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March 7, 2022

TO: Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Meeting Announcement

The Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet **Monday, March 14**, **2022 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Senior/Client Services Center located on State Road 27 in Mayo, Florida. The meeting will also be conducted via communications media technology in the following format:

DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1.888.585.9008

CONFERENCE CODE: 864 183 272

**Please note that at least two (2) Board members must be present in person in addition to at least two (2) Board members present via communications media technology to establish a quorum in order to vote on agenda items that require formal action. **

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 guidelines, in Bradford County community level is high. Therefore, to reduce the risk of becoming infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 and potentially spreading it to others, fully vaccinated people should wear a mask indoors in public.

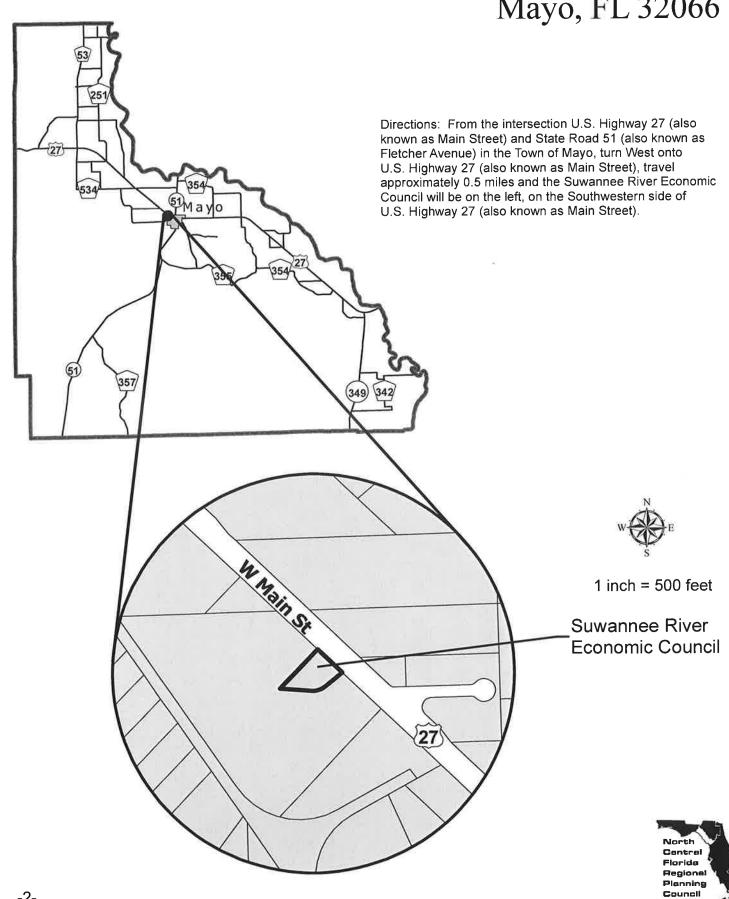
Attached is the meeting agenda and supporting materials. If you have any questions concerning the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-226-0690 extension 110.

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LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

BUSINESS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA

Meeting Room Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Senior/Client Services Center State Road 27 Mayo, Florida Dial in Number: Toll free 1.888.585.9008 Conference Code: 864 183 272 Monday March 14, 2022 2:00 p.m.

I. BUSINESS MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation
- **B.** Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Approval of the Meeting Agenda ACTION REQUIRED
- E. Approval of the December 13, 2021 Minutes Page 7 ACTION REQUIRED
- II. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Introduction to Florida's Coordinated Page 11 NO ACTION REQUIRED Transportation System

Staff will discuss Florida's Coordinated Transportation System and Section 112.3143, Florida Statues concerning voting conflicts of interest

- B. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Page 51 NO ACTION REQUIRED Operations Report
- C. 2022 Florida Legislative Session Page 57 NO ACTION REQURIED

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Comments

IV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. June 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- B. September 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- C. November 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
- D. March 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

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

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LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

