

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

Martin County Board of County Commission Chambers  
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**Monday, August 30, 2021 at 1:30 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – The Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB-TD) Public Workshop of August 30, 2021 was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Commissioner Merritt Matheson, Chair.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Merritt Matheson led the pledge of allegiance followed by the Committee.

**3. 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  
Dalia Dillon, Department of Elder Affairs  
Michelle Miller, Representative for the Economically Disadvantaged (FACA)  
Marie Dorismond, Florida Department of Transportation  
Monique Coleman, Representative for Children At-Risk

**Excused Members:**

Mary Jo Pirone, Citizen's Advocate/Rider Rep  
Danielle Jones, Florida Division of Vocational Rehab  
Gayle McArdle, Representative for Persons with Disabilities  
Milory Senate, Agency for Persons with Disabilities

**Members Not In Attendance:**

Christian Gavilanez, CareerSource Research Coast  
Kim Thorne, Representing Public Education Community

**Staff in Attendance:**

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

**Others in Attendance:**

George Dzama, Martin County Public Works Deputy Director  
John Irvine, Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged  
Chris Stephenson, Senior Resource Association

**A quorum was present for the meeting.**

**4. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Phyl Weaver to approve the Agenda as presented. A second was provided by Dalia Dillon. The motion passed unanimously.**

**5. AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner opened the floor for public comments.

No public comments.

Chris Stephenson announced that the notice of the meeting was posted on all vehicles and the web site. Also, a link was provided to allow electronic comments to Ricardo Vazquez, none were received.

Chair Matheson announced that the number of complaints received overall was .24%, which equals 24 complaints out of 10,000 riders.

**B. LCB-TD MEMBER TRAINING**

Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner announced the item, and conducted member training as it relates to the roles and responsibilities of the Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged. The training included sunshine law, code of ethics, and public records law.

Chris Stephenson came forward and gave a brief overview of the program. He said that the drivers are given specific training as it relates to transportation disadvantage riders.

**6. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Chair Matheson inquired as to how much funding was spent last year from the Trip and Equipment Grant. Mr. Stephenson stated that 100 percent of the Trip and Equipment and Innovation and Service Development (ISD) grant funds were used. He thanked the Martin County Board of County Commissioners for their 10 percent local match. He did express concern that the ISD grant funding would be eliminated beginning in July which means

that they will not be able to provide as many trips this fiscal year as they did last fiscal year.

Chair Matheson expressed concern over limiting the number of rides due to the grant funding shortfall. Mr. Stephenson stated that it's a State problem not just Martin County.

Monique Coleman publicly thanked Mr. Stephenson for his leadership and coordination efforts in working with Tykes and Teens on their needs and last-minute request. Mr. Stephenson stated that they don't want transportation to be a barrier for anyone. He explained there are so many human services organizations that do really good work, but no one has a way to get to them.

Chair Matheson announced Board Member Monique Coleman was present and arrived after roll call.

**7. ADJOURN 1:50 P.M.**

**Prepared by:**

  
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Cherie White, Administrative Specialist III

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**Approved by:**

  
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Merritt Matheson, Chair

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