

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED**

Martin County Administration Building  
**Commission Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Monday, August 29, 2016 @ 1:30 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
1. CALL TO ORDER – 1:30 P.M.	
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
3. ROLL CALL	
4. APPROVE AGENDA	<b>APPROVE</b>
5. AGENDA ITEMS	
A. ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING	<b>HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>
B. LCB-TD MEMBER TRAINING	<b>INFORMATION</b>
6. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS	
7. ADJOURN	

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**LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b> August 29, 2016	<b>DUE DATE:</b> August 22, 2016	<b>UPWP#:</b> 5.9
<b>WORDING:</b> <b>ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING</b>		
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Bolivar Gomez/Ricardo Vazquez	<b>DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:</b> None

**BACKGROUND**

Annually, a Public Hearing is held to allow all interested citizens the opportunity to provide input on transportation disadvantaged transit services to the disabled, elderly, children at risk, low income and any other citizens of Martin County.

The Local Coordinating Board members are the voice of the transportation disadvantaged in Martin County. The Board exists to identify local transportation service needs, and to give information, advice, and direction to the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC), Medical Transportation Management, Inc. who coordinates transportation disadvantaged services in Martin County, and to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged in Tallahassee. Comments from this Public Hearing will be forwarded to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

**ISSUES**

Chapter 427, F.S. requires that a Public Hearing be conducted annually.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This Public Hearing is required in order to continue to receive funding from the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

**APPROVAL**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- a. Notice of Public Hearing
- b. Comment Card

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**MARTIN COUNTY**

# Students lose appeal over prom

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**MARTIN COUNTY**—A federal appeals court sided with the Martin County School District on Thursday against a group of former Jensen Beach High School students who believed their constitutional rights were infringed when authorities held them out of their prom to administer Breathyler tests.

The court did, however, agree the 38 students who took and passed the tests in May 2014 should not have been detained as a group while each individual was tested.

Twelve plaintiffs originally filed a lawsuit in the Southern District Court of Florida alleging the students' First-, Fourth- and 14th-Amendment rights were violated by the School District and Martin County Sheriff William Snyder, according to court documents.

They lost the case in March 2015, and nine students appealed to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, which ruled in favor of the defendants on Thursday.

Court documents show those nine students were among 37 to 40 students who arrived to prom at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center on a party bus at 10:15 p.m. — 15 minutes after the cut-off time for student admission. They were promptly told by school officials the bus would be searched after it was authorized by the bus driver.

Authorities found an empty Champagne bottle and 12 plastic cups, which the students claimed were in the bus before they boarded, according to court documents. School officials then told the students they were not permitted to enter the prom until passing a Breathyler test.

Because of a shortage of Breathyler mouthpieces, school officials didn't finish testing students until five minutes before prom ended.

The appellants argued the bus should not have been searched, they should not have been detained and students who were heard cursing during the ordeal should not have been punished by school officials.

The court disagreed, citing school rules and a zero-tolerance policy for alcohol and cursing at the prom, which students signed. Regarding the bus search, the court upheld that search and seizure rights are different for schools, and a warrant or probable cause is unnecessary in these instances.

The court agreed, however, that when a student is exonerated by a test with an immediate result, the student can no longer be detained after passing.

Superintendent Laurie Gaylord said the district is pleased with the outcome.

"The safety of our students is and continues to be of paramount importance on our school campuses and at school-sponsored events," she said.

## Space Watch

### LAUNCHES

**Aug. 4:** A United Launch Alliance Delta 4 rocket will launch the AFSPC 6 mission for the Air Force carrying the third and fourth satellites for the Geosynchronous Space Situational Awareness Program, or GSSAP. The rocket will fly in the Medium+ (4,2) configuration with two solid rocket boosters. Launch window: TBD  
**Sept. 8:** A United Launch Alliance Atlas 5 rocket, designed AV-067, will launch NASA's OSIRIS-REX asteroid sample return mission. The Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security, Regolith Explorer (OSIRIS-REX) will reach asteroid Bennu in 2018 to collect surface samples for return to Earth in 2023. Launch window: 7:05 to 9:05 p.m.

## Felony Arrests

- Christian Wright, 25, 800 block of Northwest 10th Terrace, Stuart; warrant for failure to appear, arraignment, possession of buprenorphine, possession of methadone.
- Richard Lockley, 33, 4600 block of Southeast DeSoto Avenue, Stuart; warrant for failure to appear, arraignment, possession of cocaine.
- Markel Barriner, 22, 100 block of Bedford Drive, Fort Pierce; sexual battery.
- Christian Lopez, 19, 2800 block of Southeast Gatehouse Circle, Stuart; larceny/grand theft. Arrested in St. Lucie County.

## For the Record

On **Page 4D, July 28**, under the headline, "Buffet best way to sample all Wakim's Gourmet Foods has to offer," the restaurant hours should have been 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. for hot bar and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. for the cold bar and restaurant daily.

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Notice is hereby given of the following hearing and meetings scheduled to be held at the stated dates, times and places shown, by the Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO is located on the 2nd floor of the Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL. The hearing/meetings listed below are those scheduled for August, 2016. The Martin MPO is responsible for planning and programming of Federal, State and local transportation planning, services and project funds. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Written comments may be sent to the Martin MPO, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart FL 34996. Comments may also be submitted through the MPO's website at [www.martinmpo.com](http://www.martinmpo.com). Meeting calendars, agendas and other MPO plans and documents may be obtained from the MPO's website [www.martinmpo.com](http://www.martinmpo.com). Items not included on the agenda may also be heard in consideration of the best interests of the public's health, safety, welfare, and as necessary to protect every person's right of access.

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### August Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization meetings:

- TREASURE COAST TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL**  
Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM  
Location: Transportation Planning Office, Coco Vista Centre, 466 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd., Suite 111, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953  
Topic: Consideration of Regional Long Range Transportation Plan and other transportation planning issues and needs
- MPO POLICY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING**  
Date: Monday, August 15, 2016, at 9:00 AM  
Location: Administrative Center, Martin County Commission Chambers, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL  
Topic: Consideration of the U. S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform and other transportation planning issues and needs.
- BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)-SPECIAL MEETING**  
Date: Monday, August 15, 2016 at 4:00 PM  
Location: Martin County Administrative Building, Growth Management Conference Room, 1st Floor, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL  
Topic: Consideration of Bicycle/Pedestrian/Greenways Master Plan
- PUBLIC HEARING-TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED**  
Date: Monday, August 29, 2016 at 1:30 PM  
Location: Martin County Administrative Building, Commission Chambers, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL  
Topic: Consideration of the transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged.
- MEETING-LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD-TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (LCB-TD)**  
Date: Monday, August 29, 2016 at 2:30 PM  
Location: Martin County Administrative Building, 4th Floor Workshop Conference Room, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL  
Topic: Consideration of the transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged.

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## Transportation Disadvantaged Public Hearing August 29, 2016

*Are you a user of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) system?*

*What is important to you regarding the TD system or Transportation in general?*

Yes

No

*If so, when was your last trip?*

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<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Bolivar Gomez	<b>DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:</b> N/A

**BACKGROUND**

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged recommends that the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) provide program training for Local Coordinating Board members.

**ISSUES**

None.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

a. None

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**APPROVAL**

MPO

**ATTACHMENTS**

None