

COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

Commission Business Meeting



Agenda
September 9, 2016
9:00 AM until Completion
Chateau Elan Hotel
150 Midway Drive, Sebring, FL
Dial-In Number: 888-670-3525
Conference Code: 7993168355

Marion Hart, Chairman
Mike Willingham, Vice-Chairman
David Darm, Commissioner
Becki Forsell, Commissioner
Dane Grey, Commissioner
Dr. Phillip Stevens, Commissioner
Dr. Robin Tellez, Commissioner

| Item # | Agenda Item | Speaker(s) |
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| I | Call to Order | Chairman Hart |
| II | Introduction of Commissioners and Advisors | Commissioners and Advisors |
| III | Commissioner and Advisor Reports | Commissioners and Advisors |
| IV | Public Comments (Comments limited to the current agenda items) | Public |
| V | Welcome | Commissioner Bryant Culpepper Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners |
| VI | Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee Community Transportation Presentation | Ed Griffin MV Contract Transportation |
| VII | Sebring Airport Presentation | Commissioner Willingham |
| | Action Items | |
| VIII | Approval of Minutes • June 10, 2016 | Chairman Hart |

IX Community Transportation Coordinator Designation:

- Franklin County Kwentin Eastberg, Apalachee Regional Planning Council
- Manatee County Jim Van Pelt, Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization

X 2016 Shirley Conroy Rural Capital Equipment Grant Recommendations Steve Holmes, Executive Director

XI 2017 Commission Business Meeting Schedule Steve Holmes, Executive Director

XII 2016-2017 Commission Annual Regulatory Plan Tom Barnhart, General Counsel

Informational Items

XIII Mobility Enhancement Grant Presentations

- Pinellas County Ross Silvers, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)
- Alachua County Ed Griffin. MV Contract Transportation
- Bradford County Matt Pearson, Suwannee River Economic Council
- Hernando County Jan Malik, Mid-Florida Community Services, Inc.
- Manatee County Ryan Suarez, Manatee County Board of County Commissioners

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| XIV | Executive Director Report | Steve Holmes, Executive Director |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Budget Request • Quality Assurance Review Schedule • Annual TD Conference | |
| XV | Public Comments | Public |
| XVI | Commissioner and Advisor Comments | Commissioners and Advisors |
| XVII | Adjournment | Chairman Hart |

Next Meeting: December 15, 2016, Jacksonville, FL

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State of Florida
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
Commission Business Meeting

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2016

AGENDA ITEM:

VIII Approval of Minutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The last Commission business meeting was held on June 10, 2016 in Sebring.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Minutes of the June 10, 2016 Commission Meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

Recommend Commission approval of the June 10, 2016 minutes.



Steve Holmes

Executive Director

Date: September 9, 2016

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:

MEETING SUMMARY

Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged **Commission Business Meeting**

Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
2740 Centerview Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

June 10, 2016
9:00 am

| <i>Commissioners Present</i> | <i>Commissioners Absent</i> |
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| Chairman Marion Hart | Commissioner Dane Grey |
| Vice-Chairman Mike Willingham via telephone | |
| Commissioner David Darm via telephone | |
| Commissioner Dr. Robin Tellez | |
| Commissioner Dr. Phillip Stevens | |
| Commissioner Becki Forsell | |

| <i>Advisors Present</i> | <i>Advisors Absent</i> |
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| Kent Carroll, APD, via telephone | Erica Floyd-Thomas, AHCA |
| James Finch, DEO, via telephone | Dennis Latta, DVA |
| Stephen Slotter, DOEA, via telephone | Ed Coven, DOT |
| Diane Harris, DCF, via telephone | |

Others Present

Steve Holmes, Karen Somerset, Sheri Powers, John Irvine, Bill Hearndon, Emily Enfinger, Elmer Melendez, Dan Zeruto, Cecile Del Moral, Denise Bunnewith via telephone, and Tom Barnhart via telephone.

Call to Order

Chairman Hart called the meeting to order.

Steve Holmes called the roll. A quorum was present.

Welcome from the Chair

Chairman Hart welcomed everyone who was able to join the meeting.

Introduction of Commissioners and Advisors

Commissioners and Advisors introduced themselves.

Commissioner/Advisor Reports

There were none.

Public Comments

There were none.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Hart asked if there was a motion to approve the April 8, 2016, minutes.

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Stevens moved and Vice-Chairman Willingham seconded to approve the April 8, 2016, minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Designation

Duval County – Denise Bunnewith with the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) said that the North Florida TPO met on March 3, 2016, and voted to recommend Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) be re-appointed as the CTC for Duval County for the period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2021.

Chairman Hart asked if there was a motion to approve the recommendation from the North Florida TPO to re-appoint JTA as the CTC for Duval County for the period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2021.

ACTION TAKEN: Vice-Chairman Willingham moved and Commissioner Darm seconded to approve the recommendation from the North Florida TPO to re-appoint JTA as the CTC for Duval County for the period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

2016 Mobility Enhancement Grant Recommendations

Steve Holmes said that the Legislature authorized the Commission to competitively award \$1,750,000 of non-recurring funds to Community Transportation Coordinators to support projects that:

1. enhance the access of older adults, persons with disabilities, and low income individuals to healthcare, shopping, education, employment, etc.;
2. assist in the development, improvement, and use of transportation systems in non-urbanized areas;
3. promote the efficient coordination of services;
4. support inter-city bus transportation; or
5. encourage private transportation provider participation.

Grant Application packages were emailed to eligible applicants on April 12, 2016, with a deadline of May 16, 2016. The Mobility Enhancement Grant Subcommittee met on June 1, 2016. In attendance were Commissioner Marion Hart; Agency Advisors Kayla Costello (DOT), James Finch (DEO) (via conference call), and Stephen Slotter (DOEA);

and Sheri Powers, Bill Hearndon, Cecile Del Moral, John Irvine, Karen Somerset, and Steve Holmes from Commission staff. Twenty applications were submitted totaling \$2.1 million in grant funds. The committee reviewed all 20 proposed project requests and recommended the awards. Mr. Holmes reviewed the 5 projects that the committee recommended.

Chairman Hart asked if there was motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Mobility Enhancement Grant Sub-Committee recommendations.

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Darm moved and Vice-Chairman Willingham seconded to approve the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Mobility Enhancement Grant Sub-Committee recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

There were none.

Commissioner/Advisor Comments

Commissioner Tellez said she was excited about the Pinellas project. Steve Holmes said that the committee recommended the re-release of the Mobility Enhancement Grant for a second round with funding beginning on January 1, 2017. The Mobility Enhancement Grant will be re-released on Monday, June 13, 2016, with applications due on October 11, 2016. The grant review committee will meet and review the applications during the week of October 28, 2016. Recommendations for the second round of the Mobility Enhancement Grant will be presented to the Commission at a special Commission business meeting in November.

