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July 15, 2015

TO:

Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM:

Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT:

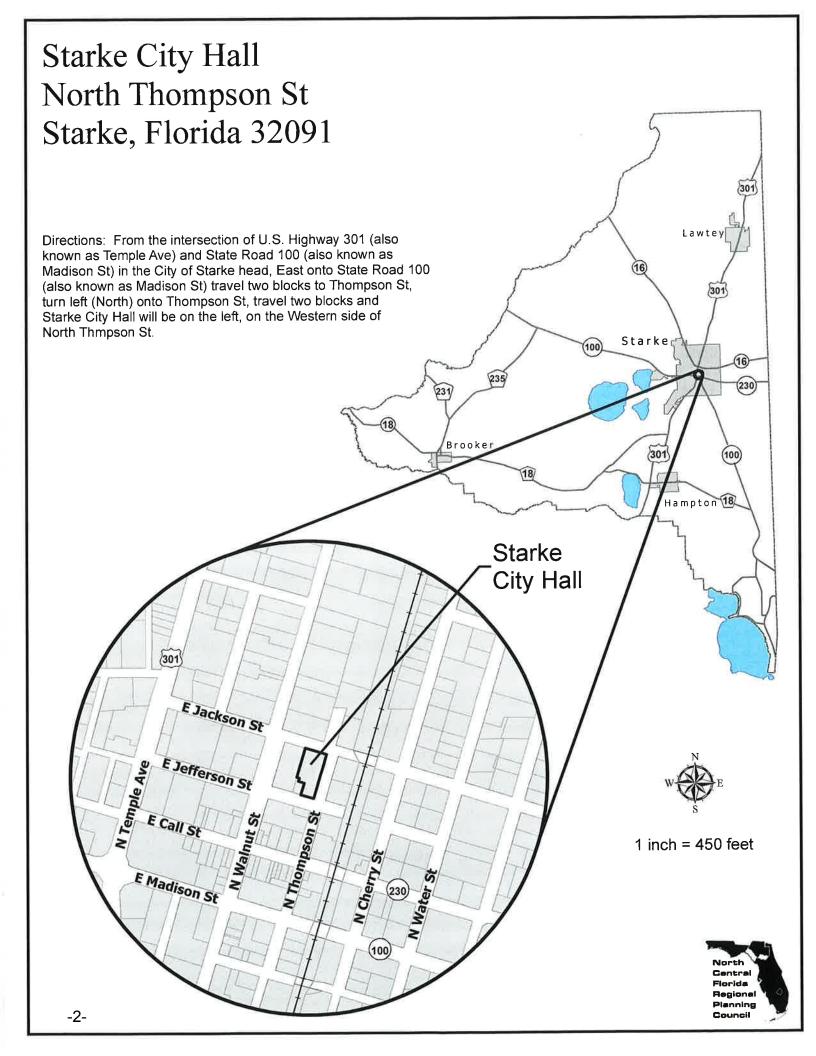
Meeting Announcement

The Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>July 21</u>, <u>2015 at 9:30 a.m.</u> in the City of Starke Commission Meeting Room located at 209 N. Thompson Street in the City of Starke. All Board members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Attached is the meeting agenda and supporting materials. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 110.

#### Attachment

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# BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

#### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA

City Commission Meeting Room 209 N. Thompson Street Starke, Florida

- I. BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER
  - A. Introductions
  - B. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

**ACTION REQUIRED** 

- C. Approval of the April 14, 2015
  Minutes
- Page 7

**ACTION REQUIRED** 

- II. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Bradford County Transportation
    Disadvantaged Service Plan Amendment

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**ACTION REQUIRED** 

The Board needs to review and approve an amendment to the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

B. Bylaws

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**ACTION REQUIRED** 

The Board needs to review and approve the Bylaws

C. Grievance Procedures

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**ACTION REQUIRED** 

The Board needs to review and approve the Grievance Procedures

- D. Appoint Grievance Committee Member Page 57 ACTION REQUIRED

  The Chair needs to appoint a member to the Grievance Committee
- E. 2014/15 Compliance Monitoring Report Page 59 NO ACTION REQUIRED

  Enclosed is the 2014/15 Compliance Monitoring Report of Suwannee River Economic Council
- F. Operations Reports

Page 71 NO ACTION REQUIRED

#### III. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Comments
  - 1. Members
  - 2. Citizens

#### IV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. October 13, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
- B. January 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
- C. April 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed materials, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-226-0690, extension 110.

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that this is a tentative meeting schedule, all dates and times are subject to change.

# BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

| MEMBER/REPRESENTING                                  | ALTERNATE/REPRESENTING                        |
|--|---|
| Commissioner Danny Riddick                           | Commissioner Tommy Chastain                   |
| Local Elected Official/Chair                         | Local Elected Official                        |
| Sandra Collins                                       | Janell Damato                                 |
| Florida Department of Transportation                 | Florida Department of Transportation          |
| Grievance Committee Member                           |   |
| Amanda Bryant  | Jaime Sanchez-Bianchi                         |
| Florida Department of Children and Families          | Florida Department of Children and Families   |
| Grievance Committee Member                           |   |
| Jeffrey Aboumrad                                     | Vacant  |
| Florida Department of Education                      | Florida Department of Education               |
| Grievance Committee Member                           | Tional Department of Zamenner                 |
| Vacant   | Vacant  |
| Florida Department of Elder Affairs                  | Florida Department of Elder Affairs           |
|  | Vacant  |
| Vacant Florida Agency for Health Care Administration | Florida Agency for Health Care Administration |
| Linda Tatum  | Vacant  |
|  | Regional Workforce Board                      |
| Regional Workforce Board                             | Vacant  |
| Vacant   | Florida Association for Community Action      |
| Florida Association for Community Action             | Term ending June 30, 2017                     |
| Term ending June 30, 2017                            | Vacant  |
| Richard Sapp   | Public Education                              |
| Public Education                                     |   |
| Barbara Fischer                                      | Vacant  |
| Veterans   | Veterans                                      |
| Grievance Committee Member                           | Term ending June 30, 2017                     |
| Term ending June 30, 2017                            |   |
| Vacant   | Vacant  |
| Citizen Advocate                                     | Citizen Advocate                              |
| Term ending June 30, 2015                            | Term ending June 30, 2015                     |
| Vacant   | Vacant  |
| Citizen Advocate - User                              | Citizen Advocate - User                       |
| Term ending June 30, 2015                            | Term ending June 30, 2015                     |
| Sherry Ruszkowski                                    | Vacant  |
| Persons with Disabilities                            | Persons with Disabilities                     |
| Term ending June 30, 2015                            | Term ending June 30, 2015                     |
| Vacant   | Vacant  |
| Elderly  | Elderly                                       |
| Term ending June 30, 2017                            | Term ending June 30, 2017                     |
| Vacant   | Vacant  |
| Medical Community                                    | Medical Community                             |
| Term ending June 30, 2016                            | Term ending June 30, 2016                     |
| Vacant   | Vacant  |
| Children at Risk                                     | Children at Risk                              |
| Term ending June 30, 2016                            | Term ending June 30, 2016                     |
| Steve Futch - Vice -Chair                            | Vacant  |
| Private Transit                                      | Private Transit                               |
| Term ending June 30, 2016                            | Term ending June 30, 2016                     |

Note: Unless specified, members and alternates serve at the pleasure of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

# BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

City Commission Meeting Room 209 N. Thompson Street Starke, Florida Tuesday April 14, 2015 9:30 a.m.

#### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Danny Riddick, Chairman
Jeffrey Aboumrad, Florida Department of Education
Linda Bennett, Citizen Advocate-User
Cindy Hildebran representing Patricia Bonsteel, Citizen Advocate
Barbara Fischer, Veterans Representative
Steve Futch, Private Transit Representative, Vice-Chair
Richard Sapp, Public Education Representative

#### **VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

Amanda Bryant, Florida Department of Children and Families Sandra Collins, Florida Department of Transportation Linda Tatum, Regional Workforce Development Board Sherry Ruskowski, Persons with Disabilities Representative

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Matthew Pearson, Suwannee River Economic Council

#### STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Godfrey, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

#### I. PUBLIC HEARING CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Riddick called the public hearing to order at 9:35 a.m. He asked the Board to nominate Ms. Hildebran and Ms.Bennett as representatives of the Board.

#### A. Introductions

Chairman Riddick asked everyone to introduce themselves.

#### B. Receive Public Testimony

There was no public testimony received.

#### C. Close Public Hearing

Chairman Riddick closed the public hearing at 9:36 a.m.

#### II. BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Riddick called the business meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

#### A. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

ACTION: Steve Futch moved to approve the meeting agenda. Richard Sapp

seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of the January 6, 2015 Minutes

ACTION: Barbara Fischer moved to approve the January 6, 2015 meeting

minutes. Steve Futch seconded; motion passed unanimously.

#### III. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

Ms. Lynn Godfrey, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Senior Planner, stated that Chapter 427, Florida Statutes requires Suwannee River Economic Council to prepare a Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan in cooperation with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Board's approval. She said this plan provides information needed by the Board to continually review and assess transportation disadvantaged needs for the service area. She said the Service Plan must be submitted to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged annually.

The Board reviewed the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan.

**ACTION:** Steve Futch moved to approve the Bradford County Transportation

Disadvantaged Service Plan. Richard Sapp seconded; motion passed

unanimously.

#### B. 2015 Florida Legislative Session

Ms. Godfrey stated the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged's 2015 legislative priories are included in the meeting materials. She said she will notify the Board members if any legislation is filed that might affect the Transportation Disadvantaged Program.

