented.



## **State Legislative Update**

### *Overview for the week of February 15, 2016*

As the legislature moves into conference, Government Relations Specialist Cesar Hernandez and Justin Day of the Advocacy Group have been in close communication with legislative supporters of HART's appropriations request. The conference schedule has not yet been released, however HART's Government relations team anticipates that the conference schedule may be announced early during the week of February 22. HART will continue to work with the legislators who made requests in the House and Senate on behalf of HART for the regional farecard initiative. This will be done in an effort to identify an opportunity to insert our funding request for the regional farecard initiative in the final budget.

### *Next Steps for the week of February 22, 2016*

Once conference schedule is announced, the Government Relations team will be following up with HART supporters within the House and Senate to discuss opportunities to attach HART's funding request within the budget, and Cesar Hernandez may travel to Tallahassee during conference in support of this strategy.

## **Federal Legislative Update**

### *Overview for the week of February 15, 2016*

Cesar Hernandez and the Holland & Knight team had a conference call on Monday February 15. During the conference call the following federal funding opportunities were discussed: The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program, Bus and Bus Facilities Grant and the No/Low Emission Buses/Facilities Grant. The Holland & Knight team detailed that the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for each Grant had not yet been released. However, they report that it is still anticipated that the NOFO for each grant will be announced prior to February 29.

On February 19, 2016, Cesar Hernandez, the Holland & Knight team, and Jeff Boothe of Boothe Transit Consulting had an additional follow up call. An additional federal funding opportunity for HART, the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP), was discussed. The TSGP supports programs that directly support transportation infrastructure security activities. This additional opportunity will be explored in the coming week.

### *Next Steps for the week of February 22, 2016*

The Government Relations team will reach out to the Federal congressional delegation to gather support for HART's federal legislative priorities. Both TIGER and Bus Discretionary Grants are highly competitive and regional support is highly encouraged. The Government Relations team will begin to reach out to congressional staff and gather letters of support from regional stakeholders in support of a TIGER application for the regional farecard initiative as well as a grant application for the bus and bus facilities discretionary program.



## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

### **State of Transportation**

At the Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee meeting on February 29, 2016, staff will discuss the

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## HART AT A GLANCE

### VISION & LEADERSHIP

### INNOVATION

### COMMUNITY

### STEWARDSHIP

#### About HART

The Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) was created in October of 1979 to plan, finance, acquire, construct, operate and maintain mass transit facilities and supply transportation assistance in Hillsborough County. Today, **HART Takes You There** with convenient, affordable public transportation options tailored to contemporary lifestyles.

**MISSION:** Provide safe, innovative and cost effective public transportation services that enhance the quality of life in our community.

**VISION:** To make transit a relevant and viable travel option for residents within the HART service area.

**GOALS:**

1. Exceed Customer Expectations
2. Ensure Safety and Security
3. Maximize Financial Condition
4. Foster a Thriving Internal Environment
5. Connect the County and Region
6. Embrace Innovative Practices and Systems



## VISION & LEADERSHIP

- Transportation is key to our regional economic development, and HART is the key for transportation implementation.
- HART has a track record of transportation leadership.
  - HART was the first Florida transit agency to adopt [compressed natural gas](#), which is cleaner, cheaper and more fuel efficient than diesel.
  - HART's MetroRapid was the first public transit service of its kind in Florida. The HART MetroRapid system features fewer stops, high frequency and advanced technology to help travelers get to their destinations quickly and conveniently.
  - HART launched a regional working group in 2013 to bring new, technologically advanced, seamless [fare collection system](#) to customers.
  - Ridership on HART has led much of the industry, with ridership of 15 million in 2015, nearly twice what it was in 2000 and far outpacing the growth in service miles over that same period.
- HART is changing transportation in the Tampa Bay region, helping build a future where you don't have to drive yourself and where attractive, technology-driven solutions mean you don't want to drive.
- HART is building a high performance organization, focused on each individual's contribution to achieving outstanding results.
  - HART is introducing a performance scorecard, voice of the customer scorecard, pay for performance, and project management office this year to ensure that we continue to deliver better every day.
  - HART has expanded wellness offerings for employees
- HART is committed to developing transit solutions with its regional stakeholders. In 2015, HART staff attended or hosted over 90 meetings in conjunction with [GoHillsborough](#) and incorporated this highly valuable public input into our 10-year Transit Development Plan update. The TDP has two parts: an Action Plan that invests status quo funding into customer-focused improvements, and a Vision Plan that identifies and prioritizes additional transit improvements HART would make with an additional \$30 million a year.