Adjournment

Chairman Hart asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Tellez moved and Commissioner Becki seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes compiled by Emily Enfinger.

Note: This meeting has been summarized to reduce paperwork in accordance with policies of State government. If an accessible format or more information than is provided herein is needed, please contact the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged at (850) 410-5700 or (800) 983-2435 for assistance. A copying or printing fee may be charged to the requesting party.

State of Florida
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
Commission Business Meeting

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2016

AGENDA ITEM:

IX Community Transportation Coordinator Designation – Franklin County

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, tasks the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) with recommending to the Commission a single Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for a designated service area. The Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) is the DOPA for Franklin County.

Since December 1, 2015 Gulf County Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (ARC) / Gulf County Transportation has served as the CTC under an emergency procurement ending on November 30, 2016.

On June 30, 2016, the ARPC began its procurement process for the designation of a CTC for the Franklin County service area through the legal advertisement for Request for Qualifications from Interested Parties (RFQ) with a closing date of July 14, 2016.

There were two responses, Gulf County ARC and Transitions Commute Solutions. Upon the review completed by ARPC staff of the information provided only one of the two applicants was determined eligible.

At the July 21, 2016 ARPC Board of Director's Meeting, the board approved the recommendation that Gulf County ARC / Gulf County Transportation be designated as the CTC for the Franklin County service area. This designation shall be effective December 1, 2016 through June 30, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Recommendation letter from ARPC
- Resolution 2016-5

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

Approve the Apalachee Regional Planning Council's recommendation to designate Gulf County Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (ARC) / Gulf County Transportation as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Franklin County for the period of December 1, 2016 through June 30, 2022.



Steve Holmes
Executive Director

Date: September 9, 2016

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:



Apalachee Regional Planning Council
Serving Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty,
Leon and Wakulla Counties and their municipalities

July 21, 2016

Steve Holmes
Executive Director
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
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Franklin County Community Transportation Coordinator Recommendation

Dear Mr. Holmes:

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) adopted the enclosed resolution recommending that Gulf County Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) & Transportation, continue serving as the Franklin County Community Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinator and be designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) effective December 1, 2016, for a five year and seven month appointment. Minutes of the Council's meeting will be forwarded to you as soon as they are prepared. Gulf County ARC & Transportation, is currently the (emergency) designated CTC for Franklin County and will conclude their emergency designation on November 30, 2016.

The Council issued a Request for Interest and Qualifications (RFQ) on June 30, 2016, through legal ads in the Florida Administrative Register and the local paper. Notification was also posted on the ARPC website and distributed by the CTD. Letters of Interest and Qualifications were due July 14, 2016. The Council received two responses, Gulf County ARC & Transportation, and Transitions Commute Solutions, LLC. After a review by the ARPC staff, it was determined that Transitions Commute Solutions did not respond to the RFQ as requested thereby causing them to be ineligible for further consideration. The Staff review of the Gulf County ARC & Transportation RFQ determined that the applicant had the experience, qualifications, integrity and reliability to continue performing as the CTC. Staff determined that the proposal complied with the requirements of Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code. The staff recommendation to the Council was that Gulf County ARC & Transportation continue as the Franklin County Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC). The Council adopted the committee's recommendation by resolution.

The Council respectfully requests that this item be placed on the September 9, 2016 CTD meeting agenda for designation of the Franklin County CTC.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Kwentin Eastberg, TD Program Coordinator.

Sincerely,

Chris Rietow
Executive Director

cc: Franklin County Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

Attachments: Adopted Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016 – 5

**A RESOLUTION OF THE APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
RECOMMENDING A COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR
FRANKLIN COUNTY TO THE
FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED**

WHEREAS, the Apalachee Regional Planning Council is the designated official planning agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged program in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, as part of their statutory duty must recommend to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged a Community Transportation Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Apalachee Regional Planning Council has considered the need to supply services under this program that best meet the demand in a cost-effective and cost-efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the existing Memorandum of Agreement between the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and the current Community Transportation Coordinator expires on November 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County ARC and Transportation has proven itself to be a highly effective Community Transportation Coordinator during the year of its Emergency Designation in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County ARC and Transportation is knowledgeable of the available resources, demands, and needs of the transportation disadvantaged; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Apalachee Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged that Gulf County ARC and Transportation be retained as the Community Transportation Coordinator in Franklin County for a five year and seven month period beginning December 1, 2016 through June 30, 2022.

***Duly adopted by the Apalachee Regional Planning Council Board of Directors
on this 21st day of July, 2016.***

SIGNED:

ATTEST:


Randy Merritt, Chairman


Chris Rietow, Executive Director

State of Florida
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
Commission Business Meeting

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2016

AGENDA ITEM:

IX Community Transportation Coordinator Designation – Manatee County

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, tasks the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) with recommending to the Commission a single Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for a designated service area. The Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization is the DOPA for the Manatee County service area. The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)/Manatee County Area Transit is currently the CTC for Manatee County providing non-sponsored transportation services to its citizens. The current CTC designation is scheduled to expire September 30, 2016.

Pursuant to Chapter 287, Florida Statutes, services or commodities provided by governmental entities are not subject to competitive solicitation. Manatee County BOCC's Resolution #R-16-044 expresses the county's interest in being the CTC and requests that the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization recommend to the Commission that Manatee County BOCC/Manatee County Area Transit be designated as the CTC.

On April 25, 2016, the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization adopted its Resolution #2016-02 recommending Manatee County BOCC be designated as the CTC for Manatee County effective October 1, 2016.

At its May 11, 2016, meeting, the Manatee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board also voted to recommend Manatee County BOCC/Manatee County Area Transit be designated as the CTC.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Recommendation letter from Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization's Resolution No. 2016-02
- Manatee County Board of County Commissioners' Resolution No. R-16-044
- Recommendation letter from Manatee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

Approve the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Agency's recommendation to designate Manatee County BOCC as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Manatee County for the period of October 1, 2016, to June 30, 2021.



Steve Holmes
Executive Director

Date: September 9, 2016

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:



**Metropolitan Planning
Organization**

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May 12, 2016

**Councilman Patrick Roff, Chair
Mayor Willie Shaw, Vice Chair**

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Manatee County

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Manatee County

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Sarasota County

Councilman Patrick Roff
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Commissioner Linda Yates
City of North Port

Billy Hattaway, District Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation

Dear Distinguished Members of the Commission for the
Transportation Disadvantaged.

The Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), as the designated official planning agency for Manatee County, hereby requests the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) be designated as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Manatee County for another five-year period effective October 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021. Manatee County BOCC, through the Manatee County Area Transit, has continued to consistently demonstrate its ability to provide efficient and quality transportation services to those who are Transportation Disadvantaged.

Enclosed is the MPO's Resolution No 2016-02; a recommendation letter from the Manatee County Local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and Resolution No R16-44 from the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners, all recommending that the Manatee BOCC continue as the Community Transportation Coordinator.