MEMBER/REPRESENTING	ALTERNATE/REPRESENTING
Commissioner Lisa Walker	Not Applicable
Local Elected Official/Chair	
Christina Nalsen	Lauren Adams
Florida Department of Transportation	Florida Department of Transportation
	Grievance Committee Member
Kay Tice	Vacant
Florida Department of Children and Families	Florida Department of Children and Families
Grievance Committee Member	
Bonnie Burgess	Vacant
Florida Department of Education	Florida Department of Education
Grievance Committee	
Eva K. Bolton	Vacant
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Grievance Committee	
Vacant	Vacant
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Sheryl Dick-Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Diane Head, Vice-Chair	Anthony Jennings
Regional Workforce Development Board	Regional Workforce Development Board
Grievance Committee Member	
Vacant	Vacant
Florida Association for Community Action	Florida Association for Community Action
	Term ending June 30, 2023
Term ending June 30, 2023	Vacant
Joey Pearson Public Education	Public Education
Vacant	Vacant
Veterans	Veterans
Term ending June 30, 2023	Term ending June 30, 2023
Vacant	Vacant
Citizen Advocate	Citizen Advocate
Term ending June 30, 2024	Term ending June 30, 2024
Vacant	Vacant
Citizen Advocate - User	Citizen Advocate - User
Term ending June 30, 2024	Term ending June 30, 2024
Vacant	Vacant
Persons with Disabilities	Persons with Disabilities
Term ending June 30, 2024	Term ending June 30, 2024
Vacant	Vacant
Elderly	Elderly
Term ending June 30, 2023	Term ending June 30, 2023
Vacant	Vacant
Medical Community	Medical Community
Term ending June 30, 2022	Term ending June 30, 2022
Vacant	Vacant
Children at Risk	Children at Risk
Term ending June 30, 2022	Term ending June 30, 2022
Vacant	Vacant
Private Transit	Private Transit
Term ending June 30, 2022	Term ending June 30, 2022

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

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LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Room Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Senior/Client Services Center State Road 27 Mayo, Florida Dial in Number: Toll free 1.888.585.9008 Conference Code: 864 183 272 Monday December 13, 2021 2:00 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Joey Pearson, Public Education Representative Kay Tice, Florida Department of Children and Families Representative

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Lauren Adams representing Christina Nalsen, Florida Department of Transportation Representative Sheryl Dick-Stanford, Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative Diane Head, Workforce Development Board Representative, Vice-Chair

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Eva Bolton, Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative Bonnie Burgess, Florida Department of Education Representative Commissioner Lisa Walker, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Matthew Pearson, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Godfrey, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

I. BUSINESS MEETING - CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Head called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

A. Invocation

Mr. Matthew Person, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Executive Director, gave the invocation.

Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board December 13, 2021

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chair Head led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

The roll was called by Ms. Lynn Godfrey, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Senior Planner, she stated that a quorum was present.

D. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

ACTION: Kay Tice moved to approve the meeting agenda. Joey Pearson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of the September 13, 2021 Minutes

ACTION:	Kay Tice moved to approve the September 13, 2021 minutes.
	Lauren Adams seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2020/21 Annual Performance Evaluation

Ms. Godfrey stated that the Board is required to evaluate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s performance as the Community Transportation Coordinator annually. She said the draft performance evaluation is included in the meeting packet for the Board's review.

ACTION: Kay Tice moved to approve Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s 2020/21 Annual Performance Evaluation. Joey Pearson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. 2018/23 Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Amendment

Ms. Godfrey stated that applicants for funding under the 49 U.S.C. Grant Programs must certify to the Florida Department of Transportation that the grant projects are included in the current Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. She said Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. applied for funding under the 49 U.S.C. Section 5311 Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and American Rescue Plan Grant Program. She staff recommends that the Board approve adding this grant project to the 2018/23 Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan.

Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board December 13, 2021

ACTION: Kay Tice moved to approve adding the 49 U.S.C. Section 5311 Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and American Rescue Plan Grant Program project to the 2018/23 Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. Lauren Adams seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. 2020/21 Annual Operating Report

Mr. Matthew Pearson, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. discussed the Annual Operating Report.

The Board reviewed the 2020/21 Annual Operating Report.

D. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Operations Reports

Mr. Pearson discussed the July – September 2021 operating reports. He said the trip numbers are still down because the mealsite is closed. He said the mealsite should reopen in January 2022. He said the trips to the Taylor Technical Institute are increasing.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Comments

Mr. Pearson thanked the Board members for their attendance at the meetings. He said Lafayette County would not receive Transportation Disadvantaged Program grant funding if there was not a local Board.

IV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Vice-Chair Head stated that the next Board meeting will be held March 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. She thanked the Board members for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Chair

Date

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- TO: Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
- FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner
- SUBJECT: Introduction to Florida's Coordinated Transportation System

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires Board members to comply with the requirements of Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes and Section 286, Florida Statues.

Attached are the following documents for the Board's information:

- An Introduction to Florida's Coordinated Transportation System;
- Section 112.3143, Florida Statues concerning voting conflicts of interest; and
- Section 286, Florida Statues concerning Florida Sunshine Law.

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

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An Overview of the Transportation Disadvantaged Program TD 101



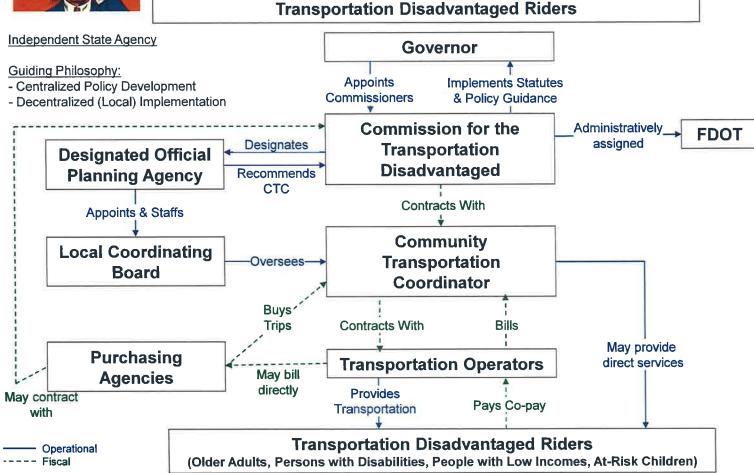
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Florida's Coordinated Transportation System Organizational Structure... At A Glance



Riders Who Are Transportation Disadvantaged

- Older Adults
- Persons with Disabilities
- Persons with Low Income
- Children who are At-Risk



They Could Need A Ride To...



- Medical Services
- Work or Job-Training
- School or College
- Grocery Store
- Social-Recreation

...And They May Have Limited Transportation Options Available In Their Community:

- Personal or Family Vehicle
- Public Transit
- Government "Sponsored" Transportation (e.g., Medicaid)
- Private On-Demand Services (e.g., taxi, Uber or Lyft, etc.)





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TD Program Foundation

The Coordinated System was established in 1979.

The Legislature created the Commission and TD Trust Fund in 1989.

The purpose was to deliver the "coordination" of transportation services in each county.

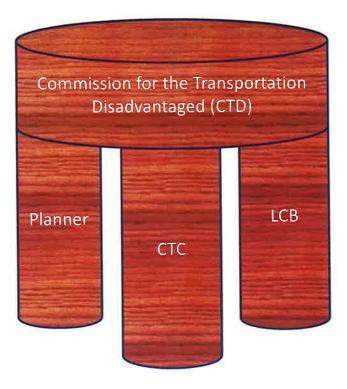
Implemented by three primary entities at local level:

- Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)
- Designated Official Planning Agency (Planner)
- Local Coordinating Board (LCB)

CTD works with state/local partners (e.g., FDOT) to also purchase trips through coordinated system.

"Trips" can include bus passes, scheduled door-todoor paratransit, or on-demand services.

The "Three-Legged Stool" of Coordination





Summary of Responsibilities

- Independent agency, administratively housed in FDOT, with board appointed by Governor.
- Administers the TD Trust Fund and disburses funds through various grant programs.
- Develops policies/procedures governing the coordinated transportation system.
- Approves and contracts with CTCs to deliver CTDfunded services in each county.
- Designates Planning Agency (outside MPO) to help implement program at the local level.