#### C. Operations Reports

Ms. Godfrey stated that the operations reports for the fourth quarter of 2014 are included in the meeting packet for the Board's review. She said there is no action required on this agenda item.

The Board reviewed the operations reports.

#### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

#### A. Comments

#### 1. Members

There were no member comments.

#### 2. Citizens

Mr. Matthew Pearson said Suwannee River Economic Council will implement their computer software upgrade in June. He said they may experience problems with the change and wanted the Board to be aware of it.

#### V. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Chairman Riddick stated that the next meeting of the Board will be held Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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| The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. |      |  |
|-------------------------------------|------|--|
| Coordinating Board Chair            | Date |  |

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July 15, 2015

TO: Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Amendment

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan includes the rates charged for Transportation Disadvantaged Program sponsored services. Attached are Suwannee River Economic Council's proposed Fiscal Year 2015/16 rates and Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Rate Model Worksheets. The Board needs to review and approve Suwannee River Economic Council's proposed rates.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

#### Attachment

# **Preliminary Information Worksheet** Version 1.4 CTC Name: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. County (Service Area): Bradford Contact Person: Matt Pearson Phone # 386-362-4115 ext. 222 Check Applicable Characteristic: **NETWORK TYPE:** ORGANIZATIONAL TYPE: Fully Brokered 0 Governmental • Partially Brokered • Private Non-Profit 0 Sole Source Private For Profit Once completed, proceed to the Worksheet entitled "Comprehensive Budget"

| Comprehensive Budget W   | Vorkshee  | t   | Version 1.4  |   |  | Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Bradford   |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| Complete applicable GREEN cells in c   | columns 2, 3, 4   | , and 7   |  |   |  |  |
| Day tet*)  | Prior Year's ACTUALS from July 1st of 2013 to June 30th of 2014 2 | Current Year's APPROVED Budgel, as amended from July 1st of 2014 to June 30th of 2015 | Upcoming Year's PROPOSED Budget from 2 2015 to June 30th of 2016 4 | % Change<br>from Prior<br>Year to<br>Current<br>Year<br>5 | Proposed<br>% Change<br>from<br>Current<br>Year to<br>Upcoming<br>Year | Confirm whether revenues are collected as a system subsidy VS a purchase of service at a unit price.  Explain Changes in Column 6 That Are > ± 10% and Also > ± \$50,000 |
| REVENUES (CTC/Operators ONLY / Local Non-Govt  | Do <b>NOT</b> inclu   | de coordination   | contractors!)  |   |  |  |
| Farebox Medicaid Co-Pay Received Donations/ Contributions In-Kind, Contributed Services Other Bus Pass Program Revenue Local Government  | \$ 22,908   | \$ 42,419   | \$ 30,140  | 85.2%   | -28.9%   | Reinvested 59.833 into upcoming (14/15) years Budget   |
| District School Board Compt. ADA Services County Cash County N-Kind, Contributed Services City Cash City In-kind, Contributed Services Other Cash Other In-Kind, Contributed Services Bus Pass Program Revenue |   |   |  |   |  |  |
| Non-Spons. Trip Program Non-Spons. Capital Equipment Rural Capital Equipment Other TD (specify in explanation) Bus Pass Program Revenue  | \$ 121,231  | \$ 119,832  | \$ 119.844   | -1,2%   | 0.0%   |  |
| 49 USC 5307 49 USC 5310 49 USC 5311 (Operating) 49 USC 5311 (Capital) Block Grant Service Development Commuter Assistance Other DOT (speedly in explanation) Bus Pass Program Revenue                          | \$ 55,887<br>\$ 85,907  |   |  |   | 0.0%   |  |
| AHCA  Medicaid  Other AHCA (specify in explanation)  Bus Pass Program Revenue  | \$ 136,327  | \$ 44,940<br>\$ 35,173  |  | -67.0%  | -100.0%<br>165.5%  | other AHCA = HMO Medicaid  |
| Alcoh, Drug & Mental Health Family Safety & Preservation Comm. Care Dis://aging & Adult Serv. Other DCF (specify in explanation) Bus Pass Program Revenue  | Y.  |   |  |   |  | - 1 **   |
| Children Medical Services County Public Health Other DOH (specify in explanation) Bus Pass Program Revenue DOE (state)   |   |   |  |   |  |  |
| Carl Perkins Div of Blind Services Vocational Rehabilitation Day Care Programs Other DOE (specify in explanation) Bus Pass Program Revenue AWI   |   |   |  |   |  |  |
| WAGES/Workforce Board Other AWI (specify in explanation) Bus Paas Program Revenue DOEA   |   |   |  |   |  |  |
| Older Americans Act Community Care for Elderly Other DOEA (specify in explanation) Bus Pass Program Revenue  | \$ 12,211   | \$ 30,200   | \$ 12.000  | 147.3%  | -80,3%   |  |
| Community Services Other DCA (specify in explanation)  |   |   |  |   |  |  |

#### **Comprehensive Budget Worksheet** CTC: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Version 1 4 County: Bradford 1. Complete applicable GREEN cells in columns 2, 3, 4, and 7 July 1st\* Current Year's APPROVED Upcoming Year PROPOSED Prior Year's Budget, as amended Budget Confirm whether revenues are collected as a system subsidy VS Proposed % Change from a purchase of service at a unit price. July 1st of July 1st of 2 % Change from Prior from 2013 2014 2015 Current Year to Current Year to June 30th of June 30th of June 30th of Upcoming Explain Changes in Column 6 That Are > ± 10% and Also > ± \$50,000 2015 2016 2014 Year Year 2 Office of Disability Determination Developmental Services Other APD (specify in explanation) Bus Pass Program Revenue DJJ (specify in explanation) Bus Pass Program Revenue Other Fed or State XXX xxx Bus Pass Program Revenue Other Revenues Interest Earnings XXXX Bus Pass Program Revenue Balancing Revenue to Prevent Deficit Actual or Planned Use of Cash Reserve Balancing Revenue is Short By = None None \$425,366 Total Revenues = \$434,451 \$442,564 1.9% -3.9% EXPENDITURES (CTC/Operators ONLY / Do NOT include Coordination Contractors!) Operating Expenditures 1.3% 147,097 S -1.3% 24.9% -5.8% 13.7% 4.8% 1.5% -11.2% Fringe Benefits 57.028 25.829 71.214 26,250 57,200 15,500 7.8% Services **64,377 15,700** Materials and Supplies 14,983 Utilities Casualty and Liability 22 168 S 304 S 22,400 -100.0% Taxes Purchased Transportation: Purchased Bus Pass Expenses School Bus Utilization Expenses 2,000 0.0% Contracted Transportation Services 2.000 S 5 -7.0% 14.5% 1.127 \$ 1.048 5 1.200 Miscellaneous Operating Debt Service - Principal & Interest Leases and Rentals Contrib. to Capital Equip, Replacement Fund 15,700 S 16,000 6.1% 1.9% 14,798 \$ In-Kind, Contributed Services 13,315 5 13,316 -32.3% 0.0% 19 678 \$ Allocated Indirect Capital Expenditures Equip. Purchases with Grant Funds Equip. Purchases with Local Revenue Equip. Purchases with Rate Generated Rev. 65,000 3.2% 63,000 S 65,000 | \$ 0.0% Capital Debt Service - Principal & Interest **ACTUAL YEAR GAIN** -3.9% \$442,564 \$425,366 4.2% Total Expenditures = \$424,618 See NOTES Below. Once completed, proceed to the Worksheet entitled "Budgeted Rate Base"

ACTUAL year GAIN (program revenue) MUST be reinvested as a trip or system subsidy. Adjustments must be Identified and explained in a following year, or

applied as a Rate Base Adjustment to proposed year's rates on the next sheet.

#### **Budgeted Rate Base Worksheet**

Version 1

CTC: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

\$ 13,316

County: Bradford

1. Complete applicable GREEN cells in column 3; YELLOW and BLUE cells are automatically completed in column 3

2. Complete applicable GOLD cells in column and 5

|   | Upcoming Year's BUDGETED Revenues |
|---|-----------------------------------|
|   | from                              |
|   | July 1st of                       |
|   | 2015                              |
|   | lo<br>June 30th of                |
|   | 2016                              |
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| revenues?   | the Rate Base                                     | equipment?   |
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| ocal Non-Govi  |      |         |
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| Farebox<br>Medicaid Co-Pay Received  | 5    |         |
| Donational Contributions   | s    | _       |
| In-Kind, Contributed Services  | 5    |         |
| Other  | 5    | 30,149  |
| Bus Pass Program Revenue   | 5    | -       |
| ocal Government  |      |         |
| District School Board  | 5    |         |
| Compl. ADA Services  | 5    |         |
| County Cash  | 5    |         |
| County In-Kind, Contributed Services   | 5    | -       |
| City Cash  | 5    | _       |
| Other Cash   | 1 2  | -       |
| Other In Kind, Contributed Services  | 5    |         |
| Bus Pass Program Revenue   | 5    |         |
| CTD  | 7777 |         |
| Non-Spons. Trip Program  | 1s   | 119,844 |
| Non-Spons Capital Equipment  | \$   | 110,044 |
| Rural Capital Equipment  | 5    |         |
| Other TD   | \$   |         |
| Bus Pass Program Revenue   | \$   |         |
| JSDOT & FDOT   |      |         |
| 49 USC 5307  | \$   |         |
| 49 USC 5310  | \$   | 58,000  |
| 49 USC 5311 (Operating)  | 5    | 112.000 |
| 49 USC 5311(Capital)   | \$   |         |
| Block Grant  | \$   |         |
| Service Development<br>Commuter Assistance   | 3    |         |
| Other DOT  | \$   |         |
| Bus Pass Program Revenue   | \$   |         |
| AHCA   |      |         |
| Medicaid   | 2    |         |
| Other AHCA   | S    | 93,373  |
| Bus Pass Program Revenue   | \$   |         |
| DCF  |      |         |
| Alcoh, Drug & Mental Health  | 15   | -       |
| Family Safety & Preservation   | 5    |         |
| Comm. Care Dis /Aging & Adult Serv.  | 5    |         |
| Other DCF  | 5    |         |
| Bus Pass Program Revenue   | 5    | - 9     |
| DOH  |      |         |
| Children Medical Services  | 5    |         |
| County Public Health   | 5    |         |
| Other DOH  | \$   |         |
| Bus Pass Program Revenue   | 5    |         |
| DOE (state)  |      |         |
| Carl Perkins   | 5    |         |
| Div of Blind Services  | 5    | _       |
| Vocational Rehabilitation  Day Care Programs   | 5    |         |
| Other DOE  | 5    |         |
| Bus Pass Program Revenue   | s    |         |
| AWI  |      |         |
| WAGES/Workforce Board  | S    |         |
| AWI  | \$   |         |
| Bus Pass Program Revenue   | \$   |         |
| DOEA   |      |         |
| Older Americans Act  | 5    | 12,000  |
| Community Care for Eiderly   | \$   |         |
| Other DOEA   | \$   |         |
| Bus Pass Program Revenue   | \$   |         |
| DCA  | 5    |         |
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| Community Services   |      |         |