Thank you for your consideration.

Most Sincerely,

Jim Van Pelt
Public Transportation Planner

JVP::rm



David Hutchinson
Executive Director

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RECOMMENDING MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AS THE
COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR MANATEE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Manatee County Community Transportation Coordinator, Manatee County Board of County Commissioners through the Manatee County Area Transit system is responsible for the coordination of transportation disadvantaged services within the County and;

WHEREAS, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners through the Manatee County Area Transit system has resolved to request designation as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Manatee County and;

WHEREAS, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners through the Manatee County Area Transit system has demonstrated abilities as a transportation provider.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD THAT:

The Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged that Manatee County Board of County Commissioners be approved as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Manatee County effective October 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

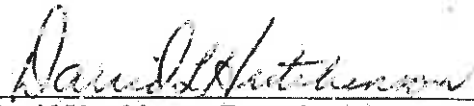
The Chairman of the MPO, thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed this 25th day of April, 2016.

Signed:



Patrick Roff, MPO Chair
Sarasota/Manatee MPO

Attested:



David Hutchinson, Executive Director
Sarasota/Manatee MPO

RESOLUTION R-16-044

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION RECOMMENDED THE MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONTINUE TO AS THE DESIGNATED COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) FOR MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, in 1982, Manatee County was designated as the Florida Community Transportation Coordination Provider for Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, this designation became known as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County Government has been providing and coordinating Transportation Disadvantaged services for more than thirty years, and has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens in Manatee County to continue in the designated role as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CAC) for Manatee County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

1. Manatee County Government desires to continue in the roles as the designated CTC for Manatee County serving Transportation Disadvantaged clients.
2. Manatee County Government requests that the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization adopt a resolution officially recommending Manatee County Government as the CTC for Manatee County, and notify the Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Commission accordingly.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 12 day of April, 2016.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 
Vanessa Baugh, Chairperson

ATTEST: Angelina Colennoso
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: 



**Recommendation for Manatee County to Continue as the
Community Transportation Coordinator**

CHAIRMAN

Commissioner John Chappie
Manatee County Commission

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TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR**

MANATEE COUNTY AREA TRANSIT

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The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners (BCC), through its Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT) system, has been the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) since 1990. The current five year Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the BCC and the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) expires on September 30, 2016.

At the April 12, 2016 Manatee BCC meeting, the Manatee BCC expressed their desire, through resolution R-16-044, that Manatee BCC continue as the CTC. At the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board meeting of April 25, 2016, the MPO Board unanimously recommended that Manatee County continue in their role as the CTC for Manatee County.

At the May 11, 2016 Manatee County Local Coordinating Board (LCB) meeting, the LCB approved the annual evaluation, recommended that Manatee County, through Manatee County Area Transit, continue as the CTC for Manatee County, and authorized the LCB Chairperson to sign the recommendation document for submission to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

This recommendation was a result of the exemplary service provided by Manatee County to the County's Transportation Disadvantaged population.



Commissioner John Chappie, Chair
Manatee County Local Coordinating Board



Date

State of Florida
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
Commission Business Meeting

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2016

AGENDA ITEM:

X 2016 Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant Award Recommendations

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Department of Transportation authorizes a transfer of \$1.4 million to the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund in its 5-year work program. The purpose of the allocation is to assist rural areas with the purchase of capital equipment.

Grant Application packages were emailed to eligible applicants on July 5, 2016, with a deadline of August 15, 2016. Twenty-four applications were submitted totaling \$2,532,970.91.

The Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant committee met on August 24, 2016. In attendance were Agency Advisors Stephen Slotter, Erin Schepers, and Bob Westbrook; Steve Holmes, Karen Somerset, Sheri Powers, John Irvine, Cecile Del Moral, and Bill Hearndon from Commission staff. The committee reviewed all capital equipment requests and the award recommendations are attached.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2016 Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Equipment Program Grant Recommendations

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

Recommend that the Commission approve the Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant committee's recommendations for project funding.



Steve Holmes

Executive Director

Date: September 9, 2016

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:

2016-17 Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant Summary

| County(ies) | Applicant Name | Agency Type / % Rural Population (2010 Census) | Capital Equipment Requested (Prioritized as listed) | Total Project Cost (100%) | TD Dollar Amount (90% or 100% REDI) | Required Match (10% or 0% REDI) | Staff Notes | Funding | Contingency Funding | Committee Recommended Projects to Fund |
|----------------------------|--|--|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|---|
| Alachua | MV Contract Transportation, Inc. | For Profit 21.2% | 1. 23 tablets to be used as mobile data terminals (23 x \$1,086.95 = \$25,000) | \$25,000.00 | \$22,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | | \$22,500.00 | | Fund as requested. |
| Baker | Baker County Council on Aging, Inc. | Non-Profit 59.5% | 1. Two computers with 23-inch monitors (2 x \$747.49 = \$1,494.98) 2. Computer with 40-inch monitor (\$1,010) 3. Three mobile data terminals (3 x \$2,640.31 = \$7,920.93) 4. Post accident investigation software (\$516.95) 5. Twenty rechargeable flashlights (20 x \$98.85 = \$1,977) 6. Laptop (\$699.99) 7. 50-inch television with wall mount (\$674.99) | \$14,294.84 | \$14,294.84 | \$0.00 | Requests REDI match waiver. Last year received \$31,140 in maintenance equipment. | | \$10,425.91 | Contingency funding of priorities 1, 2, and 3 projects. |
| Bradford | Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. | Non-Profit 75.5% | 1. One wheelchair accessible expansion vehicle (MV1) (\$50,400) | \$50,400.00 | \$50,400.00 | \$0.00 | Requests REDI match waiver. | \$50,400.00 | | Fund as requested. |
| Calhoun | Calhoun County Senior Citizens Association, Inc. | Non-Profit 67.5% | 1. One expansion wheelchair accessible mini-van (\$48,139) | \$48,139.00 | \$43,325.00 | \$4,814.00 | Received one vehicle last year (\$63,179). | \$43,325.00 | | Fund as requested. |
| Clay | Clay County Council on Aging, Inc. | Non-Profit 15.0% | 1. Three replacement vehicles (3 x \$82,982 = \$248,946) 2. Three computers (3 x \$1,051 = \$3,153) | \$252,099.00 | \$226,889.10 | \$25,209.90 | Last year received \$55,808 for two small vehicles. | \$77,521.50 | | Fund one vehicle and three computers. |
| Collier | Collier County Board of County Commissioners | Government 8.5% | 1. Real time call notification service (\$58,000) 2. Web/mobile customer service application (\$65,040) | \$123,040.00 | \$110,736.00 | \$12,304.00 | | | \$52,200.00 | Contingency funding for priority 1 project. |
| Columbia/Hamilton/Suwannee | Suwannee Valley Transit Authority | Government 69.3% | 1. One replacement vehicle (\$81,901) 2. One replacement mini-van (\$23,100) | \$105,001.00 | \$105,001.00 | \$0.00 | Replacing 2006 and 2007 model vehicles. Unknown current mileages. Last year received \$101,683 for one minivan and one vehicle. Requests REDI match waiver. | \$105,001.00 | | Fund as requested. |
| Dixie/Gilchrist | Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. | Non-Profit 80.5% | 1. One wheelchair accessible replacement vehicle (MV1) (\$50,400) | \$50,400.00 | \$50,400.00 | \$0.00 | Replacing a 2010 vehicle with 126,231 miles. Last year received \$65,000 for one vehicle. Requests REDI match waiver. | \$50,400.00 | | Fund as requested. |

