



## ABBREVIATED PACKET IN LIEU OF A BOARD MEETING

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025**

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### AGENDA

#### MEMBERSHIP

##### City of Tampa Representatives

Michael English ~ President  
Brandon Campbell  
Brad Cooke  
Councilmember Guido Maniscalco  
David Mechanik

##### Hillsborough Transit Authority

Councilmember Gil Schisler ~ Vice President  
Melanie Williams ~ Secretary-Treasurer  
Gary Hartfield  
Adam Nebrich ~ *Alternate*

#### 1. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- 1.a. Regular Board of Directors Meeting ~ November 18, 2025  
[Meeting Minutes](#)

#### 2. MARKETING SERVICES REPORT

- 2.a. November 2025  
[Report](#)

#### 3. STREETCAR SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REPORT

- 3.a. November 2025  
[Report](#)

#### 4. COMPLIANCE REPORTS (REVIEW AND FILE)

- 4.a. City of Tampa Financial Statements Beyond the Month Ending September 30, 2025  
FY2025 year-end financial reports beyond the month of September 30, 2025 will be audited by the City of Tampa external auditors. They will be submitted to the THS Board of Directors for final approval in Spring 2026.



**Meeting Minutes**  
\*Pending Approval\*

**Attendance via Communications Media Technology (CMT)**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>HART - Staff Members</b>	<b>(13)</b>
Michael English, President		Brian Allan	
Brandon Campbell		Brenda Bailey	
Brad Cooke		Soubhy Bertan	
Councilmember Guido Maniscalco		David Botello	
David Mechanik		Richard Campbell	
Adam Nebrich		Scott Drainville	
Councilmember Gil Schisler		David Groomes	
Melanie Williams		Brian Horn	
		Danielle Jackson	
		Sean McCarthy	
		Lena Petit	
		Heather Sobush	
		Melonie Williams	
 <b>Board Member Absent</b>	 <b>(1)</b>	 <b>Others Present</b>	 <b>(3)</b>
Gary Hartfield		David Smolker, THS General Counsel	
		Pamela McCarter	
		Kalvin Southwell, City of Tampa	

The November 18, 2025, THS Board of Directors meeting was held in a virtual format with Board members participating via CMT.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Michael English called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and announced that this meeting will be held in a virtual format held in a form of a workshop. Staff took attendance.

**PUBLIC INPUT (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)**

There was no one pre-registered or present to provide public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Board of Directors Meeting ~ August 26, 2025**

Approval of the minutes was deferred until a quorum was physically present.



**Meeting Minutes**  
**\*Pending Approval\***

**ACTION ITEM**

**Resolution #R2025-11-09 ~ Approval of the Second Amendment to Tri-Party Agreement Between Hillsborough Transit Authority (HART), Tampa Historic Streetcar, Inc.(THS), and Friends of Ybor, Inc. (FOY), for Lease and Maintenance of the Birney Streetcar #163**

Mr. David Smolker, THS General Counsel, provided the background for the Agreement. He noted that one of the important aspects was the exhibition space, which was supposed to be finalized in February 2025, which prompted the first extension, and now the second extension, pending today's approval. Mr. Smolker stated that he reviewed the agreement and found it acceptable. He explained that the next steps would be to present the Agreement to FOY and HART for approval.

Director Schisler noted that the Agreement was only until February, but the earliest that the HART Board could approve would be January, meaning it would only be approved for a month.

Mr. Smolker responded that the Agreement could be brought back to FOY to determine if they would like a longer extension or if they would be close to presenting the final location at the expiration date of the Agreement.

Director Schisler inquired about the issue of finding a location for the Birney car.

President English explained that he met with Darryl Shaw, along with Mr. Smolker and Mr. Brian Allan, HART Director of Streetcar Operations, about the plan for the car in Mr. Shaw's development which was an unairconditioned shed deemed not appropriate as the requested space was an elevated, air-conditioned, hurricane proof space. He continued that the meeting ended with Mr. Shaw indicating that he would reach back out, but has yet to do so. President English agreed with Mr. Smolker's suggestion and stated that the action could be placed for the next meeting assuming a physical quorum is present.

Director Schisler asked about the current location of the car.

President English responded that the car was in the Streetcar Barn.

Director Schisler noted that the car was currently protected and inquired about leaving the Agreement open-ended for the developer to communicate back to the Board when ready.



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President English noted that there was an agreement for this exchange, the developer just did not meet the deadlines and stated that an extension is all that was needed. He continued that he felt that there was a good chance that the developer would be ready by February, but he or Mr. Smolker will check in to confirm. President English noted that the Birney car was a part of a much larger development and suggested that the Board continue the involvement in the project.

Director Schisler agreed with continuing the project and having Mr. Smolker reach out for a more definite timeline on the completion of the place for the car.

**MARKETING SERVICE REPORT**

Mr. David Botello, HART Internal Communications Manager, presented the Marketing Services Report for October 2025.

President English noted that the Winter Village Express, which was partially supported by the Streetcar, would be a big event this year.

**STREETCAR PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Mr. Allan presented the Streetcar Performance Report for October 2025.

**LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

There was no report.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

President English reported that he and Mr. Smolker were engaging with the Baldwin Group, the CSX insurance brokers, and had a meeting with City of Tampa staff later that week to discuss any assistance that the City could provide in communication with CSX as they have an existing relationship. He stated that he would provide a report at the next meeting unless there was a pressing matter to distribute to the Board.

**HART CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr. Scott Drainville, HART Chief Executive Officer, reported that Streetcar 430 was officially back after undergoing repair and HART was waiting for Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) approval to place it back in service; and that all proposed corrective action plans for the 2025 FDOT Triennial Audit had been completed.