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YELLOW cells
are <u>NEVER</u> Generated by Applying Authorized Rates

BLUE cells
Should be funds generated by rates in this spreadsheet

GREEN cells

MAY BE Revenue Generated by Applying
Authorized Rate per Mile/Trip Charges

Fill in that portion of budgeted revenue in Column 2 that will be <u>GENERATED</u> through the application of authorized per mile, per trip, or combination per trip plus per mile rates. Also, include the amount of funds that are Earmarked as local match for Transportation Services and <u>NOT</u> Capital Equipment purchases.

If the Farebox Revenues are used as a source of Local Match Dollars, then identify the appropriate amount of Farebox Revenue that represents the portion of Local Match required on any state or federal grants. This does not mean that Farebox is the only source for Local Match.

Please review all Grant Applications and Agreements containing State and/or Federal funds for the proper Match Requirement levels and allowed sources.

GOLD cells

Fill in that portion of Budgeted Rate Subsidy Revenue In Column 4 that will come from Funds Earmarked by the Funding Source for Purchasing Capital Equipment. Also include the portion of Local Funds earmarked as Match related to the Purchase of Capital Equipment if a match amount is required by the Funding Source.

#### **Budgeted Rate Base Worksheet**

Version 1

CTC: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

County: Bradford

1. Complete applicable GREEN cells in column 3; YELLOW and BLUE cells are automatically completed in column 3

2 Complete applicable GOLD cells in column and 5

|                                       | Upcoming Year's<br>BUDGETED<br>Revenues |           |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|
|                                       |   | from      |
|                                       |   | lv 1sl of |
|                                       |   |           |
|                                       | l                                       | 2015      |
|                                       | June 30th of                            |           |
|                                       | -                                       | 2016      |
|                                       | 2                                       |           |
| APD                                   |   |           |
| Office of Disability Determination    | \$                                      |           |
| Developmental Services                | \$                                      |           |
| Other APD                             | \$                                      |           |
| Bus Pass Program Revenue              | \$                                      |           |
| DIN                                   |   |           |
| DIJ                                   | \$                                      |           |
| Bus Pass Program Revenue              | \$                                      |           |
| Other Fed or State                    |   |           |
| XXX                                   | \$                                      |           |
| XXX                                   | \$                                      |           |
| XXX                                   | \$                                      |           |
| Bus Pass Program Revenue              | \$                                      |           |
| Other Revenues                        | 21                                      |           |
| Interest Earnings                     | \$                                      |           |
| 3000X                                 | \$                                      |           |
| XXXX                                  | \$                                      |           |
| Bus Pass Program Revenue              | 15                                      |           |
| Balancing Revenue to Prevent Deficit  |   |           |
| Actual or Planned Use of Cash Reserve | \$                                      |           |
| Total Revenues                        | -                                       | 425,366   |

| What amount of the<br>Bodonical Revenue<br>on col 2 will be<br>generated at the<br>rate per unit<br>determined by this<br>spreadsheet, OR<br>used as local match<br>for these type<br>revenues? | Budgeted Rale<br>Subsidy Revenue<br>EXcluded from<br>the Rate Base | What amount of the Subsidy Revenue col 4 will come from funds to purchase equipment, OR who be used as match for the purchase equipment? |
|---|--|--|
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| 149,000 |          |
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|         | 5        |
| 57,500  | 5        |
| 26,250  | 5        |
| 57,200  | 5        |
| 15,500  | 5        |
| 22,400  | 5        |
|         | 5        |
|         |          |
|         | 5        |
|         | 2        |
| 2.000   | 5        |
|         | \$       |
| 1,200   | 5        |
|         | 5        |
| 16,000  | 5        |
|         | \$       |
|         | \$       |
| 13,316  | \$       |
|         |          |
| 85,000  | 5        |
|         | \$       |
|         | \$       |
|         | \$       |
|         | 5        |
| 425,366 | 5        |
| 180,388 | \$       |
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\$ 122,369

Amount of <u>Budgeted</u> Operating Rate Subsidy Revenue

#### <sup>1</sup>Rate Base Adjustment Cell

If necessary and justified, this cell Is where you could optionally adjust proposed service rates up or down to adjust for program revenue (or unapproved profit), or losses from the <u>Actual</u> period shown at the bottom of the Comprehensive Budget Sheet. This is not the only acceptable location or method of reconciling for excess gains or losses. If allowed by the respective funding sources, excess gains may also be adjusted by providing system subsidy revenue or by the purchase of additional trips in a period following the Actual period. If such an adjustment has been made, provide notation in the respective exlanation area of the Comprehensive Budget tab.

<sup>1</sup> The Difference between Expenses and Revenues for Fiscal Year:

2013 - 2014

Once Completed, Proceed to the Worksheet entitled "Program-wide Rates"

#### **Worksheet for Program-wide Rates**

CTC:

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County:

Bradford

1. Complete Total Projected Passenger Miles and ONE-WAY Passenger Trips (GREEN cells) below

Do NOT include trips or miles related to Coordination Contractors!

Do NOT include School Board trips or miles UNLESS......

INCLUDE all ONE-WAY passenger trips and passenger miles related to services you purchased from your transportation operators!

Do NOT include trips or miles for services provided to the general public/private pay UNLESS..

Do NOT include escort activity as passenger trips or passenger miles unless charged the full rate for service!

Do NOT include fixed route bus program trips or passenger miles!



Fiscal Year

2015 - 2016

Avg. Passenger Trip Length = 12.5 Miles

Rates If No Revenue Funds Were Identified As Subsidy Funds

Rate Per Passenger Mile = \$ 3.45

Rate Per Passenger Trip = \$ 43.25

Once Completed, Proceed to the Worksheet entitled "Multiple Service Rates"

#### Vehicle Miles

The miles that a vehicle is scheduled to or actually travels from the time it pulls out from its garage to go into revenue service to the time it pulls in from revenue service.

#### Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM)

The miles that vehicles are scheduled to or actually travel while in revenue service. Vehicle revenue miles exclude:

Deadhead

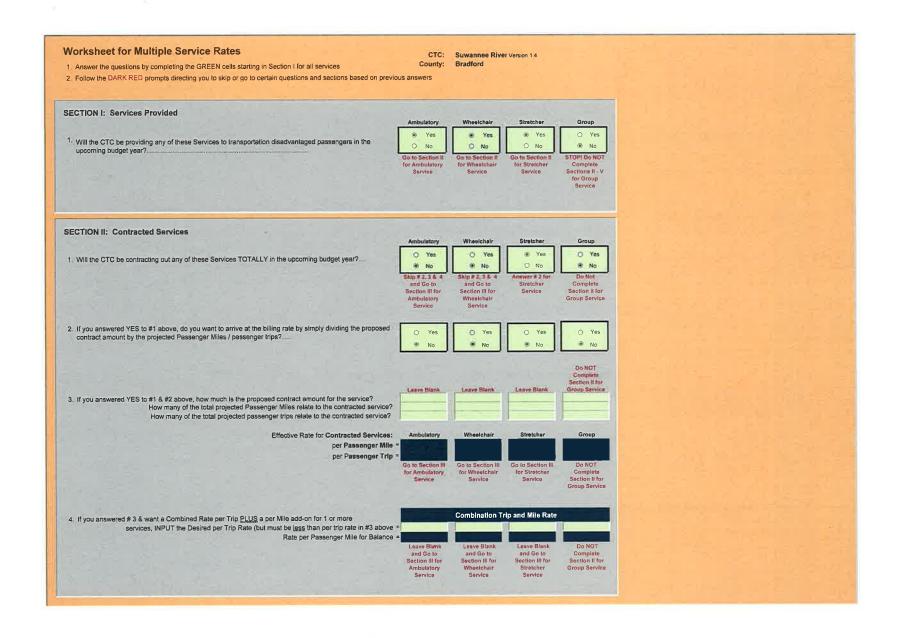
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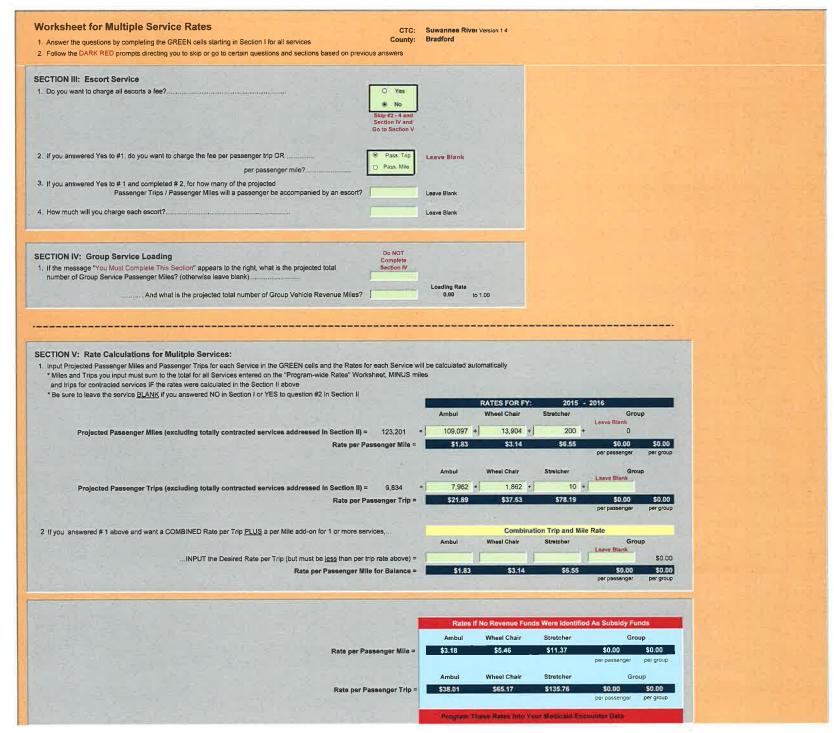
Vehicle maintenance testing, as well as