2016-17 Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant Summary

| County(ies) | Applicant Name | Agency Type / % Rural Population (2010 Census) | Capital Equipment Requested (Prioritized as listed) | Total Project Cost (100%) | TD Dollar Amount (90% or 100% REDI) | Required Match (10% or 0% REDI) | Staff Notes | Funding | Contingency Funding | Committee Recommended Projects to Fund |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------|---------------------|--|
| Franklin | Gulf County Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. | Non-Profit 68.0% | 1. One replacement wheelchair accessible minivan (\$47,557) | \$47,557.00 | \$47,557.00 | \$0.00 | Requests REDI match waiver. | \$47,557.00 | | Fund as requested. |
| Gulf | Gulf County Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. | Non-Profit 77.1% | 1. One replacement wheelchair accessible minivan (\$47,557) 2. One replacement minivan (\$22,007) | \$69,564.00 | \$69,564.00 | \$0.00 | Replacing a 2009 mini-van (140,000 miles) and a 2008 mini-van (150,000+). Last year received \$18,125 for one sedan. Requests REDI match waiver. | \$69,564.00 | | Fund as requested. |
| Hardee/ Highlands/ Okeechobee | MV Contract Transportation, Inc. | For Profit 29.2% | 1. One replacement wheelchair accessible minivan (\$49,952.70) | \$49,952.70 | \$44,957.43 | \$4,995.27 | Replacing a 2007 mini-van with 243,000 miles. Last year received \$119,742 for two vehicles. | \$44,957.43 | | Fund as requested. |
| Hendry/ Glades | Good Wheels, Inc. | Non-Profit 46.0% | 1. One replacement vehicle (\$74,320) 2. One replacement vehicle (\$74,320) 3. One expansion vehicle (\$74,320) | \$222,906.00 | \$222,906.00 | \$0.00 | Replacement vehicles: 2007 - 331,723 miles; 2007 - 416,274 miles. Received two vehicles last year (\$141,562). Requests REDI match waiver. | \$222,906.00 | | Fund two replacement vehicles. |
| Hernando | Mid Florida Community Services, Inc. | Non-Profit 19.4% | 1. Two replacement vehicles (2 x \$99,000 = \$198,000) | \$198,000.00 | \$178,200.00 | \$19,800.00 | Replacing a 2006 vehicle (176,830 miles) and a 2008 vehicle (189,029 miles). Last year received \$62,465 for one vehicle. | \$89,100.00 | | Fund one vehicle. |
| Holmes/ Walton/ Washington | Tri-County Community Council, Inc. | Non-Profit 71.6% | 1. Two expansion vehicles (2 x \$102,726.75 = \$205,453.50) | \$205,453.50 | \$205,453.50 | \$0.00 | Requests REDI match waiver. | \$102,726.75 | | Fund one vehicle. |
| Jackson | Jackson County Transportation | Non-Profit 75.4% | 1. One expansion vehicle (\$72,937.20) | \$72,937.20 | \$72,937.20 | \$0.00 | Last year received \$65,664 for one vehicle. Requests REDI match waiver. | | \$72,937.20 | Contingency fund one vehicle. |
| Lake | Lake County Board of County Commissioners | Government 19.3% | 1. Two replacement vehicles (2 x \$72,718 = \$145,436) | \$145,436.00 | \$130,892.40 | \$14,543.60 | Replacing two 2009 vehicles (242,436 miles and 210,426 miles). | \$130,892.40 | | Fund as requested. |
| Levy | Levy County Board of County Commissioners | Government 92.0% | 1. One replacement vehicle (\$77,879) | \$77,879.00 | \$77,879.00 | \$0.00 | Replacing a 2009 vehicle with 335,492 miles. Last year received \$73,259 for one vehicle. Requests REDI match waiver. | \$77,879.00 | | Fund as requested. |
| Liberty | Liberty County Board of County Commissioners | Government 100.0% | 1. One expansion vehicle (\$70,898) | \$70,898.00 | \$63,808.20 | \$7,089.80 | Last year received \$40,743 for one mini-van. | | \$63,808.20 | Contingency fund one vehicle. |

2016-17 Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Assistance Program Grant Summary

| County(ies) | Applicant Name | Agency Type / % Rural Population (2010 Census) | Capital Equipment Requested (Prioritized as listed) | Total Project Cost (100%) | TD Dollar Amount (90% or 100% REDI) | Required Match (10% or 0% REDI) | Staff Notes | Funding | Contingency Funding | Committee Recommended Projects to Fund |
|-------------|--|--|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------|-----------------------|--|
| Marion | Marion Senior Services, Inc. | Non-Profit 31.0% | 1. Hybrid mobile digital video recording system (\$63,087.98) 2. Two vehicles (2 x \$80,329.20 = \$160,658.40) 3. Three computers (3 x \$1,200 = \$3,600) | \$227,346.38 | \$204,611.74 | \$22,734.64 | Both vehicles would be replacement. (#45 - 2007 - 314,421 miles; #46 - 2007 - 206,650 miles) | \$56,779.18 | \$72,296.28 | Fund video system. Contingency fund one replacement vehicle. |
| Monroe | Guidance Care Center, Inc. | Non-Profit 8.7% | 1. Fourteen onboard vehicle cameras (\$735 x 14 = \$10,520) 2. Installation of onboard vehicle cameras (2 hours x 14 vehicles x \$98/hour = \$2,744) | \$13,264.00 | \$11,938.00 | \$1,326.00 | | \$11,938.00 | | Fund as requested. |
| Nassau | Nassau County Council on Aging, Inc. | Non-Profit 48.1% | 1. One replacement vehicle (\$93,948) 2. Fifteen vehicle camera systems (15 x \$2,508.46 = \$37,626.85) | \$131,575.00 | \$131,575.00 | \$0.00 | Requests REDI match waiver. | \$131,575.00 | | Fund as requested. |
| Okaloosa | Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners | Government 12.1% | 1. Five expansion wheelchair accessible vans/small vehicles (\$70,821 x 5 = \$354,105) 2. Graphics (\$3,000 x 5 = \$15,000) | \$369,105.00 | \$332,194.50 | \$36,910.50 | | \$63,730.80 | | Fund one vehicle, without a wrap. |
| Polk | Lakeland Area Mass Transit District | Government 13.5% | 1. One replacement vehicle (\$122,224) | \$122,224.00 | \$110,001.00 | \$12,223.00 | Receiving vehicles through trip and equipment grant. | | | Do not fund. |
| St. Lucie | St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners | Government 3.4% | 1. Simpli Transport Scheduling and Dispatch Software (\$4,800.00) 2. Administrative Support from Software Company (\$500.00) 3. Marketing (\$200.00) | \$5,500.00 | \$4,950.00 | \$550.00 | Applied for by the CTC (county government) for the benefit of the county's Veterans Services Division. | | | Do not fund. |
| | | | | | \$2,532,970.91 | \$165,000.71 | | | \$1,398,753.06 | \$271,667.59 |

