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Senator Rouson moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

Between lines 748 and 749

insert:

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



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

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

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

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

Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and subsections (8) and (9) of section 343.92, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

343.92 Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority.—

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

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

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

2.a. Two members of the board shall be the mayor, or the mayor's designated alternate, of the largest municipality within



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41 the service area of each of the following independent transit  
42 agencies or their legislatively created successor agencies:  
43 Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and Hillsborough Area  
44 Regional Transit Authority. The largest municipality is that  
45 municipality with the largest population as determined by the  
46 most recent United States Decennial Census.

47 b. The mayor's designated alternate must be an elected  
48 member of the municipality's city council and approved as the  
49 mayor's designated alternate by the municipality's city council.  
50 In the event the mayor is unable to attend a meeting, the  
51 mayor's designated alternate shall attend the meeting on the  
52 mayor's behalf and has the full right to vote.

53 3. The following independent transit agencies or their  
54 legislatively created successor agencies shall each appoint from  
55 the membership of their governing bodies one member to the  
56 board: Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and Hillsborough Area  
57 Regional Transit Authority. Each member appointed under this  
58 subparagraph shall serve a 2-year term with not more than three  
59 consecutive terms being served by any person. If a member no  
60 longer meets the transit authority's criteria for appointment, a  
61 vacancy exists on the board, which must be filled as provided in  
62 this subparagraph within 90 days.

63 4. The Governor shall appoint to the board four members  
64 from the regional business community, each of whom must reside  
65 in one of the counties governed by the authority and may not be  
66 an elected official. Of the members initially appointed under  
67 this subparagraph, one shall serve a 1-year term, two shall  
68 serve 2-year terms, and one shall serve a term as the initial  
69 chair as provided in subsection (5). Thereafter, a member



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70 appointed under this subparagraph shall serve a 2-year term with  
71 not more than three consecutive terms being served by any  
72 person.

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

78 (8) A simple majority ~~Seven members~~ of the board shall  
79 constitute a quorum, and a simple majority of the voting members  
80 present shall be necessary for any action to be taken by the  
81 board ~~the vote of seven members is necessary for any action to~~  
82 ~~be taken by the authority.~~ The authority may meet upon the  
83 constitution of a quorum. A vacancy does not impair the right of  
84 a quorum of the board to exercise all rights and the ability to  
85 perform all duties of the authority.

86 (9) ~~Beginning July 1, 2017, the board must evaluate the~~  
87 ~~abolishment, continuance, modification, or establishment of the~~  
88 ~~following committees:~~

- 89 ~~(a) Planning committee.~~
- 90 ~~(b) Policy committee.~~
- 91 ~~(c) Finance committee.~~
- 92 ~~(d) Citizens advisory committee.~~
- 93 ~~(e) Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Metropolitan~~  
94 ~~Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee.~~
- 95 ~~(f) Transit management committee.~~
- 96 ~~(g) Technical advisory committee.~~

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98 ~~The board must submit its recommendations for abolishment,~~



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99 ~~continuance, modification, or establishment of the committees to~~  
100 ~~the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of~~  
101 ~~Representatives before the beginning of the 2018 Regular~~  
102 ~~Session.~~

103 Section 15. Paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of subsection (3)  
104 of section 343.922, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

105 343.922 Powers and duties.—

106 (3)

107 (e) The authority shall present the ~~original~~ regional  
108 transit development plan and updates to the governing bodies of  
109 the counties within the designated region, ~~to the TBARTA~~  
110 ~~Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating~~  
111 ~~Committee,~~ and to the legislative delegation members  
112 representing those counties within 90 days after adoption.

113 ~~(f) The authority shall coordinate plans and projects with~~  
114 ~~the TBARTA Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs~~  
115 ~~Coordinating Committee, to the extent practicable, and~~  
116 ~~participate in the regional M.P.O. planning process to ensure~~  
117 ~~regional comprehension of the authority's mission, goals, and~~  
118 ~~objectives.~~

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

123 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

124 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

125 Delete lines 728 - 729

126 and insert:

127 Section 13. Paragraphs (f) and (i) of subsection (6) of



128 section 339.175, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

131 And the title is amended as follows:

132 Delete line 76

133 and insert:

134 organization; renaming the Tampa Bay Area Regional  
135 Transit Authority Metropolitan Planning Organization  
136 Chairs Coordinating Committee as the Chairs  
137 Coordinating Committee; deleting a requirement that  
138 the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority provide  
139 the committee with administrative support and  
140 direction; amending s. 343.92, F.S.; providing that a  
141 mayor's designated alternate may be a member of the  
142 governing board of the authority; requiring that the  
143 alternate be an elected member of the city council of  
144 the mayor's municipality and be approved by the  
145 municipality's city council; requiring a mayor's  
146 designated alternate to attend meetings under certain  
147 circumstances, in which case the alternate has full  
148 voting rights; providing that a simple majority of  
149 board members constitutes a quorum and that a simple  
150 majority of those members present is necessary for any  
151 action to be taken; deleting obsolete language;  
152 amending s. 343.922, F.S.; revising a provision  
153 requiring the authority to present the regional  
154 transit development plan and updates to specified  
155 entities; deleting a provision requiring that the  
156 authority coordinate plans and projects with the



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157 TBARTA Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs  
158 Coordinating Committee and participate in the regional  
159 M.P.O. planning process to ensure regional  
160 comprehension of the authority's mission, goals, and  
161 objectives; deleting a provision requiring that the  
162 authority provide administrative support and direction  
163 to the TBARTA Metropolitan Planning Organization  
164 Chairs Coordinating Committee; repealing part III of  
165 ch. 343, F.S.,