Governing Documents



Chapter 427, Florida Statutes – Legislative Authority

Rule Chapter 41-2, Florida Administrative Code – Implementing Regulations

Commission Membership and Duties...

- Seven voting Governor-appointed members:
 - Five business representatives
 - Two users of the system
 - At least one representing seniors (65+ Years Old)
- Eight ex-officio (non-voting) members, representing purchasing agencies.
- Meets at least quarterly around the state.
- All meetings are governed under the Sunshine Laws – recorded and accessible to the public.



...Commission Duties

- Primary voting responsibilities:
 - Approves the designation of every CTC at least every five years
 - Administers the TD Trust Fund, to include the awarding of grants.
 - Reviews and approves Commission publications, including the Annual Performance Report
 - Develops/approves policies governing coordinated transportation (e.g., rules, procedures, etc.).
- Participates in professional development events, including an annual training workshop.
- Appoints and oversees Executive Director.

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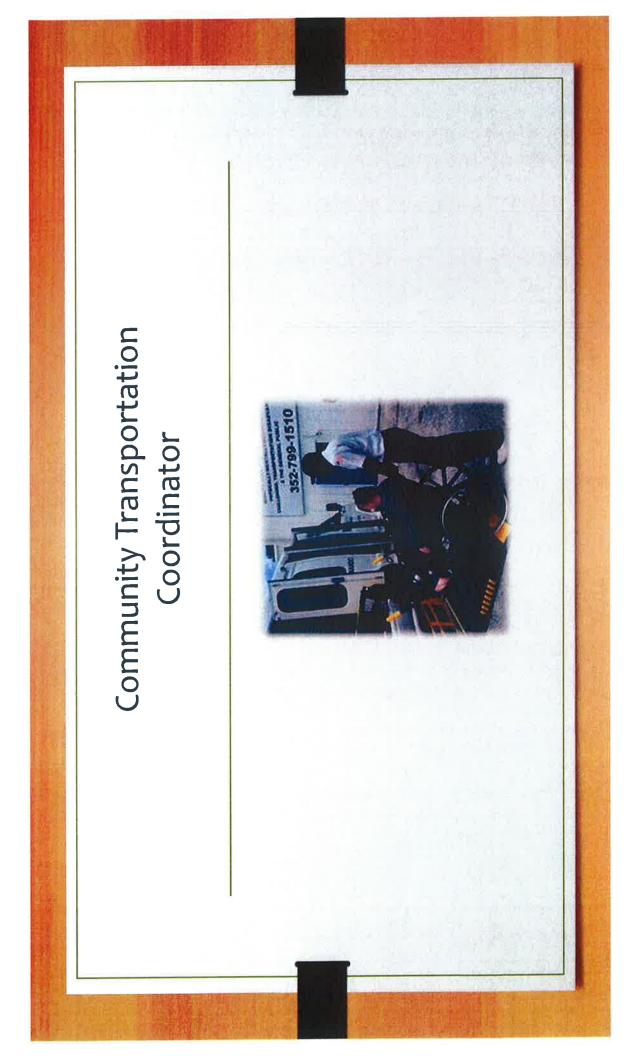
Grant Programs...



- Trip & Equipment Grant
 - Annually allocated through a formula, established in rule, to CTCs in all 67 counties
 - Used to purchase trips for eligible riders
 - 25% of funds may be used to purchase equipment
- Planning Grant Awarded to Planning Agencies to assist with meeting their responsibilities, including staffing the LCB, in each service area.
- Shirley Conroy Grant Competitively awarded to CTCs for the purchase of capital equipment to meet the needs in rural areas.

... Grant Programs

- Innovation and Service Development (ISD) Grant (FY19-20 and FY20-21)
 - Appropriated through Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES)
 - Competitively awarded to CTCs and TNCs for innovative projects that support:
 - Access to Community Activities;
 - Cross-County/Regional Mobility; or
 - Connection to a Transportation Hub



Summary of Responsibilities

- Coordinates transportation services for a county/region.
- Provides and/or contracts with transportation operators to deliver trips for TD customers.
- Determines TD eligibility and performs gatekeeping duties.
- Invoices purchasing agencies.
- Assists LCB in developing the TD Service Plan.
- Submits annual operating report (AOR) data.