Learn more at <http://www.gohart.org/Pages/About-Transit-Dev-Plan.aspx>
- HART is the common thread running through a number of regional transportation priorities:
  - **Ferry Service-** In 2014, HART secured over \$4.8 million in federal funding to establish the first leg of a regional ferry service, from south Hillsborough County to MacDill Air Force Base. Interest in launching regional ferry service is gaining momentum, and a pilot ferry could operate between Tampa and St. Petersburg this fall.
  - **Regional Premium Transit Feasibility Study-** HART is leading a Florida Department of Transportation-funded effort to study the feasibility of premium transit service running from Hillsborough to Pasco and Pinellas counties.
  - **Westshore Intermodal Center-** FDOT has purchased land for a future Westshore Intermodal Center and is engaging residents in a broad conversation on delivering the Tampa Bay Express (TBX) lane service concept. HART will play a key role in traffic management and mitigation efforts for this project.
  - **Streetcar Modernization & Extension Study-** The city of Tampa is studying an extension of the TECO Line Streetcar System, building on a 2014 HART study on options to modernize and extend the system to serve a growing downtown and new Channelside/Strategic Property Partners developments.
  - **Connected Vehicles Pilot-** HART also is partnering with the Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority on a U.S. DOT-funded connected-vehicles pilot program that will outfit buses with technology to deliver faster and safer travel through our urban areas.

## INNOVATION

- HART is delivering high-tech, cutting-edge solutions that improve transit today and lay the foundation for tomorrow's regional transportation network.
  - **Regional Smartcard-** HART and the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) are leading the development and implementation of a new regional e-fare and smart-card system in Citrus, Hernando, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and Hillsborough counties. The first phase of the project will bring mobile e-fares to the Tampa Bay area this year, and by 2018 passengers will be able to travel across the region on one fare, through one app, ultimately tying into SunPass.
  - **Yellow Cab Vouchers-** On Jan. 1, HART launched a pilot program with Yellow Cab to make travel more convenient for people with disabilities. Patrons can travel with HARTPlus vans or book a same-day, short-distance taxi trip when that option is more convenient.
  - **First Mile & Last Mile-** HART is teaming up with a private partner on a pilot first mile and last mile program to add ride-sharing technology to our toolkit and connect more people to our network.
- Tampa Bay is anxious for new transit solutions, and rather than wait as technology passes by, HART is delivering cutting-edge solutions with sustainable, scalable long-term initiatives.
  - **MegaBus-** HART customers can now catch MegaBus between downtown Tampa and east Hillsborough County with a HART express pass, seven days a week.
  - **Real-time Arrival Information-** HART was among the first to push live transit data into the Google trip planner, and our OneBusAway app will add PSTA real-time data, a new dynamic trip planning feature, and bus stop service request tool later this year.
- Combining input and innovation, HART can deliver an array of transportation choices, from vanpools and driverless vehicles to on-demand shuttles, rapid buses, and other options still on the horizon.



## COMMUNITY

- While you probably see HART buses and vans crisscrossing Hillsborough County, you may be less familiar with the transit system's strong performance and exciting outlook.
  - HART buses provide about 50,000 trips on an average weekday. That's equivalent to weekday vehicle traffic on Bruce B. Downs!
    - In the past five years, HART transit ridership has increased 5 times faster than the growth in service supply.
    - Check out our performance dashboard at: <http://www.gohart.org/Pages/AboutUS-PlanningProjects.aspx>
- HART is giving its customers more reasons to choose HART.
  - Free Wi-Fi on all fixed route buses begins in April 2016
  - An updated phone system will offer an expanded, interactive menu and reduced wait times.
  - In addition to new **Yellow Cab** and **First and Last Mile** Pilot programs, HART is implementing service improvements on six routes and will launch new HARTFlex service in New Tampa this year.
- Small, minority and woman-owned businesses are important partners in carrying out our mission. In FY2015, HART successfully achieved 13.5% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation on USDOT funded projects, exceeding the FY 2015 goal of 10.8%.
- We believe that our service belongs to our community. In FY 2015, HART staff participated in over 350 community activities, including over 25 youth presentations, 16 senior events (reaching over 430 seniors), over 50 chamber or business group meetings and over 90 Go Hillsborough and Transit Development Plan public outreach meetings.
- HART is partnering with Hillsborough County and the Hillsborough County School District to develop the next generation of transit riders. From March 1 to June 10, Middle and High School students under 18 ride HART free with a student ID.



## STEWARDSHIP

- HART has successfully completed the Federal Transit Administration's Environmental & Sustainability Management System (ESMS) program and set targets on carbon emissions, electricity, and water consumption. HART is the first agency in Florida to complete the ESMS and is now on track to become the first in Florida to achieve certification to the rigorous ISO 14001 standard this year.
- HART is taking advantage of the State of Florida's rebate program transitioning its fleet to compressed natural gas, which is cleaner, cheaper and more fuel efficient than diesel.
- HART is partnering with St. Petersburg College's sustainability academic program to reduce solid waste in HART operations, including along routes, at shelters and transfer centers.
- HART has invested in some smaller MV-1 vans for HARTPlus service, lowering costs and improving flexibility for operations.
- The HART transparency website includes posted budgets, individual financial transaction records, contract information and historical data.