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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Infrastructure and Security (Rouson)  
recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (6) of section  
339.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read

339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.—

(6) POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The powers,  
privileges, and authority of an M.P.O. are those specified in  
this section or incorporated in an interlocal agreement



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11 authorized under s. 163.01. Each M.P.O. shall perform all acts  
12 required by federal or state laws or rules, now and subsequently  
13 applicable, which are necessary to qualify for federal aid. It  
14 is the intent of this section that each M.P.O. shall be involved  
15 in the planning and programming of transportation facilities,  
16 including, but not limited to, airports, intercity and high-  
17 speed rail lines, seaports, and intermodal facilities, to the  
18 extent permitted by state or federal law.

19 (i) ~~There is created the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit~~  
20 ~~Authority Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating~~  
21 ~~Committee is created within the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit~~  
22 ~~Authority~~, composed of the M.P.O.'s serving ~~Citrus~~, Hernando,  
23 Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota  
24 Counties. ~~The authority shall provide administrative support and~~  
25 ~~direction to the committee.~~ The committee must, at a minimum:

26 1. Coordinate transportation projects deemed to be  
27 regionally significant by the committee.

28 2. Review the impact of regionally significant land use  
29 decisions on the region.

30 3. Review all proposed regionally significant  
31 transportation projects in the respective transportation  
32 improvement programs which affect more than one of the M.P.O.'s  
33 represented on the committee.

34 4. Institute a conflict resolution process to address any  
35 conflict that may arise in the planning and programming of such  
36 regionally significant projects.

37 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and subsections  
38 (8) and (9) of section 343.92, Florida Statutes, are amended to  
39 read



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40 343.92 Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority.—

41 (2) The governing board of the authority shall consist of  
42 13 voting members appointed no later than 45 days after the  
43 creation of the authority.

44 (b) The 13 voting members of the board shall be as follows:

45 1. The county commissions of Hernando, Hillsborough,  
46 Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties shall each appoint one  
47 county commissioner to the board. Members appointed under this  
48 subparagraph shall serve 2-year terms with not more than three  
49 consecutive terms being served by any person. If a member under  
50 this subparagraph leaves elected office, a vacancy exists on the  
51 board to be filled as provided in this subparagraph within 90  
52 days.

53 2.a. Two members of the board shall be the mayor, or the  
54 mayor's designated alternate, of the largest municipality within  
55 the service area of each of the following independent transit  
56 agencies or their legislatively created successor agencies:  
57 Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and Hillsborough Area  
58 Regional Transit Authority. The largest municipality is that  
59 municipality with the largest population as determined by the  
60 most recent United States Decennial Census.

61 b. The mayor's designated alternate must be an elected  
62 member of the municipality's city council and approved as the  
63 mayor's designated alternate by the municipality's city council.  
64 In the event the mayor is unable to attend a meeting, the  
65 mayor's designated alternate shall attend the meeting on the  
66 mayor's behalf and has the full right to vote.

67 3. The following independent transit agencies or their  
68 legislatively created successor agencies shall each appoint from



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69 the membership of their governing bodies one member to the  
70 board: Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and Hillsborough Area  
71 Regional Transit Authority. Each member appointed under this  
72 subparagraph shall serve a 2-year term with not more than three  
73 consecutive terms being served by any person. If a member no  
74 longer meets the transit authority's criteria for appointment, a  
75 vacancy exists on the board, which must be filled as provided in  
76 this subparagraph within 90 days.

77 4. The Governor shall appoint to the board four members  
78 from the regional business community, each of whom must reside  
79 in one of the counties governed by the authority and may not be  
80 an elected official. Of the members initially appointed under  
81 this subparagraph, one shall serve a 1-year term, two shall  
82 serve 2-year terms, and one shall serve a term as the initial  
83 chair as provided in subsection (5). Thereafter, a member  
84 appointed under this subparagraph shall serve a 2-year term with  
85 not more than three consecutive terms being served by any  
86 person.