A CTC Can Be A...

- Public transit system;
- Nonprofit organization (e.g., council on aging);
- Private transportation company; or
- Local government entity.



- And Can...
- Deliver services directly (sole source); or
- Contract with a transportation operator(s) to deliver a portion or all services (broker)

CTC Selection/Evaluation Process

- Interested organizations respond to request for proposals from the planning agency.
- Planning agency recommends the CTD approve an entity be the CTC.
- Designation is for a 5-year period.
- Evaluated on an annual basis by LCB.

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Summary of Responsibilities

- Assist CTC and LCB to implement local TD program.
- Staffs and appoints members to the LCB:
 - Prepares LCB meetings (e.g., agendas, by-laws, grievance procedures, trainings, etc.)
 - Assists LCB in evaluating CTC on annual basis
- Procures and recommends CTC designation.
- Coordinates and conducts transportation planning activities for its service area:
 - Works with CTC/LCB to develop TD Service Plan
 - Reviews Annual Operating Report and submits to the LCB.

A Planning Agency Can Be A...

- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- County/City Government
- Regional Planning Council
- Local Organizations who are performing planning activities in designated service areas

A planning agency may be responsible for multiple service areas.



Summary of Responsibilities

- Board membership represents local stakeholders and is appointed by planning agency.
- Meets quarterly and provides guidance on local coordination of transportation services.
- Serves as the local advisory body to the Commission.

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The LCB Members Include...

- A local elected official, who serves as chair;
- Purchasing agencies (FDOT, AHCA, APD, etc.);
- The local education community;
- Vocational Rehabilitation/Blind Services;
- The veterans service office;
- Florida Association for Community Action;
- Riders (persons with disabilities, seniors, persons with low-income children at-risk);
- Transportation provider organizations;
- Medical Community;
- Workforce Development Board



LCB Duties...

- Assists in establishing eligibility guidelines and trip priorities.
- Assist with development of TD Service Plan
- Evaluates performance of CTC.
- Identifies and prioritizes local service needs.
- Appoints a grievance committee.
- Reviews and recommends other funding applications.

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- Reviews strategies of service provision to the area.
- Evaluates multicounty or regional transportation opportunities.



Summary of Responsibilities

- Serves as an Advisory Member to the Commission.
- Voting Members of the LCB.
- Purchases transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged.
- Assists communities to develop transportation systems designed to serve the transportation disadvantaged.
- Ensures its rules, procedures, guidelines, and directives are supportive of the transportation disadvantaged.

Who is a Purchasing Agency..

An agency that purchases transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged such as -

- Agency for Health Care Administration
- Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Department of Economic Opportunity
- Department of Children and Families
- Department of Education
- Department of Elder Affairs
- Department of Health
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Local Government Agencies and Organizations

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Section 112.3143 Florida Statutes Voting Conflicts of

Interest

Section 112.3143, Florida Statues

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- Public officer includes any person serving on an advisory body.
- Board members are considered public officers.
- Board members may not vote on any matter that would be to their special private gain or loss.



Section 112.3143, Florida Statues

- effort to disclose the nature of their interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with staff. Board members shall make every reasonable
- The memorandum shall be incorporated in the meeting minutes.



Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes

- taken, publicly state the nature of their interest in the matter from which they are abstaining Board members shall, prior to a vote being from voting.
- interest as a public record in a memorandum Within 15 days after the vote occurs, Board members shall disclose the nature of their filed with staff.



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- No Board member shall participate in any matter which would be to the Board member's special private gain or loss without first disclosing the nature of their interest in the matter.
- In the event that disclosure has not been made prior to the meeting or that any conflict is unknown prior to the meeting, the disclosure shall be made orally at the meeting when it becomes known that a conflict exists.
- A written memorandum disclosing the nature of the conflict shall be filed within 15 days after the oral disclosure.