School bus and charter services.

#### Passenger Miles (PM)

The cumulative sum of the distances ridden by each passenger.





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July 15, 2015

TO:

Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM:

Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT:

Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Bylaws

#### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Board's Bylaws.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the Board review and approve the Bylaws annually. Attached are the Board's Bylaws for review and approval.

If you have any questions concerning the Bylaws, please contact me at extension 110.

#### Attachment

# Bylaws

July 21, 2015

Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board



# **Bylaws**

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# Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

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**Danny Riddick, Chair** 

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# Chapter I: Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Bylaws

## A. Preamble

The following sets forth the bylaws which shall serve to guide the proper functioning of the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. The intent is to provide procedures and policies for fulfilling the requirements of Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, and subsequent laws setting forth requirements for the coordination of transportation services to the transportation disadvantaged.

# **B.** Agency Description

The Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board is a public body appointed by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency as authorized by Section 427.015, Florida Statutes.

# C. Definitions

Transportation disadvantaged means those persons who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation and are, therefore, dependent upon others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities, or other life-sustaining activities, or children who are handicapped or high-risk or at-risk as defined in Section 411.202, Florida Statutes.

Agency means an official, officer, commission, authority, council, committee, department, division, bureau, board, section, or any other unit or entity of the state or of a city, town, municipality, county, or other local governing body or a private nonprofit transportation service-providing agency.

Community Transportation Coordinator means a transportation entity recommended by a metropolitan planning organization, or by the appropriate designated official planning agency as provided for in Section 427.011, Florida Statutes in an area outside the purview of a metropolitan planning organization, to ensure that coordinated transportation services are provided to the transportation disadvantaged population in a designated service area.

Coordinating Board means an advisory entity in each designated service area composed of representatives appointed by the metropolitan planning organization or designated official planning agency, to provide assistance to the community transportation coordinator relative to the coordination of transportation services.

Coordination means the arrangement for the provision of transportation services to the transportation disadvantaged in a manner that is cost-effective, efficient and reduces fragmentation and duplication of services.

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Designated Official Planning Agency means the official body or agency designated by the Commission to fulfill the functions of transportation disadvantaged planning in areas not covered by a Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Metropolitan Planning Organization shall serve as the designated official planning agency in areas covered by such organizations.

Designated Service Area means a geographical area recommended by a designated official planning agency, subject to approval by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, which defines the community where coordinated transportation services will be provided to the transportation disadvantaged.

Florida Coordinated Transportation System means a transportation system responsible for coordination and service provisions for the transportation disadvantaged as outlined in Chapter 427, Florida Statutes.

Memorandum of Agreement is the state contract for transportation disadvantaged services purchased with federal, state or local government transportation disadvantaged funds. This agreement is between the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and the Community Transportation Coordinator and recognizes the Community Transportation Coordinator as being responsible for the arrangement of the provision of transportation disadvantaged services for a designated service area.

Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan means an annually updated plan jointly developed by the Designated Official Planning Agency and the Community Transportation Coordinator which contains a development plan, service plan and quality assurance components. The plan shall be approved and used by the local Coordinating Board to evaluate the Community Transportation Coordinator.

# D. Name and Purpose

- (1) The name of the Coordinating Board shall be the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board.
- (2) The purpose of the Board is to identify local service needs and provide information, advice and direction to the Community Transportation Coordinator on the provision of services to the transportation disadvantaged within the designated service area. In general, the Board is considered an advisory body (Section 427.0157, Florida Statutes).

# E. Membership

- (1) Voting Members. In accordance with Section 427.0157, Florida Statutes, all voting members of the Board shall be appointed by the Designated Official Planning Agency. The Designated Official Planning Agency for Bradford County is the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.
  - (a) An elected official from the service area which the Board serves shall be appointed to the Board.
  - (b) A local representative of the Florida Department of Transportation;
  - (c) A local representative of the Florida Department of Children and Family Services;

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- (d) A local representative of the Public Education Community which could include, but not be limited to, a representative of the District School Board, School Board Transportation Office or Headstart Program in areas where the School District is responsible;
- (e) In areas where they exist, a local representative of the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or the Division of Blind Services, representing the Department of Education;
- (f) A person recommended by the local Veterans Service Office representing the veterans of the service area;
- (g) A person who is recognized by the Florida Association for Community Action (President), representing the economically disadvantaged in the service area;
- (h) A person over age sixty (60) representing the elderly in the service area;
- (i) A person with a disability representing the disabled in the service area;
- (j) Two citizen advocate representatives in the service area; one who must be a person who uses the transportation service(s) of the system as their primary means of transportation;
- (k) A local representative for children at risk;
- (I) In areas where they exist, the Chairperson or designee of the local Mass Transit or Public Transit System's Board, except in cases where they are also the Community Transportation Coordinator;
- (m) A local representative of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs;
- (n) An experienced representative of the local private for profit transportation industry. In areas where such representative is not available, a local private non profit representative shall be appointed, except where said representative is also the Community Transportation Coordinator;
- (o) A local representative of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration;
- (p) A representative of the Regional Workforce Development Board established in Chapter 445, Florida Statutes; and
- (q) A representative of the local medical community, which may include, but not be limited to, kidney dialysis centers, long term care facilities, assisted living facilities, hospitals, local health department or other home and community based services, etc.
- (r) No employee of a Community Transportation Coordinator shall serve as a voting member of the Coordinating Board in an area where the Community Transportation Coordinator serves. However, an elected official serving as a member of the Community Transportation Coordinator's Board of Directors, or other governmental employees that are not employed for the purpose of making provisions for transportation and are not directly supervised by the Community Transportation Coordinator, shall not be precluded from serving as voting members of the Coordinating Board.

- It is the intent of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for the membership of the Board to represent to the maximum extent possible a cross section of their local community.
- (2) Alternate Members. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council may appoint one alternate member to represent appointed voting members in their absence. Alternate members may vote only in the absence of the voting member on a one-vote-per-member basis. Alternate members must be a representative of the same interest as the primary member.
- (3) Terms of Appointment. Except for the Chair, non-agency members of the Board shall be appointed for three-year staggered terms with initial membership being appointed equally for one, two and three years. The Chair shall serve until elected term of office has expired or otherwise replaced by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. There are no limits to the number of terms served by any member of the Board.
- (4) Termination of Membership. Any member of the Board may resign at any time. Each member of the Board is expected to demonstrate his/her interest in the Board's activities through attendance of the scheduled meetings, except for reasons of an unavoidable nature. In each instance of an unavoidable absence, the absent member should ensure that his/her alternate will attend.

# F. Officers

- (1) Chair. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall appoint an official Chair for all Board meetings. The appointed Chair shall be an elected official from the designated service area that the Board serves (41-2.012(1), Florida Administrative Code). For a multi-county Board, the Chair shall be from one of the counties in the designated service area. The Chair shall serve until their elected term of office has expired or otherwise replaced by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The Chair shall preside at all meetings.
- Vice-Chair. The Board shall hold an organizational meeting each year for the purpose of electing a Vice-Chair (41-2.012(2) Florida Administrative Code). The Vice-Chair shall be elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the members of the Board present and voting at the organizational meeting. The Vice-Chair shall serve a term of one year starting with the first meeting after their election. For a multi-county Board, an elected official not serving as the Chair shall serve as Vice-Chair. In the event of the Chair's absence, the Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chairperson and conduct the meeting. The Vice-Chair may serve more than one term.

# G. Meetings

- (1) Regular Meetings. The Board shall meet at least quarterly. The Board may meet as often as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities as set forth in Section 427.0157, Florida Statutes. All meetings will function under the "Government in the Sunshine Law." All meetings will provide opportunity for public comments on the agenda. The Board shall conduct business using parliamentary procedures according to Roberts Rules of Order.
- (2) Emergency Meetings. The Board may hold emergency meetings in order to transact business necessary to ensure the continuation of services to the transportation disadvantaged population. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by writing by 1/3 of the Board's voting membership.