Available Funding = \$1,400,000.00

Remaining Balance = \$1,246.94

State of Florida
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
Commission Business Meeting

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2016

AGENDA ITEM:

XI Approval of 2017 Commission Business Meeting Dates

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Pursuant to Chapter 427.012(4), Florida Statutes, the Commission shall meet at least quarterly.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2017 Meeting/Event Schedule

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

Recommend Commission approval of the proposed 2017 meeting dates.



Steve Holmes

Executive Director

Date: September 9, 2016

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:

Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged 2017 Meeting/Event Schedule

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Location</i> |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| March 14, 2017 | Business Meeting | Tallahassee, FL |
| March 15, 2017 | Public Transportation & Transportation Disadvantaged Legislative Awareness Day | The Capitol Tallahassee, FL |
| May 10, 2017 | Business Meeting | Miami, FL |
| August 2017 | Business Meeting | Orlando, FL |
| August 2017 | Annual TD Conference | Orlando, FL |
| December 13, 2017 | Business Meeting | Sarasota, FL |

*All dates are tentative

State of Florida
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
Commission Business Meeting

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2016

AGENDA ITEM:

XII Annual Regulatory Plan Review

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Commission's Legal Counsel, Tom Barnhart, Office of the Attorney General, will provide a review of the attached Annual Regulatory Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2016-2017 Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Annual Regulatory Plan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

Approve the recommendations as provided.



Steve Holmes

Executive Director

Date: September 9, 2016

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:

COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED
2016-2017 ANNUAL REGULATORY PLAN

Part 1: Laws enacted or amended during the previous 12 months which create or modify the duties or authority of the Commission. (120.74(1)(a), Florida Statutes)

There are no laws enacted or amended during the previous 12 months which create or modify the duties or authority of the Commission.

Part 2: Listing of each law not otherwise listed in Part 1 which the Commission expects to implement by rulemaking before July 1, 2017. (120.74(1)(b), Florida Statutes)

Please refer to the table contained in Attachment 1.

Part 3: Updates to the prior year's regulatory plan.

Part 4: Certification.

Pursuant to Section 120.74(1)(d), Florida Statutes, I hereby certify that I have reviewed this Annual Regulatory Plan and that the Commission regularly reviews all of its rules to determine if the rules remain consistent with the Commission rulemaking authority and the laws being implemented, with the most recent review having been completed June 30, 2016.

Marion Hart
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

Date

Tom Barnhart
Counsel to the Commission for the Transportation
Disadvantaged

Date

Section 120.74(1)(c)

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State of Florida
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
Commission Business Meeting

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2016

AGENDA ITEM:

XIII 2016 Mobility Enhancement Grant Presentations

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Commission awarded Mobility Enhancement Grants to five Community Transportation Coordinators beginning July 1, 2016.

- Alachua County
- Bradford County
- Hernando County
- Manatee County
- Pinellas County

The grant recipients will be making presentations on their grants, providing information about the intent and progress thus far.

ATTACHMENTS:

Summary of each Mobility Enhancement Grant
Related News Articles

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

For information purposes only.



Steve Holmes

Executive Director

Date: September 9, 2016

MOBILITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT SUMMARY

Pinellas County - Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)

Providing eligible on-demand trips for qualified transportation disadvantaged citizens utilizing Transportation Network Company (TNC) and taxi application-based mobile technologies and a central call center for citizens that do not have access to application-based mobile technology.

Eligible on-demand trips are door to door trips, with a response time of approximately 20 minutes from request, both within and outside of regular PSTA fixed route (bus) operating hours for employment and other life sustaining trips that cannot be pre-scheduled nor served by fixed route. These trips will be provided by Uber, United Taxi, or Care Ride who are currently providing services for PSTA.

The current Transportation Disadvantaged Rider eligibility application process to determine rider qualification will be used. The trip purpose will also be requested to ensure trips meet project requirements.

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From the Tampa Bay Business Journal:

<http://www.bizjournals.com/tampabay/news/2016/07/20/pinellas-transit-expands-one-partnership-with-uber.html>

Pinellas transit expands one partnership with Uber, launches another

Jul 20, 2016, 2:40pm EDT **Updated: Jul 20, 2016, 3:35pm EDT**

The **Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority** on Wednesday officially announced the name, launch date and details of a partnership with ridesharing giant **Uber** as well as the expansion of another.

The new partnership, named TD Late Shift, will offer late night and early morning rides to low-income residents in Pinellas County who have no access to personal transportation.



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Uber operates in more than 475 cities around the world.

TD Late Shift offers free Uber rides for people who make \$17,655 or less annually as a single person or \$36,375 for a family of four between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Riders can use the service up to 23 times a month and have access to one subsidized daytime ride for qualifying circumstances for just \$3. Situations that would warrant a reduced cost daytime ride would include things like a doctor's appointment or picking a sick child up from school.

PSTA will also use United Taxi in the program as well as locally-based CareRide for disabled people.

The program serves as a way to extend services to low-income residents who work in second and third shift jobs at times when regular public transportation is not available.

It's funded through a more than \$300,000 grant from the **Florida Department of Transportation's** Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged. It establishes the cooperative between the private company Uber and the publicly funded PSTA a one-year pilot program throughout Pinellas County.

The service launches Aug. 1.

It's Uber's first ever partnership with a public agency that utilizes technology allowing riders to access the service without a smartphone or credit card. PSTA customers call the agency to book a ride and the cost is billed through PSTA.

"At Uber, we've always believed that ridesharing complements public transportation," said Tom Maguire, Uber's general manager. "We look forward to continuing to work with PSTA on innovative solutions in the Tampa Bay region."

Similar technology is available in some hotels across the country as a concierge service where travelers can book an Uber ride and have the fare billed to their room, much like a bar tab or room service.

This isn't PSTA's first partnership with Uber. Earlier this year the authority partnered with Uber, United Taxi and CareRide to offer rides to and from the bus stop in Pinellas Park where first mile/last mile issues are particularly prevalent. Main bus lines there are often far from people's homes. That program is called Direct Connect.

