

By Representative Waters

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Pinellas Suncoast Transit
 3 Authority; providing for codification of
 4 special laws relating to Pinellas Suncoast
 5 Transit Authority; providing a short title;
 6 providing definitions; creating the Pinellas
 7 Suncoast Transit Authority; providing for
 8 membership and terms of office; providing
 9 purpose and powers; providing boundaries;
 10 providing for exemption from regulation and
 11 taxation; providing for special district
 12 taxation; providing for future expansion;
 13 providing for severability; repealing chapters
 14 70-907, 82-368, 82-416, 90-449, 94-433, 94-438,
 15 and 99-440, Laws of Florida; providing an
 16 effective date.

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 18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 20 Section 1. Chapters 70-907, 82-368, 82-416, 90-449,
 21 91-338, 94-433, 94-438, and 99-440, Laws of Florida, are
 22 codified, reenacted, amended, and repealed as herein provided.

23 Section 2. The Pinellas County Suncoast Transit
 24 Authority is re-created and reenacted to read:

25 Section 1. Short title.--This act shall be known and
 26 may be cited as the "Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Act."

27 Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act, unless
 28 the content clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms
 29 shall have the meanings set forth below:

30 (1) "Authority" means the body politic and corporate,
 31 an independent special district, created by this part.

1 (2) "Members" means the governing body of the
2 authority and "member" means one of the individuals
3 constituting such governing body.

4 (3) "Pinellas Suncoast Transit Area" means the
5 municipalities of Clearwater, Dunedin, Largo, Safety Harbor,
6 Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, Indian Rocks Beach, St. Petersburg,
7 Tarpon Springs, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, Gulfport, Seminole,
8 South Pasadena, Indian Shores, Madeira Beach, North Redington
9 Beach, Redington Beach, Redington Shores, and the
10 unincorporated areas of Pinellas County located directly
11 between the aforesaid municipalities as determined by an
12 extension of a municipal boundary directly to the next
13 neighboring municipal boundary and such other areas as
14 provided by this law.

15 (4) "Municipality" means any city, village, borough,
16 or town.

17 (5) "County" means the County of Pinellas.

18 (6) "Public transit" means transportation of
19 passengers for hire by means, without limitation, of a street
20 railway, elevated railway, subway, motor vehicle, bus, or
21 other means of conveyance operating as a common carrier within
22 the public transit area as provided, and charter service
23 originating therein.

24 (7) "Public transit system" means, without limitation,
25 a combination of property, structures, improvements,
26 equipment, plants, parking or other facilities, and rights, or
27 any thereof, used or useful for the purposes of public
28 transit.

29 (8) "Mass transit system" means a public transit
30 system to provide rapid public transit for large numbers of
31 passengers.

1 (9) "Operator" means any person engaged in or seeking
2 to engage in the business of providing public transit, but
3 does not include persons engaged primarily in the
4 transportation of children to or from school, in operating
5 taxicabs, buses, limousines, or other means for the
6 transportation of passengers between a common carrier terminal
7 station and a hotel or motel, in operating a common carrier
8 railroad, or a person furnishing transportation solely for his
9 or her or its employees or customers.

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11 Words importing singular number shall include the plural
12 number in each case and vice versa, and the words importing
13 persons shall include firms and corporations.

14 Section 3. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority; status
15 and governing body.--

16 (1) There is hereby created and established a body
17 politic and corporate, an independent special district, to be
18 known as the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, hereinafter
19 referred to as "authority."

20 (2)(a) The governing body of the authority shall
21 consist of 11 members, serving and selected as provided in
22 this paragraph.

23 1. One member shall be appointed by the City
24 Commission of the City of Clearwater from its membership.

25 2. One member shall be appointed by the City
26 Commission of the City of Dunedin from its membership.

27 3. One member shall be appointed by the City
28 Commission of the City of Largo from its membership.

29 4. One member shall be appointed by the City Council
30 of the City of Pinellas Park from its membership.

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1 5. One member shall be appointed by the City Council
2 of the City of St. Petersburg from its membership.

3 6. One member shall be appointed by the combined
4 municipal governing bodies of the Cities of Oldsmar, Safety
5 Harbor, and Tarpon Springs from their membership.

6 7. One member shall be appointed by the combined
7 municipal governing bodies of the Cities of Belleair, Belleair
8 Bluffs, Gulfport, Kenneth City, Seminole, and South Pasadena
9 from their membership.