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North Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff shall give the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, Board members and all interested parties one week notice, if possible, of the date, time, location and proposed agenda for the emergency meeting. Meeting materials shall be provided as early as possible. Emergency meetings shall be advertised at a minimum, in the largest general circulation newspaper in the designated service area as soon as possible prior to the meeting.

- (3) Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called for any appropriate purpose by the Chair or by written request of at least seven (7) voting members of the Board.
- (4) Notice of Regular and Special Meetings. Notices and tentative agendas shall be provided to the Florida Commission for the Transportation, Board members and other interested parties at least two weeks prior to each Board meeting. Meeting notices shall include the date, time, location, general nature/subject of the meeting, a contact person and phone number to call for additional information and to request accessible formats.

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall provide the agenda and meeting package to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, Board members and all other interested parties prior to the meeting. The agenda shall include a public participation opportunity.

- (5) Quorum. At all meetings of the Board, the presence in person of a majority 40 percent of the voting members shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, those present may, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting, recess the meeting from time to time, until a quorum shall be present. At any such recessed meeting, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called. In the absence of a quorum, the members present may also elect to either:
  - a) Cancel and reschedule the meeting; or
  - b) Continue to meet and discuss agenda items for informational purposes only. Agenda items that require formal action shall be presented at a future meeting where a quorum is present.

Board members can participate (and vote) in meetings via conference call, however, a physical quorum must be present to vote on agenda items that require formal action.

(6) Voting. At all meetings of the Board at which a quorum is present, all matters, except as otherwise expressly required by law or these Bylaws, shall be decided by the vote of a majority of the members of the Board present. As required by Section 286.012, Florida Statutes, all Board members, including the Chair of the Board, must vote on all official actions taken by the Board except when there appears to be a possible conflict of interest with a member or members of the Board.

- (7) Conflict of Interest. In accordance with Chapter 112 (Part III), Florida Statutes, "No county, municipal, or other public office shall vote in an official capacity upon any measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss, or which the officer know would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal which he or she is retained, of a relative or of a business associate. The officer must publicly announce the nature of his or her interest before the vote and must file a memorandum of voting conflict on Ethics Commission Form 8B with the meeting's recording officer within 15 days after the vote occurs disclosing the nature of his or her interest in the matter."
- (8) Proxy Voting. Proxy voting is not permitted.
- (9) Parliamentary Procedures. The Board will conduct business using parliamentary procedures according to Robert's Rules of Order, except when in conflict with these Bylaws.
- (10) Attendance. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall review, and consider rescinding, the appointment of any voting member of the Board who fails to attend three consecutive meetings. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall notify the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged if any state agency voting member or their alternate fails to attend three consecutive meetings. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council must maintain an attendance roster for each meeting. Board members can participate (and vote) at meetings via conference call, however, a physical quorum must be present to vote on action items.

# H. Administration

- (1) Staff Support. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall provide the Board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the Board to fulfill its responsibilities as set forth in Section 427.0157, Florida Statutes. These responsibilities include providing sufficient staff to manage and oversee the operations of the Board and assist in the scheduling of meetings, preparing meeting agenda packets and other necessary administrative duties as required by the Board within the limits of the resources available.
- (2) Minutes. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is responsible for maintaining an official set of minutes for each Board meeting regardless of the presence of a quorum. The minutes shall be prepared in a reasonable time following the meeting and shall include an attendance roster indicating what agency, organization or position each member represents and reflect a summary of official actions taken by the Board. Meeting minutes shall be provided at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting for approval.

## I. Duties

- (1) Board Duties. The following Board duties are set forth in Chapter 427, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.
  - (a) Maintain official meeting minutes, including an attendance roster, reflecting official actions and provide a copy of same to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

- (b) Review and approve the Memorandum of Agreement and Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan.
- (c) Annually evaluate the Community Transportation Coordinator's performance in general and relative to Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and local standards as referenced in Rule 41-2.006, Florida Administrative Code, and the performance results of the most recent Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. As part of the Community Transportation Coordinator's performance, the Board shall also set an annual percentage goal increase for the number of trips provided within the system for ridership on public transit, where applicable. In areas where the public transit is being utilized, the Board shall set an annual percentage of the number of trips to be provided on public transit. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged shall provide evaluation criteria for the Board to use relative to the performance of the Community Transportation Coordinator. This evaluation shall be submitted to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged upon approval by the Board.
- (d) In cooperation with the Community Transportation Coordinator, review all applications for local, state or federal funds relating to transportation of the transportation disadvantaged in the service area to ensure that any expenditures within the county are provided in the most cost effective and efficient manner.
- (e) Review coordination strategies for service provision to the transportation disadvantaged in the service area to seek innovative ways to improve cost effectiveness, efficiency, safety, working hours and types of service in an effort to increase ridership to a broader population. Such strategies should also encourage multi-county and regional transportation service agreements between area Community Transportation Coordinators and consolidation of adjacent counties when it is appropriate and cost effective to do so.
- (f) Working with the Community Transportation Coordinator, jointly develop applications for funds that may become available.
- (g) Assist the Community Transportation Coordinator in establishing eligibility guidelines and trip priorities for trips that are purchased with Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds.
- (h) Annually review coordination contracts to advise the Community Transportation Coordinator whether the continuation of said contract provides the most cost effective and efficient transportation available.
- (i) Annually review all transportation operator contracts as to the effectiveness and efficiency of the transportation operator and recommend approval or disapproval of such contracts to the Community Transportation Coordinator.
- (j) Annually hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving input on unmet transportation needs or any other areas that relate to the local transportation services.
- (k) Annually review the Annual Operations Report.

## J. Committees

The Chair subject to approval by the Board shall appoint a Grievance Committee to process and investigate complaints from agencies, users, transportation operators and potential users of the system in the designated service area. The Grievance Committee shall make recommendations to the Board or to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for improvement of service. The Board shall establish a process and procedures to provide regular opportunities for issues to be brought before the Grievance Committee and to address them in a timely manner. Rider brochures or other documents provided to users or potential users of the system shall provide information about the complaint and grievance process including the publishing of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged's Transportation Disadvantaged Helpline service when local resolution has not occurred. When requested, all materials shall be made available in accessible format. Members appointed to the Grievance Committee shall be voting members of the Board. If a Grievant claims a conflict between the Grievant and a Grievance Committee member, the Grievance Committee member identified as having a conflict shall recuse themselves from hearing the grievance.

If the Community Transportation Coordinator provides Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation through a contract with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, the Board's Grievance Committee shall be responsible for responding to grievances and appeals through the Medicaid Grievance System. A Medicaid Expedited Appeal Committee must also be established to address expedited appeals.

Additional committees shall be appointed by the Chair, subject to approval by the Board, as necessary to investigate and report on specific subject areas of interest to the Board and to deal with administrative and legislative procedures.

## K. Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of members present at regular meetings.

# L. Certification

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is the Chair of the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Bylaws of this Board as adopted by the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board the 21st day of July 2015.

Danny Riddick, Chair Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

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# Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

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TO:

Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM:

Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT:

Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Grievance

Procedures

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the Board's Grievance Procedures.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the Board review and approve the Grievance Procedures annually. Attached are the Board's Grievance Procedures for review and approval.

If you have any questions concerning the Grievance Procedures, please contact me at extension 110.

#### Attachment

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# Transportation Disadvantaged Grievance Procedures

July 21, 2015

Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board







# Transportation Disadvantaged Grievance Procedures

#### Approved by the

## Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

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# Chapter I: Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Grievance Procedures

### A. Preamble

The following sets forth the procedures for the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board to address grievances from agencies, users, potential users, sub-contractors, and other interested parties concerning Florida's Coordinated Transportation System.

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Florida's Coordinated Transportation System means a transportation system responsible for coordination and service provisions for the transportation disadvantaged as outlined in Chapter 427, Florida Statutes.

Grievance means a written complaint to document any concerns regarding the operation or administration of services provided by Florida's Coordinated Transportation System by the Community Transportation Coordinator, subcontracted transportation operators, the Designated Official Planning Agency, or the Board. A grievance may also be a service complaint that has been left unresolved for more than 45 days.

Memorandum of Agreement is the state contract for transportation disadvantaged services purchased with federal, state or local government transportation disadvantaged funds. This agreement is between the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and the Community Transportation Coordinator and recognizes the Community Transportation Coordinator as being responsible for the arrangement of the provision of transportation disadvantaged services for a designated service area.

Service complaint means routine incidents that occur on a daily basis, are reported to the driver or dispatcher, or to other individuals involved with the daily operations, and are resolved within the course of a reasonable time period suitable to the complainant. All service complaints shall be recorded and a summary of complaints should be provided by the Community Transportation Coordinator on a quarterly basis, to the Board.

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### D. Purpose

- (1) The Board shall appoint a Grievance Committee to serve as a mediator to process, and investigate complaints from agencies, users, potential users of the system and the Community Transportation Coordinator in the designated service area, and make recommendations to the Board for the improvement of service.
- (2) The Board shall establish procedures to provide regular opportunities for issues to be brought before the Grievance Committee and to address them in a timely manner. Members appointed to the Grievance Committee shall be voting members of the Board.

(3) The Grievance Committee and the Board shall have the authority to hear and advise on grievances. When an entity makes a determination of the rights, duties, privileges, benefits, or legal relationships of a specified person or persons, it is exercising "adjudicative" or "determinative" powers. Deciding a grievance between two independent parties may fall within these parameters, depending on the nature of the grievance. Chapter 427, Florida Statutes grants no adjudicative powers to anyone.