That program is expanding to 20 bus stops across Pinellas County. It offers half-price rides where PSTA will cover up to \$3 of the total fare.

"We are living in a society where the transportation needs of our people are expanding more than ever," said State Rep. Jamie Grant. "Someone is going to disrupt Uber someday, they know that. If they don't keep pushing, someone will find a way to do things better. The question we have to ask is, are we going to have a regulatory structure that invites innovation?"

Grant added PSTA's partnerships on Direct Connect and TD Late Shift send a message to innovators that Pinellas County is open for business.

"We are really moving into the future of transportation," PSTA CEO Brad Miller said.

Janelle Irwin

Reporter

Tampa Bay Business Journal



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Published on TBNWeekly.com - Aug. 1, 2016

PSTA expands service to low-income residents

By SUZETTE PORTER

Article published on Monday, Aug. 1, 2016

ST. PETERSBURG – Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority announced new plans to expand services for eligible residents to include hours when bus service is unavailable.

A new one-year pilot program, called TD Late Shift, begins Aug. 1. It is the latest collaboration between PSTA, Uber, United Taxi and Care Ride to provide transportation disadvantaged services, according to a press release from PSTA.

"We are solving age-old transportation barriers with technology, innovation, and Uber," said Brad Miller, PSTA Chief Executive Officer, in a press release.

The county's Transportation Disadvantaged Program is funded by the state. To qualify for the program, users must live in Pinellas County and not be able to get a ride from household members or others for "life-sustaining trips," which are defined as medical, grocery, work, job-related training/education and other vital services. To qualify, income must be less than 150 percent of the poverty level, which is \$1,471 a month for one person, \$1,991 for two persons and so on up to \$5,111 for eight people.

Eligibility guidelines are available at www.psta.net/tdprogram.php.

Qualified residents can qualify for a 10-day bus pass for \$5 a month or a 31 day unlimited bus pass for \$11 a month. Service also is available via a taxi or wheelchair van for \$3 per one-way trip. To apply for the service, call 727-540-1900.

The new program, funded by a \$300,000 grant, provides up to 23 free rides a month between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Rides must be to a place of employment or residence.

In addition, residents can get one \$3 daytime "urgent" trip per calendar month via Uber. The trip must be something that cannot be complete by bus and it must be a "life-sustaining issue." Examples include missing the bus to work, a need to get a sick child home from school, etc.

PSTA was the largest of five grant recipients chosen to demonstrate bold and innovative solutions for transportation-disadvantaged customers. The goal of this specific pilot is to develop and implement a model that can be replicated statewide and show a need for more robust funding of similar programs



Photo courtesy PSTA

TD Late Shift provides rides to transportation-disadvantaged residents when regular bus service is unavailable.

long-term.

"Expected outcomes go beyond simply providing rides to customers during non-service hours," said Miller. "We are hopeful to be able to show a direct local economic impact by creating new opportunities for unemployed residents who were previously unable to get jobs because of a lack of transportation."

PSTA began working with Uber earlier this year on Direct Connect, a six-month pilot program that connects people to bus stops for a subsidized rate. Now, PSTA is expanding that program to span across the entire county offering unlimited, on-demand Uber and Taxi rides for approximately \$1.

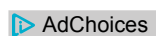
"Uber is excited to partner with PSTA to give thousands of disadvantaged Pinellas County residents access to safe and reliable transportation," said Tom Maguire, Uber general manager. "At Uber, we've always believed that ridesharing complements public transportation. We look forward to continuing to work with PSTA on innovative solutions in the Tampa Bay region."

To take advantage of the new Late Shift service, qualified residents must register by calling the 727-540-1900, option 6.

For complete information, visit www.psta.net/tdprogram.php.

Article published on Monday, Aug. 1, 2016

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MOBILITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT SUMMARY

Alachua County - MV Contract Transportation, Inc.

Providing reduced fare bus passes for eligible transportation disadvantaged riders who are receiving services through GRACE Marketplace.

Eligible riders are individuals who have an approved application for transportation on file with the MV. MV will be working cooperatively with the City of Gainesville and GRACE Marketplace to provide 31-day reduced fare bus passes to GRACE Marketplace for distribution to approved riders.

MOBILITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT SUMMARY

Bradford County - Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.,

Providing eligible on-demand trips for qualified transportation disadvantaged citizens within the City of Starke/Bradford County, for medical, pharmacy and shopping purposes.

Eligible on-demand trips are trips where the pick up or drop off is at one of the following locations within Starke, Florida:

Rider Residence, within the City of Starke
CVS Pharmacy, 209 S. Temple Avenue
Walgreens Pharmacy — 205 W. Madison Street
Walmart Supercenter — 14500 US Highway 301
Shands Starke Regional Medical Center, 922 E. Call Street
Bradford Senior Center — 403 Georgia Street
Starke Multipurpose Senior Center — 550 W. Georgia Street
Winn Dixie — 470 W. Madison Street

The service will be available Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Trips will be provided within 30 minutes of request time on a first come first serve basis.

The current Transportation Disadvantaged Rider eligibility application process will be used to determine rider qualifications.

SREC van can help residents in need run errands

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

A grant-funded pilot project is allowing Suwannee River Economic Council to help the transportation disadvantaged get where they need to go.

According to SREC's executive director, Matt Person, existing programs run by the council or other agencies have helped the disabled, elderly or poor get to medical appointments, work or job training.

This project is designed to fill a service gap, helping those groups get to the grocery store, pharmacies or Walmart to run errands. The service will also transport seniors to and from the county or SREC senior centers.

"This is sort of a niche," Pearson said. "There's an unmet need of people needing to get back and forth to grocery shopping, pharmacies, senior centers — things like that. It's more for daily needs."

The service is restricted to transportation disadvantaged individuals living inside the city limits

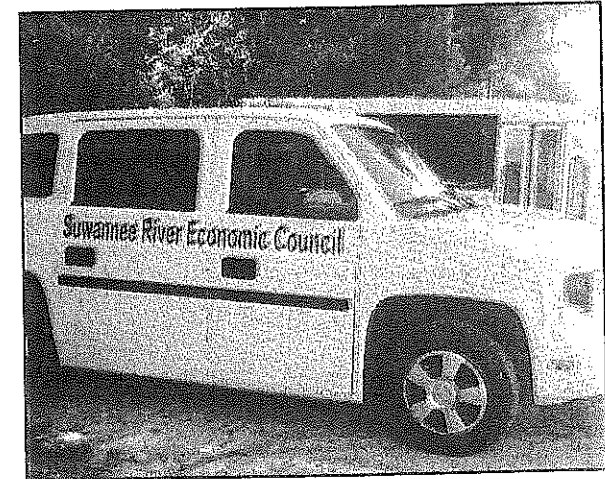
of Starke. That means they have a disability and/or have income restrictions that prohibit having other forms of transportation.