10 8. One member shall be appointed by the combined
11 municipal governing bodies of the Cities of Belleair Beach,
12 Belleair Shores, Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, Madeira
13 Beach, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Redington
14 Shores, St. Petersburg Beach, and Treasure Island from their
15 membership.

16 9. One member shall be appointed by the Pinellas
17 County Commission from its membership.

18 10. One member shall be appointed by the Pinellas
19 County Commission, and this member may not be an elected
20 official.

21 11. One member shall be appointed by the City Council
22 of the City of St. Petersburg, and this member may not be an
23 elected official.

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25 After the expiration of each term of each member of the
26 governing body of the authority, that member's successor shall
27 be chosen by the same appointing authority as the member and
28 must possess the same qualifications. Each term of office
29 shall be 3 years, and a member may not serve more than 3
30 consecutive terms as a member of the governing body of the
31 authority.

1 (b) Each appointed member shall hold office until his
2 or her successor has been appointed and qualified. A vacancy
3 occurring during a term shall be filled only for the balance
4 of the unexpired term. A selection to fill a vacancy or
5 select a successor shall be made within 60 days after the
6 occurrence of the vacancy or before expiration of the term,
7 whichever is applicable. If any selection is not made as
8 provided in this subsection, the Board of County Commissioners
9 of Pinellas County shall appoint an eligible person to the
10 authority with like effect as if the selection were made by a
11 municipality or group of municipalities. Any member of the
12 authority is eligible for reappointment, except that the
13 member may not serve more than 3 consecutive terms.

14 (3) Each appointed member of the authority shall be a
15 person who is a qualified elector of the county with an
16 outstanding reputation for civic pride, interest, integrity,
17 responsibility, and business ability. No person who is an
18 officer or employee of any city or of the county in any
19 capacity, except elected officials, shall be an appointed
20 member of the authority. Further, no member shall have any
21 private financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any
22 contract, work, or business of the authority or any public
23 transit system subject to regulation by the authority or be in
24 the employ of or hold any stock, bond, investment, or other
25 financial interest or private business relationship to any
26 operator of a public transit system in the Pinellas Suncoast
27 Transit Area.

28 (4) The authority shall elect one of its members as
29 chair of the authority and one as a vice chair to serve for 1
30 year in that capacity or until their secretary/treasurer
31 successors are elected. At the same time, a

1 secretary/treasurer shall be elected who may or may not be a
2 member of the authority, and he or she shall serve at the will
3 of the authority. A majority of the appointed board shall
4 constitute a quorum, and the vote of a quorum shall be
5 necessary for any action taken by the authority. No vacancy
6 in the authority shall impair the right of a quorum of the
7 authority to exercise all of the rights and perform all of the
8 duties of the authority. Upon the effective date of his or
9 her appointment, or as soon thereafter as practicable, each
10 appointed member of the authority shall enter upon his or her
11 duties.

12 (5) The authority may employ an executive director who
13 shall be a person of recognized ability and experience to
14 serve at the pleasure of the authority. The executive
15 director may employ such employees as may be necessary for the
16 proper administration of the duties and functions of the
17 authority, and may determine the qualifications of such
18 persons; however, the board must approve such positions and
19 fix the compensation for employees. Also, the authority may
20 contract for the services of attorneys, engineers,
21 consultants, and agents for any purpose of the authority,
22 including engineering, management, feasibility, and other
23 studies concerning the acquisition, construction, extension,
24 operation, maintenance, regulation, consolidation, and
25 financing of transit systems in the area.

26 (6) Members of the authority shall be entitled to
27 receive from the authority their traveling and other necessary
28 expenses incurred in connection with the business of the
29 authority, as provided in section 112.061, Florida Statutes,
30 but they shall receive no salaries or other compensation.
31 Members of the authority may be removed from office by

1 four-fifths vote of the members of the board of county
2 commissioners for misconduct, malfeasance, misfeasance, or
3 nonfeasance in office.

4 (7) The authority shall provide a report to the
5 Pinellas County legislative delegation each July.

6 Section 4. Purposes and powers.--

7 (1) The authority created and established by the
8 provisions of this act is hereby granted and shall have the
9 right and power to purchase, own, and/or operate transit
10 facilities, to contract for transit services, to exercise
11 power of eminent domain, to conduct studies, and to contract
12 with other governmental agencies, private companies, and
13 individuals.