### E. Membership

- (1) The Chair, subject to approval by the Board, shall appoint five (5) voting members to a Grievance Committee. The membership of the Grievance Committee shall include broad geographic representation from members of the local Coordinating Board representing the counties in the service area.
- (2) Term limits on the Grievance Committee may coincide with term limits on the Board.

### F. Officers

(1) The Grievance Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair.

### G. Meetings

- (1) The Grievance Committee may meet as often as necessary to fulfill their responsibilities. The Grievance Committee may meet following Board meetings to hear complaints and grievances. All meetings will function under the "Government in the Sunshine Law." All meetings will provide opportunity for public comments on the agenda.
- (2) Notice of Meetings. Notices and tentative agendas shall be provided to the Florida Commission for the Transportation, Committee members and other interested parties at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Meeting notices shall include the date, time, location, general nature/subject of the meeting, a contact person and phone number to call for additional information and to request accessible formats.
- Quorum. At all meetings of the Grievance Committee, the presence in person of a majority of the voting members shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, those present may, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting, recess the meeting from time to time, until a quorum shall be present. At any such recessed meeting, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.
- (4) Voting. A majority vote is required for actions by the Grievance Committee. As required by Section 286.012, Florida Statutes, all Grievance Committee members, including the Chair, must vote on all official actions taken by the Grievance Committee except when there appears to be a possible conflict of interest with a member or members of the Grievance Committee.
- (5) Conflict of Interest. In accordance with Chapter 112 (Part III), Florida Statutes, "No county, municipal, or other public office shall vote in an official capacity upon any measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss, or which the officer know would inure to the

special private gain or loss of a principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal which he or she is retained, of a relative or of a business associate. The officer must publicly announce the nature of his or her interest before the vote and must file a memorandum of voting conflict on Ethics Commission Form 8B with the meeting's recording officer within 15 days after the vote occurs disclosing the nature of his or her interest in the matter."

In cases where a grievance involves the private or personal interests of a member of the Grievance Committee, such member shall be disqualified from hearing such grievance. If a Grievant claims a conflict between the Grievant and a Grievance Committee member, the Grievance Committee member identified as having a conflict shall recues themselves from hearing the grievance. No member of the Grievance Committee shall appear before the Grievance Committee as an agent or attorney for any person.

- (6) Proxy Voting. Proxy voting is not permitted.
- (7) Parliamentary Procedures. The Grievance Committee will conduct business using parliamentary procedures according to Robert's Rules of Order, except when in conflict with these Grievance Procedures.

### **H.** Administration

- (1) Staff Support. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall provide the Grievance Committee with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the Grievance Committee to fulfill their responsibilities.
- (2) Minutes. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is responsible for maintaining an official set of minutes for each Grievance Committee meeting.

### I. Duties

The Grievance Committee shall make recommendations to the Board, the Community Transportation Coordinator, and/or to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for improvement of service.

### J. Procedures

- (1) The grievance procedures shall be open to addressing concerns by any person or agency including but not limited to: purchasing agencies, users, potential users, private-for-profit operators, private-nonprofit operators, Community Transportation Coordinators, Designated Official Planning Agencies, elected officials, and drivers. The grievant, in their formal complaint, should demonstrate or establish their concerns as clearly as possible.
- (2) The Board must make a written copy of the grievance procedures available to anyone, upon request. All documents pertaining to the grievance process will be made available, upon request, in accessible format. The following procedures are established to provide regular opportunities for grievances to be brought before the Grievance Committee.

(3) Should an interested party wish to file a grievance with the Board, that grievance must be filed in writing within ninety (90) days after the occurrence of the event giving rise to the grievance.

The grievance shall be sent to:

Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Grievance Committee 2009 N.W. 67th Place Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

- (4) If requested, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff will provide assistance to individuals in preparing written grievances.
- (5) The grievance should try to demonstrate or establish a clear violation of a specific law, regulation, or contractual arrangement. Copies of pertinent laws and regulations may be obtained from North Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff.
- (6) The grievance shall include:
  - a. the name, address and telephone number of the Complainant;
  - b. a statement of the grounds for the grievance and be supplemented by supporting documentation, made in a clear and concise manner; and
  - c. an explanation by the Complainant of the improvements needed to address the complaint.
- (7) If the Board receives a grievance pertaining to the operation of services by the Community Transportation Coordinator, that grievance shall be forwarded to the Community Transportation Coordinator for a written response. The Community Transportation Coordinator's written response shall be provided to the Grievance Committee at least one week prior to the Grievance Committee meeting to hear such grievance.
- (8) If the Complainant does not want to be contacted by the Community Transportation Coordinator concerning the grievance before the grievance is heard, the Community Transportation Coordinator is prohibited from contacting the Complainant.
- (9) Within fifteen (15) working days following the date of receipt of the formal grievance, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff shall advise the Grievance Committee of the grievance to schedule a hearing on the grievance and inform the Complainant of the hearing date.
- (10) The Grievance Committee shall meet to hear the grievance within forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of receipt of the grievance.
- (11) North Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff shall send notice of the Grievance Committee's scheduled hearing in writing to the local newspaper of greatest circulation, the Complainant and other interested parties.
- (12) All involved parties have a right to present their views to the Grievance Committee, either orally or in writing. In addition, all parties may present evidence. The Community Transportation Coordinator shall provide transportation to and from Grievance Committee meetings at no charge to complainants who cannot transport themselves to the meetings.

- (13) A written report and any recommendations of the Grievance Committee shall be provided to the Board. A copy of this report shall be provided to the concerned parties within ten (10) working days after the hearing on the grievance and no more than sixty (60) calendar days from the date of receipt of the formal grievance. The Grievance Committee's recommendation will stand unless the recommendation is changed by the Board.
- (14) A written report shall also be provided to the Community Transportation Coordinator's Governing Board.

## K. Appeals

(1) Appeals of recommendations by the Grievance Committee to the Board shall be made within twenty (20) working days from the date when the Grievance Committee makes a recommendation regarding a grievance. The appeal shall be mailed to:

Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board 2009 N.W. 67th Place Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

- (2) The Complainant will be notified in writing of the date, time and place of the Board meeting where the appeal will be heard. This written notice will be mailed at least ten (10) calendar days in advance of the meeting.
- (3) The Board will meet to hear the appeal and render its recommendation within thirty (30) calendar days of the date the appeal was filed. A written copy of the recommendation will be mailed to all parties involved within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the recommendation.
- (4) Should a Complainant remain dissatisfied with the Board's decision, he or she may contact the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged at the following address:

Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged 605 Suwannee Street, MS-49 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

(5) The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged also has an Ombudsman Program to assist individuals with complaints. The toll-free Ombudsman Hotline is 1-800-983-2435. Chapter 427, Florida Statutes does not expressly confer the power or authority for the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged to "hear and determine" a grievance between two (2) third parties. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged may choose to listen to grievances and it can investigate them from a fact-finding perspective. It cannot be the "judge" or "arbiter" of the grievance in the sense of determining that one party's version of the facts is right and the other is wrong, and order the wrong party to somehow compensate the right party. On the other hand, the grievance may bring to light a problem within "the system."

- (6) If the grievance showed that one (1) of the parties with whom the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged contracts was acting so aberrantly as to not be in compliance with its contract, the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged could exercise whatever contractual rights it has to correct the problem.
- (7) The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged may take part in the grievance process, if it wants to, for purposes of listening to the grieving parties and gathering the facts of the matter. It may not decide the grievance, where doing so would amount to an exercise of adjudicative powers.

## L. Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Program Grievance System

- (1) If the Community Transportation Coordinator provides Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation through a contract with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, the Board's Grievance Committee shall be responsible for responding to grievances and appeals through the Medicaid Grievance System. A Medicaid Expedited Appeal Committee must also be established to address expedited appeals:
- (2) The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Medicaid Grievance System is attached as Appendix A.

## M. Suspension Reconsideration

- (1) If a rider has been issued a notice of suspension of service by the Community Transportation Coordinator, they have ten (10) calendar days from the date of issuance of suspension notice to request a reconsideration hearing on the suspension. If a reconsideration hearing is requested, the hearing will be held by the Grievance Committee if the suspension involves transportation provided under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program.
- (2) The written request must include the name, address and telephone number of the person who is requesting the hearing and a statement as to why his or her riding privileges should not be suspended. If the request is not received within ten (10) calendar days from the issue date of the suspension, then the suspension becomes effective ten (10) calendar days from the date of issue.
- (3) Upon receipt of letter requesting the reconsideration hearing, a hearing shall be held within ten (10) working days. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will advise the person requesting the reconsideration hearing by return correspondence of the date, time and location of the hearing.
- (4) The person will be given the opportunity to present the reasons why they believe the suspension should not take place. The Grievance Committee will make a recommendation whether or not to uphold the suspension. A written statement of the recommendation shall be forwarded to the person requesting the hearing within two (2) working days after the hearing by the Grievance Committee. A written statement of the decision whether or not to uphold the suspension shall be forwarded by certified mail within two (2) working days by the Community Transportation Coordinator to the person requesting the hearing.

## N. Prohibition Against Retaliation

The Community Transportation Coordinator shall not take any punitive action against an individual who files a grievance. No individual shall be denied Transportation Disadvantaged Program services because such individual has filed a grievance related to Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program or has testified or is about to testify in any such proceeding or investigation related to Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program.