One thing that makes the service unique is that there is not a fixed route, so riders won't be waiting long periods at stops as if they were waiting for a bus. Instead, they would call to be picked up, similar to using a taxi or ride sharing service.

Pearson said the grant would support the project through June of next year, by which time they hope to have proven there is a high enough demand to justify future funding.

Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Available drop-off sites include CVS Pharmacy, Walgreens Pharmacy, Walmart, Shands Starke Regional Medical Center, Bradford County Senior Center, Starke Multipurpose Senior Center and Winn Dixie.

In order to arrange a pickup, call 1-844-496-0624.



Suwannee River Economic Council, as part of a pilot project, will now take those who need transportation shopping.

MOBILITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT SUMMARY

Hernando County - Mid-Florida Community Services, Inc.,

Providing trips for qualified transportation disadvantaged riders during enhanced operating hours and additional service days in more rural areas. In addition, transportation will be offered for riders to connect to utilize fixed route services.

Enhanced hours for services will begin at 7:30 am and extend until 5:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. Additional service days in rural areas will be expanded to provide services 5 days a week. The current Transportation Disadvantaged Rider eligibility application process will be utilized to determine rider qualifications.

MOBILITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT SUMMARY

Manatee County - Manatee County Area Transit)

Providing daily bus passes for eligible transportation disadvantaged riders to access healthcare services. Eligible riders are individuals of low-income that have an approved application for transportation on file.

Prior to implementing this project, the CTC will establish an eligibility process that will be utilized by all participants. The process will define "low-income" and identify documentation that will be accepted to verify income.

Manatee County Area Transit will be working cooperatively with the County Department of Community Services and area healthcare providers to ensure all participants receive consistent training; that the eligibility process is implemented; and daily bus passes are distributed to approved riders.

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Manatee's 'transportation disadvantaged' get health benefit



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BY RICHARD DYMOND
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MANATEE — There's been a lot of discussion this year among health care advocates in Manatee County about who, exactly, should receive free medical assistance as the county moves into a future without a dedicated indigent care fund.

While a criteria has not been locked down yet to define or identify Manatee's indigent population or a way to generate a separate revenue to help them, a new program that will roll out later this month introduces a brand new term into the discussion and maybe will help the county understand just how many people need help.

That term is "transportation disadvantaged."

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WE CAN HELP THE COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM CLIENTS WITH RIDES. ANDY GUYRE HAS BROUGHT THE COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM INTO THE PICTURE. IT'S ALL ANDY. HE'S LIKE A SPIDER SPINNING A WEB THAT IS GOING EVERYWHERE.

Ryan Suarez, Planning Manager for the Manatee County Transit Department

The program is called the Manatee County Transportation Disadvantaged Bus Pass Program or TD Bus Pass for short. It will provide all-day bus passes on the Manatee County Area Transit Big Blue buses specifically for those who need a ride to follow-up medical appointments and qualify for the program.

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What's possibly helpful about the term Transportation Disadvantaged is that the state of Florida has already defined it.

“The state of Florida defines transportation disadvantaged as those persons who, because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age, are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation and, therefore, depend upon others to obtain health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities or other life sustaining activities or children who are handicapped or at high risk,” said Andy Guyre, Human Services Division Manager and American with Disabilities Act Coordinator for Manatee County.

Guyre explains that “transportation disadvantaged” is not to be confused with residents with handicaps who take Manatee’s special “Handy” buses, Guyre added.

“To qualify as transportation disadvantaged, you have to fall under the state definition and be a Manatee resident,” Guyre said when asked about the criteria for qualifying. “And your annual income has to be less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level.”

That means to get the free all-day bus passes to use for medical appointments a family of four can earn no more than \$36,450 annually, Guyre said.

It began as a need

Manatee County is still small enough that word can spread when there is a problem that needs fixing.

“It started with Andy Guyre’s group at Human Services identifying a need and asking us, ‘Hey, we have folks being served by a number of different medical facilities throughout the county that don’t come back for follow-up appointments. Can you help?’ ” Ryan Suarez said Wednesday.

Suarez is the planning manager in the Transit Division of Manatee County. Suarez and his staff took up the challenge.

“They don’t come back for specialized services they may need,” Suarez said. “These folks end up in emergency room. So, that is a problem.”

Guyre and Suarez realized that one way of looking at this group of people who didn’t get to their follow up appointments was as transportation disadvantaged. The pair also realized the state has a cure for that.

Florida has a Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, commonly known as the CTD, Suarez said.

“The CTD was offering a grants for pilot projects for different efforts throughout the state and we put in an application for a bus pass program,” Suarez said. “The agency awarded us a \$90,000 grant.”

The program actually costs \$100,000 for 25,000 all-day passes, which have a value of \$4 each, Suarez said.

Manatee chipped in the extra \$10,000, Suarez added.

“Our grant was specifically for doctor’s appointments, however, the pass we give them, well, say they have a 9 a.m. doctor’s appointment, it’s an all-day pass so they can stop, get groceries and hop back on the bus,” Guyre said.

Manatee’s new community paramedic program, where the county’s paramedics can take a more active role in helping people get on healthy track after they take them to the hospital, will also benefit from TD Bus Pass, Suarez said.

“We can help the community paramedic program clients with rides,” Suarez said. “Andy Guyre has brought the community paramedic program into the picture. It’s all Andy. He’s like a spider spinning a web that is going everywhere.”

So, how does it work?

To complete the TD Bus Pass program, it was necessary to find medical partners who would qualify the clients and hand out the bus passes, Guyre said.

The six partners chosen were Turning Points, MCR Health Services, the Florida Department of Health — Manatee and Manatee Memorial Hospital for physical health, and Centerstone of Florida and Suncoast Behavioral Health for mental health, Guyre said.

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THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEFINES TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED AS THOSE PERSONS WHO, BECAUSE OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY, INCOME STATUS, OR AGE, ARE UNABLE TO TRANSPORT THEMSELVES OR TO PURCHASE TRANSPORTATION AND, THEREFORE, DEPEND UPON OTHERS TO OBTAIN HEALTH CARE, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, SHOPPING, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OR OTHER LIFE SUSTAINING ACTIVITIES OR CHILDREN WHO ARE HANDICAPPED OR AT HIGH RISK.

Andy Guyre, Human Services Division Manager and American with Disabilities Act Coordinator for Manatee County.

The way it works is that when a patient visits one of the six partner agencies the front office staffer at each of the six agencies will ask the client: “Do you need transportation assistance to get to your follow-up or referral appointment? If you do, you may qualify for a free all-day bus pass.”

“Each of the six agencies has an application form that the client can fill out on the spot that asks for proof of income and residency,” Guyre said.