14 (2) The authority is hereby granted, and shall have
15 and may exercise all powers necessary, appurtenant,
16 convenient, or incidental to the carrying out of the aforesaid
17 purposes, including, but not limited to, the following rights
18 and powers:

19 (a) To sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and
20 complain and defend in all courts.

21 (b) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.

22 (c) To acquire, purchase, hold, lease as a lessee, and
23 use any franchise, property, real, personal, or mixed,
24 tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, necessary or
25 desirable for carrying out the purposes of the authority, and
26 to sell, lease as lessor, transfer, and dispose of any
27 property or interest therein at any time acquired by it. Any
28 sale, lease, or transfer of any property or interest shall be
29 upon competitive bid.

30 (d) To fix, alter, charge, and establish rates, fares,
31 and other charges for the services and facilities of the

1 Pinellas Suncoast Transit System, which rates, fees, and
2 charges shall be equitable and just and sufficient to meet the
3 operating requirements of the system along with other revenue
4 that may be available.

5 (e) To regulate other operators of public transit in
6 the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Area as to franchises, permits,
7 fares, and other charges to establish rules and regulations
8 pertaining to these matters for distribution to the operators
9 and public transit facilities in said area.

10 (f) To make contracts of every name and nature and to
11 execute all instruments necessary or convenient for the
12 carrying on of its business.

13 (g) To enter into management contracts with any person
14 or persons for the management of a transit system owned or
15 controlled by the authority for such period or periods of
16 time, and under such compensation and other terms and
17 conditions as shall be deemed advisable by the authority.

18 (h) Without limitation, to borrow money and accept
19 gifts or grants or loans of money or other property and to
20 enter into contracts, leases, or other transactions with any
21 federal agency, the state, any agency of the state, the County
22 of Pinellas, or with any other public body of the state.

23 (i) To do all acts and things necessary or convenient
24 for the conduct of its business and the general welfare of the
25 authority in order to carry out the powers granted to it by
26 this part or any other law.

27 (j) To prescribe and promulgate rules and regulations
28 as it deems necessary for the purposes of this act.

29 Section 5. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Area.--

30 The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Area shall consist of the
31 municipalities of Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, Clearwater,

1 Dunedin, Indian Rocks Beach, Largo and Safety Harbor, St.
2 Petersburg, Tarpon Springs, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, Gulfport,
3 Seminole, South Pasadena, Indian Shores, Madeira Beach, North
4 Redington Beach, Redington Beach, and Redington Shores, along
5 with certain contiguous unincorporated areas, all located
6 within Pinellas County and more specifically defined as
7 follows:

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9 Beginning at a point where the line dividing
10 townships twenty-six and twenty-seven south if
11 projected in a westerly direction intersects
12 with the western boundary of the jurisdictional
13 waters of the State of Florida in the Gulf of
14 Mexico; thence east on said line to the
15 northeast corner of section one in township
16 twenty-seven south, range sixteen east; thence
17 south to the shore of old Tampa Bay; thence in
18 a southerly direction through the middle waters
19 of old Tampa Bay and Tampa Bay, to a point in
20 Tampa Bay due east of the north shore of Mullet
21 Key; thence due west to a point due north of a
22 point 100 yards due east from the easternmost
23 point of Mullet Key; thence in a line 100 yards
24 from the shoreline around the southern portion
25 of Mullet Key to a point 100 yards west of the
26 northernmost shore of Mullet Key; thence west
27 to a point where such line intersects the
28 western boundary of the jurisdictional waters
29 of the State of Florida in the Gulf of Mexico
30 and northward, including the waters of said
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1 gulf within the jurisdiction of the State of
2 Florida, to point of beginning.
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4 Less and except: The City of St. Petersburg
5 Beach, the Town of Belleair Shores, the City of
6 Treasure Island, and the Town of Kenneth City,
7 each as more particularly described as Parcels
8 I through IV below:
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10 Parcel I. City of St. Petersburg Beach:
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12 From a point of beginning at the intersection
13 of the center line of Blind Pass and a line
14 which is 40 feet south of the south boundary of
15 74th Avenue extended in St. Pete Beach; thence
16 run northerly along the center line of Blind
17 Pass to a point 870 feet north of [and]
18 measured at right angles from the center of
19 Blind Pass Bridge where it now crosses Blind
20 Pass on the present State Road No. 699; thence
21 run north 81 degrees, 31 minutes, and 3 second
22 east along a line parallel to Blind Pass Bridge
23 to the center line of the Government Channel in
24 Boca Ciega Bay; thence run southeasterly and
25 southerly along the center line of said
26 Government Channel in Boca Ciega Bay to where
27 said channel intersects what is known as
28 Pass-a-Grille Channel lying east of what is now
29 Vina Del Mar, formerly known as Mud Key; thence
30 run southerly along the center line of said
31 Pass-a-Grille Channel to a point 500 feet south