### O. Alternative Recourse

Apart from these grievance processes, aggrieved parties with proper standing, may also have recourse through Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, administrative hearings process or the judicial court system.

### P. Certification

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is the Chair of the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Grievance Procedures of this Board as adopted by the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board the 21st day of July 2015.

Danny Riddick, Chair Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

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## Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

Grievance Procedures Team

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July 15, 2015

TO: Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Appoint Grievance Committee Member

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Chair needs to appoint a Board member to the Grievance Committee.

#### BACKGROUND

Chapter I.E. of the Board's Grievance Procedures requires the Chair to appoint five (5) voting members to a Grievance Committee. Ms. Alana McKay was appointed to the Board's Grievance Committee. Ms. McKay recently resigned from the Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.



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July 15, 2015

TO:

Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM:

Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT:

2014/15 Compliance Monitoring Report

#### RECOMMENDATION

For information only. No action required.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Florida Commission for the Transportation conducted a compliance monitoring of Suwannee River Economic Council May 29, 2015. Attached is the monitoring report for the Board's review.

If you have any questions concerning the attached report, please contact me at extension 110.

#### Attachment

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## **Independent Accountants' Report on Compliance Consulting Services**

**Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator** 

2014-15 Compliance Monitoring Report



## Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator 2014-15 Compliance Monitoring Report

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June 1, 2015

Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Tallahassee, Florida

Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator Live Oak, Florida

We have performed specific compliance consulting services as enumerated in FCTD's 2014-15 compliance monitoring tool. These services were contracted by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (FCTD) to comply with its programmatic oversight and monitoring responsibilities related to:

- Florida Statutes Chapter 427
- Florida Administrative Code Rule 41.2
- Florida Administrative Code Rule 14.90
- The Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP)
- The System Safety Program Plan (SSPP)
- The FCTD Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

These consulting services were conducted in accordance with the *Statements on Standards for Consulting Services* established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the consulting services is solely the responsibility of FCTD. Consequently, we make no representations regarding the sufficiency of the consulting services performed, either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

On May 29, 2015, we visited the Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) and performed compliance consulting services as summarized in the FCTD's 2014-15 compliance monitoring tool for the period of July 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, with respect to Bradford County CTC services. The procedures performed and our related findings begin on page 2 of this report.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the CTC's compliance with the statutes, plans, and agreements identified above. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of FCTD, the CTC governing board and management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A.

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## Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator 2014-15 Compliance Monitoring Report

#### **Executive Summary**

Organization Environment: Rural

Organization Type: Private Non-profit Network Type: Partially Brokered

#### **Findings**

We performed specific compliance consulting services based on the detailed testing tasks identified in the FCTD's 2014-15 compliance monitoring tool. Our procedures were performed using firm and professional standards. A summary of the testing categories used during this engagement and the related monitoring results are provided as follows:

| Monitoring Results/Issues             | Prior Year<br>Findings -<br>Resolved | Prior Year<br>Findings -<br>Unresolved | Current<br>Year<br>Findings |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| General Information                   |                                      | :•:                                    |                             |
| Florida Statutes Chapter 427          | 11                                   | 785                                    | :#1                         |
| Florida Administrative Code Rule 41-2 | 1                                    | 12                                     |                             |
| Internal Control Survey               | ::::                                 |  | -                           |
| Financial Activity Analysis           |                                      |  | -                           |
| FCTD Rate Calculation                 |                                      | •                                      | -                           |
| TOTAL                                 | 2                                    | 0                                      | 0                           |

Detailed information about these findings is provided below, as applicable. If the CTC has current year findings, it must submit a Corrective Action Plan response to FCTD within 30 days of receipt of this report. If you have questions about the Corrective Action Plan process, please contact your FCTD Area Program Manager.

#### Suggestions

Other matters or circumstances may have been noted by us as we completed the indicated compliance monitoring tasks. Detailed information about these observations and our related suggestions, if any, are provided in the following Suggestions Letter. The suggestions resulting from our site visit are summarized as follows:

- Suggestion #1 Report all trips provided on monthly invoices to FCTD
- Suggestion #2 Rider Eligibility
- Suggestion #3 Develop written procedures for the preparation of the Annual Operating Report (AOR)

This correspondence and any attachments are intended solely for the information and use of the FCTD, CTC management, and the CTC's governing board and are not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

## Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator 2014-15 Compliance Monitoring Report

#### **Schedule of Findings**

#### **Findings**

We performed specific compliance consulting services based on the detailed testing tasks list in FCTD's 2014-15 compliance monitoring tool which is available on the FCTD's website. The compliance monitoring procedures performed included sufficient tests of details of transactions, file inspections, and inquiries (1) to determine the status of recommendations from the prior year monitoring visit(s) and (2) to adequately support the current year findings and recommendations. Detailed information for these items is disclosed in the following section of this report.

#### **Prior Year Findings**

All prior monitoring findings have been resolved.

Current Year Findings - Monitoring Period = July 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015

No findings were noted during the current monitoring period.



#### **Suggestions Letter**

June 1, 2015

Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Tallahassee, Florida

Bradford County CTC Live Oak, Florida

In planning and performing the specific compliance consulting services for the Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for the period July 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, we considered the CTC's program activities, its operating model, and disclosed internal controls in order to complete the tasks identified in FCTD's monitoring tool and not to provide assurance on the entity's internal control.

However, during this monitoring engagement, we became aware of certain matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal control over compliance and/or operating efficiency. In our report dated June 1, 2015, we reported on the CTC's instances of noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements that could have a significant effect on the state programs monitored by FCTD. This letter does not affect that report.

We recommend FCTD review the status of these comments during the next monitoring cycle. We have discussed these comments and suggestions with Shawn Williams, General Manager, and Eric Landis, Human Resource & Accounting Manager. We would be pleased to discuss these comments, which are described below, in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you with implementation of the recommendations.

#### Suggestions from 2014-15 Onsite Monitoring Visit

#### Suggestion #1 - Report all trips provided on monthly invoices to FCTD

During the testing of riders invoiced to FCTD, monitors inspected rider applications used to determine eligibility. Our tests included inspection of applications used to determine eligibility, review of driver manifests to determine proper inclusion of the sampled rider, agreement of the billed mileage rate to the approved rate sheet and FCTD grant agreement, and recalculation of the trip billed to the FCTD. We noted no discrepancies of the billing process through our testing.

Through our inspection of monthly invoices, we noted that trips billed each month tied exactly to the CTC's monthly allocation of Trust fund dollars. Upon inquiry regarding this observation, the CTC indicated that any trips provided in excess of the monthly allocation were excluded from the invoices since they could not be billed. We recommend that all trips be included on the monthly FCTD invoices in order to provide an accurate accounting of the trips provided by the CTC. If the calculated billing based on the number of trips provided exceeds the CTC's monthly allocation, the excess should be subtracted on the line titled "Less: Amount over Exhibit "B" of Contract". Invoicing all trips provided on the



Page 2 June 1, 2015

#### Suggestions from 2014-15 Onsite Monitoring Visit (continued)

#### Suggestion #1 - Report all trips provided on monthly invoices to FCTD (continued)

monthly invoice will provide FCTD a more accurate accounting of trip volume provided by the CTC and throughout the coordinated system. Additionally, if in subsequent months the CTC does not have sufficient trip volume to bill its maximum allocation, it will have documented evidence of unbilled trips in prior months that it might then be able to claim.

#### Suggestion #2 - Rider eligibility

During the testing of eligibility of Transportation Disadvantaged funded beneficiaries, it was noted that the intake forms for eligible riders were not signed and dated by the applicants. Per inquiry with CTC personnel, applicants called into the CTC and eligibility was determined over the phone. We recommend the CTC obtain a signature from the rider applicants to attest to the information that was provided to the CTC.

## Suggestion #3 – Develop written procedures for the preparation of the Annual Operating Report (AOR)

Our monitoring procedures included the inspection of the CTC's documentation supporting the passenger trips, passenger miles, and revenue and expense amounts included on the AOR. For each of the items we selected to trace, the CTC was able to provide the supporting documentation without exception. We did note however, that written procedures describing the process used to prepare the AOR do not exist. To ensure consistency accuracy in the preparation of the AOR, we recommend that such written procedures be developed.

Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A.

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July 15, 2015

TO: Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Operations Reports

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

No action required. This agenda item is for information only.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Attached are the following reports for the Board's review:

- 1. Suwannee River Economic Council Operations Report;
- 2. Fiscal Year 2014/15 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Status Report;
- 3. Suwannee River Economic Council Complaint/Commendation Report; and
- 4. Suwannee River Economic Council Trip Denial Report.

If you have any questions regarding the attached reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.

