

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

Martin County Board of County Commission Chambers
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**Monday, December 6, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.
MINUTES**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – The Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB-TD) meeting of December 6, 2021 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commissioner Merritt Matheson, Chair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Merritt Matheson, Chair, Elected Official
Phyl Weaver, Vice Chair, Representative for Persons over 60
Michael Northcutt, Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs
Angel Young for Danielle Jones, Florida Division of Vocational Rehab
Mary Jo Pirone, Citizen's Advocate/Rider Rep
Dalia Dillon, Department of Elder Affairs
Michelle Miller, Representative for the Economically Disadvantaged (FACA)
Mary Edwards for Milory Senate, Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Kim Thorne, Representing Public Education Community
Robert "Bob" McPartlan, Department of Children & Family Services

Excused Members:

Monique Coleman, Representative for Children At-Risk
Gayle McArdle, Representative for Persons with Disabilities

Members Not In Attendance:

Marie Dorismond, Florida Department of Transportation
Christian Gavilanez, CareerSource Research Coast

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator
Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner
Joy Puerta, Planner
Lucine Martens, Planner
Cherie White, Administrative Specialist III

Others in Attendance:

George Dzama, Martin County Public Works Deputy Director
Chris Stephenson, Senior Resource Association
Robert Driscoll, St. Lucie Council on Aging

A quorum was present for the meeting.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Phyl Weaver to approve the Agenda as presented. A second was provided by Mary Jo Pirone. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

- Public Workshop Meeting Minutes – August 30, 2021
- Regular Meeting Minutes – August 30, 2021

A motion was made by Phyl Weaver to approve the Public Workshop Minutes of August 30, 2021. A second was provided by Dalia Dillon. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mary Jo Pirone to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2021. A second was provided by Phyl Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC- None

Beth Beltran introduced a new member Robert "Bob" McPartlan, Department of Children & Family Services. Also introduced was the new MPO Planner Lucine Martens.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORTS

Mr. Stephenson presented the quarterly performance report of July 1, 2021-October 30, 2021. Kim Thorne inquired about the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council Grant that funds the Advantage Ride program. She explained that the program could be very beneficial to those disadvantaged students who she works with. She explained that she has students who currently ride Community Coach as part of the Project Search program. This is a program for students who are taught employment and independent living skills. Mr. Stephenson also stated that the Saturday Indiantown Shuttle is running all due to the support of the FDOT 5310-grant with a match from the Village of Indiantown. The shuttle runs at no cost to the County. Commissioner Matheson inquired about the low ridership numbers of passengers in September 2021 and asked how the limited trips information was disseminated to regular riders. Mr. Stephenson attributed the low numbers to the Delta COVID variant. The information of reduced number of trips was disseminated in a notice to the clients, as well as announced to them when someone would call to book a trip. Staff recommends approval.

A motion was made by Kim Thorne to approve the Quarterly Performance Report. A second was provided by Dalia Dillon. The motion passed unanimously.

B. ANNUAL OPERATING REPORT (AOR)

Ricardo Vazquez introduced the item and explained that the report is prepared by the Community Transportation Coordinator. The Annual Operating Report is of the entire Transportation Disadvantaged system. Staff recommends approval of the report.

A motion was made by Kim Thorne to approve the Annual Operating Report. A second was provided by Mary Jo Pirone. The motion passed unanimously.

C. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) COORDINATION CONTRACTS

Ricardo Vazquez introduced the item and explained that these contracts are between the CTC and their coordinating contractors, which are approved annually. He introduced Chris Stephenson of Senior Resource Association who explained in detail the five non-profit coordination agreements. Lucine Martens, MPO Planner, inquired if the 5310 grant funds provided to the non-profits for vehicle purchases is also available to use for purchase of alternative fuel vehicles?

Chris Stephenson explained that there is a website for those vendors to use that the State has vetted for vehicle purchases and does include alternative fuel vehicle choices.

A motion was made by Phyl Weaver to approve the CTC Coordination Contracts. A second was provided by Dalia Dillon. The motion passed unanimously.

D. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) EVALUATION

Ricardo Vazquez introduced the item and stated that next year (2022) a CTC evaluation will be done. The final report will come back to the LCB in June for any recommendations or actions that should be looked at. He welcomed volunteerism from any of the Committee Members to participate in the calling of riders to ask them questions as well as doing a ride along.

7. NOTES

- Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant Progress Report
- 2021 Outstanding Coordinating Board of the Year Award

Ricardo Vazquez presented the Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant Progress Report for informational purposes. He welcomed Commissioner Matheson to introduce the 2021 Outstanding Coordinating Board of the Year Award. He stated that he was presented with the award at the past CTD Annual Conference and thanked the hard work and dedication of the Martin MPO staff.

8. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Matheson stated that some of the top priorities are to improve funding so we can remove the necessity of the ride limitations.

Ricardo announced that the CTD will be requesting an additional \$4 million dollars for the Trip & Equipment Grant and an additional \$6 million dollars to implement another Service Development Grant from the Florida Legislature.

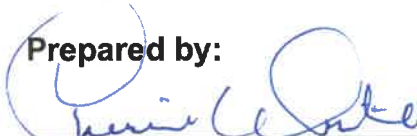
9. COMMENTS FROM FDOT - None

10. NEXT MEETING –

- March 7, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. (Administration Bldg., Commission Chambers)

11. ADJOURN 10:46 A.M.

Prepared by:


Cherie White, Administrative Assistant

3/7/22
Date

Approved by:


Merritt Matheson, Chair

3/7/22
Date

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