1 of the southernmost tip of Long Key as it now
2 exists; thence run due west into the Gulf of
3 Mexico 10 miles; thence run due north to a
4 point which lines south 60 degrees west from
5 the point of beginning; thence run north 60
6 degrees east to the point of beginning.
7 Together with the tracts of land described in
8 fee simple deed from Elsie S. Allen, widow, to
9 the Long Key Sewer District, a political
10 subdivision of the State of Florida, dated May
11 3, 1956, and filed May 4, 1956, in deed book
12 1594, page 526, as clerk's instrument No.
13 274302A, Pinellas County Records, and in fee
14 simple deed from Kenneth Eriksen and Jacquelyn
15 M. Eriksen, his wife to the Long Key Sewer
16 District, a political subdivision of the State
17 of Florida, dated December 13, 1955, and filed
18 October 16, 1956, in deed book 1625, page 261,
19 as clerk's instrument No. 311304A, Pinellas
20 County Records, said lands being the land on
21 which the sewer plan of the Long Key Sewer
22 District is to be located; and including any
23 and all submerged lands lying between the side
24 lines of said tracts extended in straight lines
25 in a westerly direction to the center line of
26 the Government Channel of Boca Ciega Bay. All
27 of the lands described above line in Pinellas
28 County, Florida, and said descriptions include
29 all of the keys known as Long Key, Boca Ciega
30 Isle (Coon Key), Vina Del Mar (Mud Key), the
31 Long Key Sewer District lands, and land

1 adjacent thereto in Boca Ciega Bay, together
2 with all lands adjacent thereto.
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4 Parcel II. Town of Belleair Shores:
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6 The Town of Belleair Shore is bound on the
7 south by the Town of Indian Rocks Beach; on the
8 East by the West Right-of-Way line of Gulf
9 Boulevard; on the north by the City of Belleair
10 Beach and on the West by the waters of the Gulf
11 of Mexico to the limit of the jurisdiction of
12 the State of Florida, and is more particularly
13 described as follows:
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15 Beginning at the SW corner of Section 31,
16 Township 29 South, Range 15 East, thence
17 Northerly along the Range line 4.11 ft., thence
18 N. 10°15'40" East, 205.47 ft., thence N.
19 11°52'02" East, 5219.96 ft. to a point on the
20 North boundary of Section 31, Township 29
21 South, Range 15 East, thence N. 89°03'13" West
22 along said North boundary 285 feet more or less
23 to the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, then
24 extending along the same line into the waters
25 of the Gulf of Mexico to the limit of the
26 jurisdiction of the State of Florida, thence
27 South 11°41'44" West along the jurisdictional
28 limit line of the State of Florida in the
29 waters of the Gulf of Mexico to the
30 intersection of the jurisdictional limit line
31 of the State of Florida in the waters of the

1 Gulf of Mexico, with the Township line between
2 Township 30 South, Range 14 East, and Township
3 29 South, Range 14 East, and including the
4 waters of the Gulf of Mexico within the
5 jurisdiction of the State of Florida, thence in
6 an easterly direction along said Township line
7 to the point of beginning, being otherwise
8 known and described as Lots 1 to 67 inclusive,
9 Belleair Beach Unit No. 1, which is an
10 unrecorded Plat; a map of said Plat, however
11 being contained in a Deed recorded in Deed Book
12 963, page 473, of the Public Records of
13 Pinellas County, Florida; and Lots 1 to 20
14 inclusive of Tinny's Subdivision; a Plat of
15 said subdivision being recorded in Plat Book 5,
16 page 2, of the Public Records of Pinellas
17 County, Florida; and the waters of the Gulf of
18 Mexico within the jurisdiction of the State of
19 Florida adjacent thereto.