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Director Schisler asked if there was an update on the payment for the indirect costs from the City of Tampa.

Mr. Drainville responded that the last meeting confirmed that the City would pay the indirect costs for all of 2025 and will be billed moving forward. He added that the Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) were still being explored to assist with the budget.

**COMPLIANCE REPORT (REVIEW AND FILE)**

City of Tampa financial statements for the month ending September 30, 2025, was included in the packet.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

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**Michael English, President**  
**THS Board of Directors**

ATTEST:

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**Melanie Williams, Secretary-Treasurer**  
**THS Board of Directors**

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**David Smolker**  
**THS Board General Counsel**

## THS Marketing Services Report

### THS Marketing Collateral and Graphic Support – November 2025

Streetcar Live Entertainment (X, Facebook, Instagram)

#### Winter Village Express Returns

The Winter Village Express has returned for the holidays and operates every Sunday through December 21, 2025. The holiday-themed streetcar ride is a one-hour, round-trip excursion featuring Bob and Gretchen, two wacky snowbirds who lost their way, a holiday sing-along, holiday trivia, milk & cookies, and added surprises along the way.

Tickets are \$10 – the Winter Village Express is once again sold out for the season.



#### Streetcar Live Returns

The Streetcar Live monthly concert series continued in November with a special Black Friday performance featuring Tampa Bay folk/Americana artists **Austin Miller and Amanda Esposito**.

The long-running program showcases local musical talent aboard the TECO Line Streetcar and is presented in partnership with the Gasparilla Music Festival. The series continues to draw strong community interest and supports our ongoing efforts to enhance the rider experience and engage the local arts community.



#### Streetcar Service to Downtown/Ybor Events

Staff promoted streetcar service in support of several downtown and Ybor City events:

- Lainey Wilson
- Bryan Adams
- Nate Bargatze
- Kaytranada x Justice
- Battle in the Bay: FSU vs Tamu
- Christian Nodal
- Playboi Carti
- Mayor’s Food Truck Fiesta
- Tampa Bay Lightning
- Rock the Park





## **Media Coverage**

**Creative Loafing** - [Folk duo Austin Miller & Amanda Esposito play Ybor City's streetcar this Friday - Creative Loafing Tampa](#)

**WTSP** - [Winter Village returns to Downtown Tampa this week. Here's what to know | wtsp.com](#) (Winter Village Express)

**Creative Loafing** - [Tampa Bay's best Christmas lights for holiday season 2025 - Winter Village Express](#)

**Hoodline** - [Festive Cheer Unfurls at Tampa Convention Center with Free Holiday](#) (Winter Village Express)

**The Invading Sea** - [Returning to streetcars would be more affordable, less polluting | The Invading Sea](#) (TECO Line Streetcar referenced)

**City of Tampa** - [Two Free Holiday Events Coming to the Tampa Convention Center Waterfront | City of Tampa](#)

**Tampa Bay 28 (ABC)** - [Winter Village is back at Tampa's Curtis Hixon Park for its 10th anniversary](#) (streetcar referenced)

**Visit Florida** - [Things to Do in Tampa Bay for the Holidays](#) (streetcar referenced)

**83 Degrees Media** - [Season's readings: Our Tampa Bay holiday guide – 83 Degrees Media](#) (Streetcar referenced)

Prepared by: Frank Wyszynski, Manager of Marketing and Communications



## **STREETCAR SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025**

### **MISSED TRIPS**

The TECO Line Streetcar System delivered 94.72 % of the contracted 4,188 trips for November, with 221 reported missed trips. The missed trips were caused by a shortage of vehicles (77 trips), mechanical issues (67 trips), a shortage of operators (63 trips), weather (11 trips), and the incident on November 14<sup>th</sup> (3 trips).

### **ON-TIME DEPARTURES**

In November, there were 21 reported late departures; On Time Performance (OTP) was 99.47%.

### **ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS**

There was one employee injury and one incident in November:

November 5 – Motorman Gary Sentino tripped at Track 6 Entry to the shop and injured his leg. He returned to work on 12/2/2025.

November 14 – At approximately 9:19 p.m., The Motorman operating Streetcar 431, traveling northbound, requested EMS at Station-4. He reported that as he pulled away from the station, he heard people yelling for him to stop. When he stopped and opened the door, he observed a woman on the ground. The Motorman checked on the patron and reported she was responsive but, on the ground, stated she heard something “pop” in her leg. A call was placed to 911, and Tampa Fire Rescue responded and transported the woman to Tampa General Hospital.

### **SPECIAL SERVICE**

The Streetcar System did not provide any additional service in November.

### **COMPONENT PERFORMANCE**

- Ridership for November

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
102,202	117,056	TBD

- Right of way and Interlocking Report – all track inspections/maintenance were completed as scheduled. The right-of-way and CSX Interlocking are inspected every morning by HART personnel.
- OCS Report – All inspections were completed as scheduled.
- ADA Bridge Mechanism – There were 150 ADA boardings with no reported problems.
- Substations – All monthly service was completed on the Substations.



**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**

- All maintenance on the streetcars is current.
- 29 service calls were performed in November.
- 2 streetcars required a tow and in November.

**SYSTEM CHANGES**

Two motorman positions and one mechanic position remain open.

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

Only scheduled maintenance was performed in November.

Service	Performed in November
A	22
B	2
C	0
E	1
AC PM	0

*Prepared by: Brian Allan, HART Director of Streetcar Operations*

*Reviewed by: Sean M. McCarthy, HART Chief Operations Officer*