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Section 286, Florida Statutes

Florida Sunshine Law

Section 286, Florida Statues

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- Board meetings must be open to the public.
- Reasonable notice of Board meetings must be given.

Minutes of Board meetings must be taken.



Section 286, Florida Statues

Applies to any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation or political subdivision.

A meeting is considered any gathering of two or more Board members to discuss any matter which will come before the Board for action.



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- TO: Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
- FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner
- SUBJECT: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. 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. October December 2021 Operations Report;
- 2. 2021/22 Trip & Equipment Grant Report;
- 3. October December 2021 Complaint/Commendation Report; and
- 4. October December 2021 Trip Denial Report.

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

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QUARTERLY OPERATING REPORT SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. LAFAYETTE COUNTY OCTOBER 2021 - DECEMBER 2021

OPERATING DATA SREC NUMBER OF INVOICED TRIPS 1.044 Florida Managed Medical Assistance Program 88 Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program 886 Florida Innovation and Serivce Development Grant Program 0 Florida Department of Elder Affairs Title III-B Meal Site 0 70 **Community Trips** TOTAL VEHICLE MILES 23,268 TOTAL DOLLARS INVOICED \$68.044.67 Florida Managed Medical Assistance Program \$6,103.22 Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program \$61,941.45 Florida Innovation and Serivce Development Grant Program \$0.00 Florida Department of Elder Affairs Title III-B Meal Site \$0.00 Community Trips \$0.00 AVERAGE COST PER TRIP \$65.18 Florida Managed Medical Assistance Program \$69.35 Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program \$69.91 Florida Innovation and Serivce Development Grant Program #DIV/0! Florida Department of Elder Affairs Title III-B Meal Site #DIV/0! **Community Trips** \$0.00 AVERAGE COST PER VEHICLE MILE \$2.92 **TRIP PURPOSE*** Medical 298 Employment 0 Education/Training 741 Shopping 4 Meal Site 0 Recreation 0 Other 1 CHARGEABLE ACCIDENTS 0 NUMBER OF VEHICLES 4 NUMBER OF ROADCALLS 0

QUARTERLY OPERATING REPORT SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. LAFAYETTE COUNTY OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2020

OPERATING DATA	SREC
NUMBER OF INVOICED TRIPS	816
Florida Managed Medical Assistance Program	126
Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program	179
Florida Innovation and Serivce Development Grant Program	489
Florida Department of Elder Affairs Title III-B Meal Site	0
Community Trips	22
TOTAL VEHICLE MILES	22,514
TOTAL DOLLARS INVOICED	\$37,829.19
Florida Managed Medical Assistance Program	\$7,222.51
Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program	\$22,091.30
Florida Innovation and Serivce Development Grant Program	\$8,515.38
Florida Department of Elder Affairs Title III-B Meal Site	\$0.00
Community Trips	\$0.00
AVERAGE COST PER TRIP	\$46.36
Florida Managed Medical Assistance Program	\$57.32
Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program	\$123.42
Florida Innovation and Serivce Development Grant Program	\$17.41
Florida Department of Elder Affairs Title III-B Meal Site	#DIV/0!
Community Trips	0
AVERAGE COST PER VEHICLE MILE	\$1.68
TRIP PURPOSE*	
Medical	327
Employment	0
Education/Training	489
Shopping	0
Meal Site	0
Recreation	0
Other	0
CHARGEABLE ACCIDENTS	0
NUMBER OF VEHICLES	5
NUMBER OF ROADCALLS	0

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

SERVICE COMPLAINTS/COMMENDATIONS OCTOBER 2021 - DECEMBER 2021

TYPE OF COMPLAINT	TOTAL	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	0
COMMENDATIONS	0	e