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21 Parcel III. City of Treasure Island:

22
23 From the southeast corner of Section 15,
24 Township 31 South, Range 15 East, run north
25 along the east boundary of said Section 15,
26 1950 feet more or less to the centerline of
27 John's Pass Channel for a point of beginning;
28 then run north 46 degrees east to the
29 centerline of Government Channel in Boca Ciega
30 Bay; thence southerly along said centerline of
31 Government Channel to a point 870 feet

1 northerly of and measured at right angles to
2 the centerline of the bridge across Blind Pass
3 as established by the right-of-way of State
4 Road No. 699 (Gulf Boulevard); thence run
5 southwesterly parallel to said bridge
6 centerline to the center of Blind Pass Channel
7 to a point 40 feet south of the south boundary
8 of 74th Avenue, extended; thence south 60
9 degrees west, 10 miles along a line parallel to
10 said extension of 74th Avenue; thence north to
11 a point south 46 degrees west from the point of
12 beginning; thence north 46 degrees east to the
13 point of beginning.

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15 And

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17 Parcel IV. Town of Kenneth City:

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19 Beginning at the north 1/4 corner of Section 5,
20 Township 31 South, Range 16 East, said point
21 also being the south 1/4 corner of Section 32,
22 Township 30 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas
23 County, Florida; thence north 50 feet along the
24 north and south 1/4 line of said Section 32,
25 Township 30 South, Range 16 East, thence east
26 50.0 feet north and parallel to south line of
27 Section 32, Township 30 South, Range 16 East,
28 to the west line of Lot 1, Block 1, Plat of
29 Lealman Highlands Subdivision as recorded in
30 Plat Book 26, page 63; thence south along said
31 west line of Lot 1, 17.0 feet to a point 33.0

1 feet north of south line of Section 32,
2 Township 32 South, Range 16 East; thence east
3 parallel to and 33 feet north of south line of
4 Section 32, Township 30 South, Range 16 East,
5 along the south line of said Lealman Highlands
6 Subdivision, Lot 1, Block 1, Lot 1, Block 3
7 along south line of Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 and
8 Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Lealman Highlands
9 Subdivision No. 2, as recorded in Plat Book 26,
10 page 42, and along south line of Lealman
11 Highlands Subdivision No. 3, recorded in Plat
12 Book 26, page 68, to southeast corner of Lot 2,
13 Block 2 of said Lealman Highlands Subdivision
14 No. 3; thence north 17 feet to the southwest
15 corner of Lot 1, Block 1, Lealman Highlands
16 Subdivision No. 4, as recorded in Plat Book
17 26, page 92; thence east parallel to and 50
18 feet north along the south line of Lots 1 and
19 2, Block 1 and Lots 1 and 2, Block 3 of the
20 last mentioned subdivision, to the southeast
21 corner of Lot 2, Block 3 of said subdivision;
22 thence north along the east line of said
23 Lealman Highlands Subdivision No. 4, said line
24 also being the west line of west 1/2 of east
25 1/2 of southeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of
26 Section 32, Township 30 South, Range 16 East;
27 thence east along the north line of the west
28 1/2 of the east 1/2 of southeast 1/4 of
29 southeast 1/4 of Section 32 to east line of
30 said west 1/2 of east 1/2 of southeast 1/4 of
31 southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 30 South,

1 Range 16 East; thence south along east line of
2 aforementioned parcel to the north line of east
3 1/2 of southeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of
4 Section 32, Township 30 South, Range 16 East;
5 thence east along said north line to a point
6 110 feet west of east line of said Section 32;
7 thence south parallel to east line of said
8 Section 32, 115.0 feet; thence east parallel to
9 north line of east 1/2 of southeast 1/4 of
10 southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 30 South,
11 Range 16 East, 143 feet to a point 33.0 feet
12 east of the west line of Section 33, Township
13 30 South, Range 16 East; thence south parallel
14 to and 33 feet east of line to a point 163 feet
15 north of south line of Section 33; thence east
16 parallel to south line of Section 33, Township
17 30 South, Range 16 East 135 feet; thence south
18 parallel to line of Section 33, 130 feet to a
19 point 33 feet north of south line of Section
20 33, Township 30 South, Range 16 East; thence
21 east and parallel to south line of Section 33,
22 to the east line of southwest 1/4 of southwest
23 1/4 of southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 30
24 South, Range 16 East and the northwest 1/4 of
25 northwest 1/4 of northwest 1/4 of Section 4,
26 Township 31 South, Range 16 East to the North
27 line of southeast 1/4 of northwest 1/4 of
28 northwest 1/4; thence east along north line of
29 southeast 1/4 of northwest 1/4 of northwest 1/4
30 of Section 4, Township 31 South, Range 16 East
31 to the east line of west 1/2 of the northwest