#### Attachments

#### QUARTERLY OPERATING REPORT BRADFORD COUNTY JANUARY - MARCH 2015

#### **OPERATING DATA** SREC **ARC of Bradford** TOTAL 5,445 NUMBER OF INVOICED TRIPS 1,999 3,446 Medicaid (FCTD) 36 0 36 0 114 114 Title III-B 1,083 0 1,083 TD Trust Fund 3,446 Agency for Persons with Disabilities ol 3.446 766 766 Medicaid (HMO) TOTAL VEHICLE MILES 21,704 21,494 43,198 15,844 TOTAL REVENUE VEHICLE MILES 15,844 Not reported 2,820 TOTAL VEHICLE HOURS 1,659 1,161 TOTAL DOLLARS INVOICED \$65,856.72 \$38,362.32 \$104,219 \$5,653 Medicaid (FCTD) \$5.653.48 \$0.00 \$1,751.04 \$0.00 \$1,751 Title III-B \$36,346,70 \$0.00 \$36,347 TD Trust Fund \$38,362 Agency for Persons with Disabilities \$0.00 \$38.362.32 Medicaid (HMO) \$22,105.50 \$0.00 \$22,106 AVERAGE COST PER TRIP \$32.94 \$11,13 \$19.14 #DIV/0! \$157.04 Medicaid (FCTD) \$157.04 \$15.36 Title III-B \$15.36 #DIV/0! #DIV/0! \$33.56 TD Trust Fund \$33.56 \$11.13 Agency for Persons with Disabilities \$0.00 \$11.13 \$28.86 #DIV/0! \$28.86 Medicaid (HMO) AVERAGE COST PER MILE \$3.03 \$1.78 \$2.41 AVERAGE COST PER REV. VEH. MI. \$4.16 **#VALUE!** \$6.58 \$33.04 \$36.96 AVERAGE COST PER HOUR \$39.70 TRIP PURPOSE\* 86 1,971 Medical 1,885 ol 0 Employment 0 0 Education/Training 0 2.744 2,744 Fixed ol 188 188 Inclusion ol 0 ol Shopping 114 0 114 Meal Site 0 0 0 Recreation 428 ol 428 Other 0 NUMBER OF TRIPS DENIED 0 0 ol NUMBER OF SINGLE PASSENGER TRIPS PROVIDED 269 0 269 PERCENT OF SINGLE PASSENGER TRIPS 0% 5% 13% 0 0 0 NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS NUMBER OF VEHICLES 8 10 18 345 303 250 AVERAGE TRIPS PER VEHICLE 11 5 8 AVERAGE MILES PER TRIP 1 0 NUMBER OF ROADCALLS

#### QUARTERLY OPERATING REPORT BRADFORD COUNTY JANUARY - MARCH 2014

| OPERATING DATA                       | TOTAL        |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| NUMBER OF INVOICED TRIPS             | 5,461        |
| Medicaid (FCTD)                      | 935          |
| Title III-B                          | 280          |
| TD Trust Fund                        | 1,472        |
| Agency for Persons with Disabilities | 2,774        |
| Medicaid (HMO)                       | 0            |
| TOTAL VEHICLE MILES                  | 54,902       |
| TOTAL REVENUE VEHICLE MILES          | 27,488       |
| TOTAL VEHICLE HOURS                  | 3,210        |
| TOTAL DOLLARS INVOICED               | \$107,065.00 |
| Medicaid (FCTD)                      | \$36,465.00  |
| Title III-B                          | \$4,301.00   |
| TD Trust Fund                        | \$34,880.00  |
| Agency for Persons with Disabilities | \$31,420.00  |
| Medicaid (HMO)                       | \$0.00       |
| AVERAGE COST PER TRIP                | \$19.61      |
| Medicaid (FCTD)                      | \$39.00      |
| Title III-B                          | \$15.36      |
| TD Trust Fund                        | \$23.70      |
| Agency for Persons with Disabilities | \$11.33      |
| Medicaid (HMO)                       | #DIV/0!      |
| AVERAGE COST PER MILE                | \$1.95       |
| AVERAGE COST PER REV. VEH. MI.       | 4            |
| AVERAGE COST PER HOUR                | 33           |
| TRIP PURPOSE*                        | ্            |
| Medical                              | 2,504        |
| Employment                           | 0            |
| Education/Training                   | 2,223        |
| Fixed                                | 56           |
| Inclusion                            | 0            |
| Shopping                             | 0            |
| Meal Site                            | 280          |
| Recreation                           | 389          |
| Other                                | 0            |
| NUMBER OF TRIPS DENIED               | 0%           |
| NUMBER OF SINGLE PASSENGER           | 0            |
| TRIPS PROVIDED                       | 322          |
| PERCENT OF SINGLE PASSENGER TRIPS    | 0.1          |
| NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS                  | 0            |
| NUMBER OF VEHICLES                   | 18           |
| AVERAGE TRIPS PER VEHICLE            | 303          |
| AVERAGE MILES PER TRIP               | 10           |
| NUMBER OF ROADCALLS                  | 0            |

**CTC: Suwannee River Economic Council** 

**Rates Charged to TD Trust Fund:** 

Ambulatory: \$1.82 per passenger mile Wheelchair: \$3.12 per passenger mile Stretcher: \$6.50 per passenger mile

## 2014-2015 TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED TRUST FUND SUMMARY BRADFORD COUNTY

|            |               | STATE FUNDS | STATE FUNDS  | NUMBER OF | AVERAGE COST |
|------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| MONTH/YEAR | ALLOCATION    | SPENT       | REMAINING    | TRIPS     | PER TRIP     |
| Jul-14     | \$119,844.00  | \$11,100.88 | \$108,743.12 | 382       | \$29.06      |
| Aug-14     |               | \$11,094.82 | \$97,648.30  | 399       | \$27.81      |
| Sep-14     | ie!           | \$11,098.00 | \$86,550.30  | 389       | \$28.53      |
| Oct-14     | ~             | \$9,987.35  | \$76,562.95  | 403       | \$24.78      |
| Nov-14     | -             | \$9,133.49  | \$67,429.46  | 382       | \$23.91      |
| Dec-14     |               | \$8,088.68  | \$59,340.78  | 362       | \$22.34      |
| Jan-15     |               | \$11,067.73 | \$48,273.05  | 395       | \$28.02      |
| Feb-15     |               | \$11,259.14 | \$37,013.91  | 398       | \$28.29      |
| Mar-15     | -             | \$10,385.15 | \$26,628.76  | 290       | \$35.81      |
| Apr-15     | X <b>=</b> :  |             |              |           | #DIV/0!      |
| May-15     | . <del></del> |             |              |           | #DIV/0!      |
| Jun-15     | U=            |             |              | =         | ·            |
| TOTAL      | π.            | \$93,215.24 | -            | 3,400     | \$27.42      |

# BRADFORD COUNTY QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF SERVICE COMPLAINTS/COMMENDATIONS JANUARY - MARCH 2015

|                          | Suwannee River<br>Economic |              |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| TYPE OF COMPLAINT        | Council                    | Resolved     |
| Vehicle Condition        | 0                          | -            |
| Driver's Behavior        | 0                          | -            |
| Client Behavior          | 0                          |              |
| Tardiness - Late pickup  | 0                          | -            |
| Tardiness - Late dropoff | 0                          | -            |
| No Show by Operator      | 0                          | -            |
| Dispatch/Scheduling      | 0                          | -            |
| Service Denial           | 0                          | -            |
| Other                    | 0                          | ·            |
| TOTALS                   | 0                          | Ø <b>₩</b> . |
| COMMENDATIONS            | 1                          | 0=           |

# BRADFORD COUNTY UNMET TRANSPORTATION NEEDS JANUARY - MARCH 2015

| DEACON FOR TRIP DENIAL      | NUMBER OF TRIP DENIAL S |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| REASON FOR TRIP DENIAL      | NUMBER OF TRIP DENIALS  |
| Lack of Funding             | 0                       |
| Trip Purpose                | 0                       |
| Out of Service Area Trip    | 0                       |
| Insufficient Advance Notice | 0                       |
| After Hours Trip Request    | 0                       |
| Weekend Trip Request        | 0                       |
| Other                       | 0                       |
| TOTALS                      | 0                       |

Source: Suwannee River Economic Council

## ATTENDANCE RECORD BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

| MEMBER/ORGANIZATION                        | NAME                        | 7/15/14 | 10/14/14 | 1/6/15 | 4/14/15 |
|--|-----------------------------|---------|----------|--------|---------|
| Chair                                      | Commissioner Danny Riddick  | Р       | Р        | Р      | Р       |
| Alternate Chairperson                      | Commissioner Tommy Chastain | Α       | Α        | Α      | Α       |
| Florida Department of Transportation       | Sandra Collins              | Α       | Р        | P      | Α       |
| Alternate Member                           | Janell Damato               | Α       | A        | Α      | Α       |
| Florida Department of Children and Familie | Amanda Bryant               |         |          | Α      | Α       |
| Alternate Member                           | Jaime Sanchez-Biachi        |         |          | Α      | A       |
| Agency for Health Care Administrtaion      | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Alternate Member                           | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Florida Department of Education            | Jeffrey Aboumrad            | Р       | Р        | Р      | Р       |
| Alternate Member                           | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Public Education                           | Richard Sapp                | Α       | Α        | Α      | P       |
| Alternate Member                           | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Citizen Advocate                           | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Alternate Member                           | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Citizen Advocate-User                      | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Alternate Member                           | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Elderly                                    | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Alternate Member                           | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Veterans                                   | Barbara Fischer             | Α       | Р        | Р      | Р       |
| Alternate Member                           | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Persons with Disabilities                  | Sherry Ruszkowski           | Р       | A        | Р      | Α       |
| Alternate Member                           | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Florida Association for Community Action   | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Alternate Member                           | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Florida Department of Elder Affairs        | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Alternate Member                           | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Children at Risk                           | Alberta Hampton             | Α       | А        | Α      | Α       |
| Alternate Member                           | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |
| Private Transit                            | Steve Futch                 | Р       | Р        | Р      | Р       |
| Alternate Member                           | Laura Crews                 |         |          |        |         |
| Regional Workforce Board                   | Linda Tatum                 | Α       | A        | Α      | Α       |
| Alternate Member                           | (Vacant)                    |         |          |        |         |

LEGEND KEY: P-Present A-Absent - Not Applicable (newly appointed member)

ATTENDANCE POLICY: According to Article III, Section 5 of the Coordinating Board bylaws: "The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall review and consider rescinding the appointment of any voting member of the Board who fails to attend three consecutive meetings."