2021-2022 TRIP/EQUIPMENT GRANT SUMMARY LAFAYETTE COUNTY

MONTH/	TOTAL	TRUST	LOCAL	TOTAL	NUMBER	AVERAGE
YEAR	DOLLARS	FUND	MATCH	AMOUNT	OF TRIPS	COST PER
	SPENT	(90%)	(10%)	REMAINING		TRIP
Jul-21	\$9,856.77	\$8,871.09	\$985.68	\$146,783.23	89	\$110.75
Aug-21	\$15,825.57	\$14,243.01	\$1,582.56	\$130,957.66	198	\$79.93
Sep-21	\$22,260.80	\$20,034.72	\$2,226.08	\$108,696.86	286	\$77.83
Oct-21	\$24,202.96	\$21,782.66	\$2,420.30	\$84,493.90	343	\$70.56
Nov-21	\$22,486.81	\$20,238.13	\$2,248.68	\$62,007.09	305	\$73.73
Dec-21	\$21,778.74	\$19,600.87	\$2,177.87	\$40,228.35	345	\$63.13
Jan-22		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,228.35		#DIV/0!
Feb-22		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,228.35		#DIV/0!
Mar-22	I	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,228.35		#DIV/0!
Apr-22		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,228.35		#DIV/0!
May-22		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,228.35		#DIV/0!
Jun-22		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,228.35		#DIV/0!

CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$156,640.00

LAFAYETTE COUNTY UNMET TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OCTOBER 2021 - DECEMBER 2021

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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

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TO: Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: 2022 Florida Legislative Session

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged is seeking support of the Governor's recommended \$10 million in additional budget authority to the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2022-23. \$4 Million would expand existing Transportation Disadvantaged Program services around the state. \$6 Million would support Transportation Disadvantaged Program services that enhance access to quality-of-life activities and expand regional (cross-county) mobility options.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact John Irvine, Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Project Manager, at 850-410-5712 or John.Irvine@dot.state.fl.us

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GOOD NEWS AND NOT SO GOOD NEWS

First, the not-so-good news is the House rescinded its original offer of \$6 million for the Innovation & Service Development (ISD) Grant program and are now proposing to fund the program at <u>\$4 million</u> instead. The Senate concurred with this proposal. If this is reflected in the final General Appropriations Act (GAA), the Commission will only be able to award \$4 million to ISD Grant projects for Fiscal Year 2022-23 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023). We will provide further guidance on the funding expectations for this program once we see the provisions of the final law.

Now for the good news: though the House reduced \$2 million for the ISD Grant, they are now proposing <u>\$2 million</u> in additional budget authority to the Trip & Equipment (T&E) Grant program. It appears the Senate has concurred with this proposal as well; however, we have not seen the final proposal (as of 8am this morning). If this is reflected in the final GAA, it will allow the Commission to distribute an additional \$2 million through the T&E funding formula. Once the budget is finalized, we will provide updated allocation projections based on this increase in appropriation.

In summary, it appears the House and Senate compromised on accepting our original request. Instead of accepting our request for a total of \$10 million in additional budget authority, they are proposing <u>a total</u> of \$6 million in additional budget. Instead of funding the ISD Grant at \$6 million (our original proposal), they are proposing \$4 million; instead of funding the T&E Grant at an additional \$4 million (our original request), they are proposing a \$2 million increase. Though the Legislature has until Tuesday, March 8, to finalize the budget, it is likely that this will be the final appropriation in the GAA.

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ATTENDANCE RECORD

LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

MEMBER/ORGANIZATION	NAME	5/10/21	6/14/21	9/13/21	12/13/21
Chair	Commissioner Lisa Walker	A	A	A	A
Florida Department of Transportation	Christina Nalsen	A	A	A	A
Alternate Member	Lauren Adams	A	Р	Р	Р
Florida Department of Chldren and Families	Kay Tice	A	A	Р	Р
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Florida Department of Education	Bonnie Burgess	A	A	A	A
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Eva K. Bolton	A	Р	Р	A
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Dick Stanford	Р	Р	Р	Р
Alternate Member	Sylvia Bamburg	A	A	A	A
Florida Association for Community Action	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Public Education	Joey Pearson	Р	Р	P	Р
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Citizen Advocate	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Citizen Advocate-User	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Elderly	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Veterans	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Persons with Disabilities	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Children at Risk	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Local Medical Community	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Regional Workforce Board	Diane Head	P	A	Р	Р
Alternate Member	Anthony Jennings	A	P	A	A

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."

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