1 1/4 of Section 4, Township 31 South, Range 16
2 East; thence south along the east line of west
3 1/2 of northwest 1/4 and the west 1/2 of
4 southwest 1/4 of Section 4, Township 31 South,
5 Range 16 East to the south line of the north
6 3/4 of west 1/2 southwest 1/4 of Section 4,
7 Township 31 South, Range 18 East; thence west
8 along said south line of north 3/4 of west 1/2
9 of southwest 1/4 to west line of Section 4,
10 Township 31 South, Range 16 East; thence
11 continue west to southerly extension of west
12 line of Lots 1 thru 7, inclusive Block 12,
13 Sunhaven Homes Unit 2, Plat Book 37, page 78
14 and 79; thence north along west line of Lots 7
15 thru 1 inclusive, Block 12 Sunhaven Homes Unit
16 2, and its extension to the south line of Joe's
17 Creek Right-of-Way; thence west along south
18 line of Joe's Creek Right-of-Way to west line
19 of southeast 1/4 of northeast 1/4 of southeast
20 1/4 of Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 16
21 East; thence north along west line of southeast
22 1/4 of northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4; thence
23 east along the north line of southeast 1/4 of
24 northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of Section 5,
25 Township 31 South, Range 16 East, to a point 50
26 feet west of east line Section 5, Township 31
27 South, Range 16 East, said point along in the
28 west line of 58th Street North; thence north
29 along said line and 50 feet west of east line
30 of Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 16 East
31 to the east and west 1/4 line of Section 5,

1 Township 31 South, Range 16 East; thence west
2 along said east and west 1/4 line of Section 5,
3 Township 31 South, Range 16 East to the east
4 line of north 1/2 of northwest 1/4 of southeast
5 1/4 of Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 16
6 East; thence south along east line of north 1/2
7 of northwest 1/4 of southeast 1/4, Section 5,
8 Township 31 South, Range 16 East to the
9 southeast corner of said north 1/2 of northwest
10 1/4 of southeast 1/4 thence west along south
11 line of north 1/2 of northwest 1/4 of southeast
12 1/4 to the east line of southwest 1/4 of
13 northwest 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of Section 5,
14 Township 31 South, Range 16 East; thence south
15 along east line of southwest 1/4 of northwest
16 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of Section 5, Township 31
17 South, Range 16 East to the north line of Joe's
18 Creek Right-of-Way; thence west along the north
19 line of Joe's Creek Right-of-Way to the north
20 and south line of Section 5, Township 31 South,
21 Range 16 East; thence south along said north
22 and south 1/4 line of Section 5, Township 31
23 South, Range 16 East, to south line of north
24 1/2 of southwest 1/4 of Section 5, Township 31
25 South, Range 16 East; thence west along south
26 line of north 1/2 of southwest 1/4 to the west
27 line of Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 16
28 East; thence north along the west line of said
29 Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 16 East to
30 a point 50 feet west of the extension of the
31 north line of Lot 5, Hazelcrest Subdivision as

1 recorded in Plat Book 26, page 119, public
2 records of Pinellas County, westerly to the
3 intersection with west line of Section 5,
4 Township 31 South, Range 16 East; thence east
5 along said extension and north line of Lot 5,
6 Hazelcrest Subdivision to the northeast corner
7 of said Lot 5; thence south along east line of
8 Lot 5 and its extension to a point 30 feet
9 north of the east and west 1/4 line of said
10 Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 16 East;
11 thence east on line 30 feet north and parallel
12 to said east and west 1/4 line, Section 5,
13 Township 31 South, Range 16 East, to the west
14 line of the south 3/4 of the east 1/2 of Farm
15 25, Pinellas Farms, as recorded in Plat Book 7,
16 page 4 and 5, public records of Hillsborough
17 County, Florida, of which Pinellas County was
18 formerly a part; thence north along the west
19 line of the south 3/4 of east 1/2 of Farm 25 to
20 the north line of said south 3/4 of east 1/2;
21 thence east along north line of south 3/4 of
22 east 1/2 of Farm 25 to east line of Farm 25;
23 thence south along east line of Farm 25 to a
24 point 30 feet north of the east and west 1/4
25 line of Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 16
26 East; thence east along a line 30 feet to north
27 and parallel the east and west 1/4 line to the
28 west line of the southeast 1/4 of the northwest
29 1/4; thence south along the west line of
30 southwest 1/4 of northwest 1/4 to east and west
31 1/4 line, Section 5, Township 31 South, Range

