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TBARTA Chair to Address Ybor City Chamber

Shelton Quarles speaks on Regional Transit Plan

(Tampa, FL August 8th, 2008) Shelton Quarles, Chair of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA), will be the guest speaker at the Ybor City Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon, Tuesday, August 12th. The monthly luncheon will begin at 11:45 AM at the historic Columbia Restaurant on 7th Avenue.

TBARTA was formed by the Legislature to develop a regional plan for a mass transit system in the Tampa Bay Area. Mr. Quarles and his team have been working hard over the last year to create consensus on an overarching strategy. In the last couple of weeks, Mayors on both sides of the Bay have weighed in on which segments should be built first. “We will be one of the last metro areas in the country to develop a modern transit system,” said Tom Keating, President of the Ybor City Chamber. “Ybor City is at the center of the Bay Area and is not only a walkable community, but one with both excellent bus service and light rail (streetcar).”

Ybor City is the Bay Area’s Historic Latin Quarter and the Ybor City Chamber of Commerce - its champion for 78 years. For reservations please contact Anna Ramos, Events Coordinator at 813.248.3712 x22. Lunch is \$20 for Chamber Members and \$22 for guests, if purchased in advance. Admission is \$24 at the door.

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