If the client can be qualified immediately the agency will hand them an all-day bus pass for the specific day of the return appointment or the referral agency appointment, Guyre said.

If the client has a minor child or a caretaker, the agency can provide one extra pass for them, Suarez said.

Guyre applauded Suarez and the county transit department for their role in securing the grant and their willingness to be responsible for getting the bus passes to the six agencies and being the focal point of the operation.

Guyre and Suarez both said they will track statistics on how many people apply and are accepted to the program, which could help health care advocates determine just how many people in the county need help.

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STEPS TO GETTING A FREE BUS PASS TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

1. The free all-day bus pass can only be requested at Turning Points, MCR Health Services, the Florida Department of Health, Manatee, Manatee Memorial Hospital, Centerstone of Florida and Suncoast Behavioral Health.

2. Recipients of the bus pass must qualify by filling out an application at one of the above agencies. If approved, they will be immediately given a bus pass to their next appointment at that agency or their referral agency.

Information provided by Andy Guyre, Manatee County Human Services Division Manager

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MEETING DATE: September 9, 2016

AGENDA ITEM:

XIV Executive Director Report

Steve Holmes will provide the Executive Director Report. He will discuss:

- 2017-2018 Legislative Budget Request
- Quality Assurance Review Schedule
- Annual TD Conference

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2017-2018 Legislative Budget Request
- Quality Assurance Review Schedule
- Annual TD Conference

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

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Steve Holmes

Executive Director

Date: September 9, 2016

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:

Transportation Disadvantaged Legislative Budget Request FY17-18

| Budget Category | LBR FY17-18 | | Budget FY16-17 | |
|--|-------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Details | | Details | |
| Salaries & Benefits | \$ | 907,626 | \$ | 907,626 |
| Other Personal Services | \$ | 6,600 | \$ | 6,600 |
| Expenses | \$ | 227,660 | \$ | 201,325 |
| Contracted Services | \$ | 1,267,024 | \$ | 407,925 |
| <i>Quality Assurance</i> | \$ | 220,000 | \$ | 220,000 |
| <i>Annual Training</i> | \$ | 30,000 | \$ | 30,000 |
| <i>5 Year State Plan</i> | \$ | 5,000 | \$ | 30,000 |
| <i>IT Support</i> | \$ | 83,200 | \$ | 83,200 |
| <i>AOR - Security Enhancement</i> | | | \$ | 20,475 |
| <i>Web Hosting - AOR</i> | \$ | 8,200 | \$ | 8,200 |
| <i>Web Maintenance - AOR</i> | \$ | 6,050 | \$ | 6,050 |
| <i>Legal Support</i> | \$ | 10,000 | \$ | 10,000 |
| <i>AOR Portal</i> | \$ | 852,686 | | |
| <i>AOR Maintenance</i> | \$ | 51,888 | | |
| Total Contracted Services | \$ | 1,267,024 | \$ | 407,925 |
| Equipment Lease | \$ | 3,830 | \$ | 3,830 |
| DOT Executive Office Admin | \$ | 4,258 | \$ | 4,258 |
| Grants & Aids | \$ | 54,190,608 | \$ | 55,211,227 |
| <i>Trip & Equipment</i> | \$ | 49,366,579 | \$ | 47,887,198 |
| <i>Planning</i> | \$ | 1,674,029 | \$ | 1,674,029 |
| <i>Capital Equipment</i> | \$ | 1,400,000 | \$ | 1,400,000 |
| <i>Mobility Enhancement</i> | \$ | 1,750,000 | \$ | 1,750,000 |
| <i>Proviso - Additional Trip & Equipment</i> | | | \$ | 2,300,000 |
| <i>Proviso - Allocation Study</i> | | | \$ | 200,000 |
| Total Grants & Aids | \$ | 54,190,608 | \$ | 55,211,227 |
| Total Legislative Budget Request FY17-18 | \$ | 56,607,606 | | |
| Total Budget FY16-17 | | | \$ | 56,742,791 |
| Revenue Projections | | | | |
| HSM - registration fees | \$ | 21,930,236 | | |
| HSM - voluntary dollars | \$ | 8,238 | | |
| HSM - parking permits | \$ | 342,969 | | |
| DOT - district dedicated | \$ | 3,000,000 | | |
| DOT - transit office | \$ | 4,400,000 | | |
| DOT - block grant | \$ | 14,023,477 | | |
| Senate Bill 1998 | \$ | 10,000,000 | | |
| Interest revenue | \$ | 300,000 | | |
| Unreserved Funds | \$ | 2,602,686 | | |
| Total Revenues | \$ | 56,607,606 | | |

TENTATIVE
2016-2017 SCHEDULE
CTD/THF QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWS

| County | Community Transportation Coordinator | Date of Review |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Putnam | Ride Solution | 8/31/2016 |
| Clay | Clay County Council on Aging | 9/1/2016 |
| Calhoun | Calhoun County Senior Services | 9/9/2016 |
| Taylor | Big Bend Transit | 9/12/2016 |
| Santa Rosa | Tri-County Community Council | 9/15/2016 |
| St. Johns | St. Johns County Council on Aging | 9/27/2016 |
| Flagler | Flagler County BOCC | 9/28/2016 |
| Brevard | Brevard County BOCC | 9/29/2016 |
| Dixie | Suwannee River Economic Council | 10/10/2016 |
| Gilchrist | Suwannee River Economic Council | 10/11/2016 |
| Madison | Big Bend Transit | 10/11/2016 |
| Lafayette | Suwannee River Economic Council | 10/12/2016 |
| Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee | Suwannee Valley Transit Authority | 10/13/2016 |
| Gadsden | Big Bend Transit | 10/13/2016 |
| Jefferson | Big Bend Transit | 10/14/2016 |
| Nassau | Nassau County Council on Aging | 10/17/2016 |
| Baker | Baker County Council on Aging | 10/18/2016 |
| Duval | Jacksonville Transit Authority | 10/19-20/2016 |
| Pasco | Pasco County BOCC | 10/28/2016 |
| Leon | City of Tallahassee - Star Metro | 11/1/2016 |
| Glades, Hendry | Good Wheels | 11/1-2/2016 |
| Lee | Good Wheels | 11/1-2/2016 |
| Sarasota | Sarasota County BOCC | 11/3/2016 |
| Wakulla | Wakulla County Senior Services | 11/3/2016 |
| Charlotte | Charlotte County BOCC | 11/4/2016 |
| Citrus | Citrus County BOCC | 11/29/2016 |
| Marion | Marion Senior Services | 11/30/2016 |
| Palm Beach | Palm Beach BOCC/Palm Tran | 1/8-9/2017 |
| Miami-Dade | Miami-Dade Transit | 1/11-12/2017 |
| Monroe | Guidance/Care Center | 1/13/2017 |

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Save the Date

2016 Annual Training
December 11-14, 2016
Jacksonville, FL

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