1 16 East; thence east along east and west 1/4
2 line to its intersection with the north and
3 south 1/4 line; thence north along the north
4 and south 1/4 line of Section 5, Township 31
5 South, Range 16 East, to the center line of
6 50th Avenue North, thence west along center
7 line of 50th Avenue North, 50 feet; thence
8 north 50 feet and parallel to north and south
9 1/4 line to a point 339.94 feet south of north
10 line of Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 16
11 East; thence east 17 feet to a point 33 feet
12 west of north and south 1/4 line; thence north
13 parallel to and 33 feet west of the north and
14 south 1/4 line of the north 1/4 corner of
15 Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 16 East;
16 thence east along north line of Section 5,
17 Township 31 South, Range 16 East, 33 feet to
18 the point of beginning.

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20 Together with: The north 281.66 feet of the
21 east 165 feet of west 1/2 of the east 1/2 of
22 the southeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of Section
23 32, Township 30 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas
24 County, Florida.

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26 Pursuant to Ordinance No. 232, together with:
27 Parcel of land in southwest 1/4 of southwest
28 1/4 of southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 30
29 South, Range 16 East, described as follows:
30 Commencing at the southwest corner of Section
31 33, Township 30 South, Range 16 East; thence

1 north 0°02'28" west along west line of Section
2 33, Township 30 South, Range 16 East, 332.50
3 feet; thence south 89°46'45" east parallel to
4 and 325.44 feet south of south line of
5 Whitewood Terrace, as recorded in Plat Book 47,
6 page 39, 200.0 feet to point of beginning;
7 thence continue south 89°46'45" east, 321.10
8 feet, thence south 1°47'47" east, 80.0; thence
9 south 0°15'52" east, 20.0 feet to a point 233.0
10 feet north of south line of Section 33,
11 Township 30 South, Range 16 East; thence north
12 89°30'37" west, 322.93 feet to a point 200.0
13 feet east of west line of Section 33, Township
14 30 South, Range 16 East; thence north 0°02'28"
15 west, 99.82 feet to point of beginning.

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17 The west 703 feet of the south 1/2 of the north
18 325.44 feet of the south 1/2 of the southwest
19 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 33,
20 Township 30 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas
21 County, Florida, less the east 120 feet
22 thereof.

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24 West 703 feet of north 1/2 of north 325.44 feet
25 of the south 1/2 of southwest 1/4 of southwest
26 1/4 of Section 33, Township 30 South, Range 16
27 East, Pinellas County, less and except road
28 right-of-way. There has been not taking or
29 dedication of record as yet for this portion of
30 property for street purposes.

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1 The above-described tract of land includes the
2 right-of-way at 58th Street North, which is the
3 east 120 feet of said described tract.

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5 Pursuant to Ordinance No. 241, together with:
6 Begin at the northeast corner of Sun Haven
7 Homes Unit Three, as recorded in Plat Book 39,
8 page 25, public records of Pinellas County,
9 Florida, said point also being the northeast
10 corner of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast
11 1/4 of Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 16
12 East, Pinellas County, Florida; thence south
13 0°24'59" west, along the center line of 58th
14 St. North, a distance of 50.00 feet; thence
15 south 89°55'19" west, along the south
16 right-of-way line of 46th Avenue North a
17 distance of 1318.92 feet to the center line of
18 60th St. North; thence north 0°24'27" east,
19 along said center line a distance of 50.00 feet
20 to the north line of the southeast 1/4 of said
21 Section 5 and with the center line of 46th Ave.
22 North, a distance of 1318.93 feet to the point
23 of beginning.

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25 Pursuant to Ordinance No. 257, together with:
26 The north 1/2 of the west 1/2 of Pinellas Farm
27 26 and the south 30 feet of the southwest 1/4
28 of Farm 29, all in the north 1/2 of Section 5,
29 Township 31 South, Range 16 East, according to
30 the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7,
31 page 4 and 5, public records of Hillsborough

1 County, Florida, of which Pinellas County,
2 Florida, was formerly a part.

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4 The east 1/2 of north 1/4 of Farm 25, of
5 Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, as
6 shown by plat of Pinellas Farms as recorded in
7 Plat Book 7, page 4 and 5, public records of
8 Hillsborough County, Florida, of which Pinellas
9 County was formerly a part.