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88 Appointments may be staggered to avoid mass turnover at the end  
89 of any 2-year or 4-year period. A vacancy during a term shall be  
90 filled within 90 days in the same manner as the original  
91 appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

92 (8) A simple majority ~~Seven members~~ of the board shall  
93 constitute a quorum, and a simple majority of the voting members  
94 present shall be necessary for any action to be taken by the  
95 board ~~the vote of seven members is necessary for any action to~~  
96 ~~be taken by the authority.~~ The authority may meet upon the  
97 constitution of a quorum. A vacancy does not impair the right of



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98 a quorum of the board to exercise all rights and the ability to  
99 perform all duties of the authority.

100 ~~(9) Beginning July 1, 2017, the board must evaluate the~~  
101 ~~abolishment, continuance, modification, or establishment of the~~  
102 ~~following committees:~~

103 ~~(a) Planning committee.~~

104 ~~(b) Policy committee.~~

105 ~~(c) Finance committee.~~

106 ~~(d) Citizens advisory committee.~~

107 ~~(e) Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Metropolitan~~  
108 ~~Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee.~~

109 ~~(f) Transit management committee.~~

110 ~~(g) Technical advisory committee.~~

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112 ~~The board must submit its recommendations for abolishment,~~  
113 ~~continuance, modification, or establishment of the committees to~~  
114 ~~the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of~~  
115 ~~Representatives before the beginning of the 2018 Regular~~  
116 ~~Session.~~

117 Section 3. Paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of subsection (3)  
118 of section 343.922, Florida Statutes, are amended to read  
119 343.922 Powers and duties.—

120 (3)

121 ~~(c) The authority shall present the original regional~~  
122 ~~transit development plan and updates to the governing bodies of~~  
123 ~~the counties within the designated region, to the TBARTA~~  
124 ~~Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating~~  
125 ~~Committee, and to the legislative delegation members~~  
126 ~~representing those counties within 90 days after adoption.~~



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127       ~~(f) The authority shall coordinate plans and projects with~~  
128 ~~the TBARTA Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs~~  
129 ~~Coordinating Committee, to the extent practicable, and~~  
130 ~~participate in the regional M.P.O. planning process to ensure~~  
131 ~~regional comprehension of the authority's mission, goals, and~~  
132 ~~objectives.~~

133       ~~(g) The authority shall provide administrative support and~~  
134 ~~direction to the TBARTA Metropolitan Planning Organization~~  
135 ~~Chairs Coordinating Committee as provided in s. 339.175(6)(i).~~

136           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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138 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

139 And the title is amended as follows:

140           Delete everything before the enacting clause  
141 and insert:

142                           A bill to be entitled

143           An act relating to the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit  
144           Authority; amending s. 339.175, F.S.; modifying the  
145           composition of the Chairs Coordinating Committee;  
146           deleting a requirement that the Tampa Bay Area  
147           Regional Transit Authority provide the committee with  
148           administrative support and direction; amending s.  
149           343.92, F.S.; providing that a mayor's designated  
150           alternate may be a member of the governing board of  
151           the authority; requiring that the alternate be an  
152           elected member of the city council of the mayor's  
153           municipality and be approved by the municipality's  
154           city council; requiring a mayor's designated alternate  
155           to attend meetings under certain circumstances, in



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156 which case the alternates have full voting rights;  
157 providing that a simple majority of board members  
158 constitutes a quorum and that a simple majority of  
159 those members present is necessary for any action to  
160 be taken; deleting obsolete language; amending s.  
161 343.922, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring that the  
162 authority present the original regional transit  
163 development plan and updates to specified entities;  
164 deleting a provision requiring that the authority  
165 coordinate plans and projects with the TBARTA  
166 Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating  
167 Committee and participate in the regional M.P.O.  
168 planning process to ensure regional comprehension of  
169 the authority's mission, goals, and objectives;  
170 deleting a provision requiring that the authority  
171 provide administrative support and direction to the  
172 TBARTA Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs  
173 Coordinating Committee; providing an effective date.