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11 Pursuant to Ordinance No. 260, together with:
12 The north 115 feet of the east 110 feet of the
13 east 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of the southeast
14 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 32,
15 Township 30 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas
16 County, Florida.

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18 Pursuant to Ordinance No. 269, together with:
19 The east 55 feet of the south 263 feet of the
20 west 1/2 of the east 1/2 of the southeast 1/4
21 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 30
22 South, Range 16 East, of the public records of
23 Pinellas County, Florida, less road
24 right-of-way for 54th Avenue North.

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26 Pursuant to Ordinance No. 275, together with:
27 The east 120.00 feet of the west 708.00 feet of
28 the south 162.72 feet of the north 325.44 feet
29 of the south 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of the
30 southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 30 South,
31 Range 16 East, less the north 30 feet thereof,

1 being known as Lots 10 and 11, according to the
2 unrecorded map of Emfinger Acres, together with
3 an easement in perpetuity over and across the
4 north 30.00feet of the said west 703.00 feet of
5 the south 162.72 feet of the north 325.44 feet
6 of the south 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of the
7 southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 30 South,
8 Range 16 East, for ingress and egress, Pinellas
9 County, Florida;

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11 And together with a perpetual easement for
12 installation and maintenance of public
13 utilities across the south 5 feet of the west
14 583 feet of the south 162.72 feet of the north
15 325.44 feet of the south 1/2 of the southwest
16 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of said Section 33,
17 Pinellas County, Florida.

18 Section 6. Exemption from regulation.--The public
19 transit systems operating in and under the authority of this
20 law and for the purposes created thereunder, shall be exempt
21 from any of the regulatory provisions of chapter 350, Florida
22 Statutes.

23 Section 7. Exemption from taxation.--Notwithstanding
24 any other law to the contrary, the property, monies, and other
25 assets of the authority and all revenues or other income of
26 the authority, shall be exempt from all taxation, licenses,
27 fees, or other charges of any kind imposed by the state or by
28 the county or by any municipality, political subdivision,
29 taxing district, or other public agency or body of the state.

30 Section 8. Special district taxation.--The Pinellas
31 Suncoast Transit Authority shall be deemed a special district

1 and is authorized to levy an ad valorem tax on the taxable
2 real property in the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Area at a rate
3 sufficient to produce an amount that may be necessary for the
4 purposes of this act, but not to exceed three-quarters of a
5 mill; provided such millage limit is approved by a vote of the
6 qualified electors who are residents of the transit area.
7 Property taxes determined and levied under this section shall
8 be certified by the authority to the county property
9 appraiser, extended, assessed, and collected in like manner as
10 provided by law for regular property taxes for the county or
11 municipalities. The proceeds under this section shall be
12 remitted by the tax collector to the treasurer of the
13 authority who shall credit them to the funds of the authority
14 for use for the purposes of this act. At any time after
15 making a tax levy under this section and certifying the same
16 to the county, the authority may issue tax anticipation notes
17 of indebtedness in anticipation of the collection of such
18 taxes.

19 Section 9. Expansion of area.--Upon a resolution
20 adopted by the governing body of municipalities adjoining the
21 present transit area or by the board of county commissioners
22 for adjoining unincorporated areas, the authority may include
23 such areas in the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Area subject to
24 approval of qualified electors in the added area for tax
25 purposes as provided herein.

26 Section 10. Nothing contained in this act shall in any
27 way effect the appointment of the present members of the
28 governing body of the authority, the terms of said members, or
29 the number of consecutive terms that any of said members may
30 serve.

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1 Section 11. It is declared to be the legislative
2 intent that if any subsection, sentence, clause, or provision
3 of this act is held invalid, the remainder of the act shall
4 not be affected.

5 Section 12. This act shall supersede any general or
6 local law in conflict with the intent and purposes of this
7 act.

8 Section 13. Repeal of prior special acts.--Chapters
9 70-907, 82-368, 82-416, 90-449, 91-338, 94-433, 94-438, and
10 99-440, Laws of Florida, are repealed.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
12 law.

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