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December 6, 2023

TO: Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM: Lynn Franson, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Meeting Announcement

The Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will hold a hybrid meeting Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tourism and Economic Development Conference Room located in the Hamilton County Courthouse Annex, 1153 US Hwy 41 NW, Jasper, Florida (location map attached). The meeting will also be conducted via communications media technology in the following format:

LINK: https://meet.goto.com/668365005

DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll Free:1 866 899 4679

CONFERENCE CODE: 668-365-005

Please note that at least two (2) Board members must be present in person in addition to at least four (4) Board members present via communications media technology to establish a quorum in order to vote on agenda items that require formal action.

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.

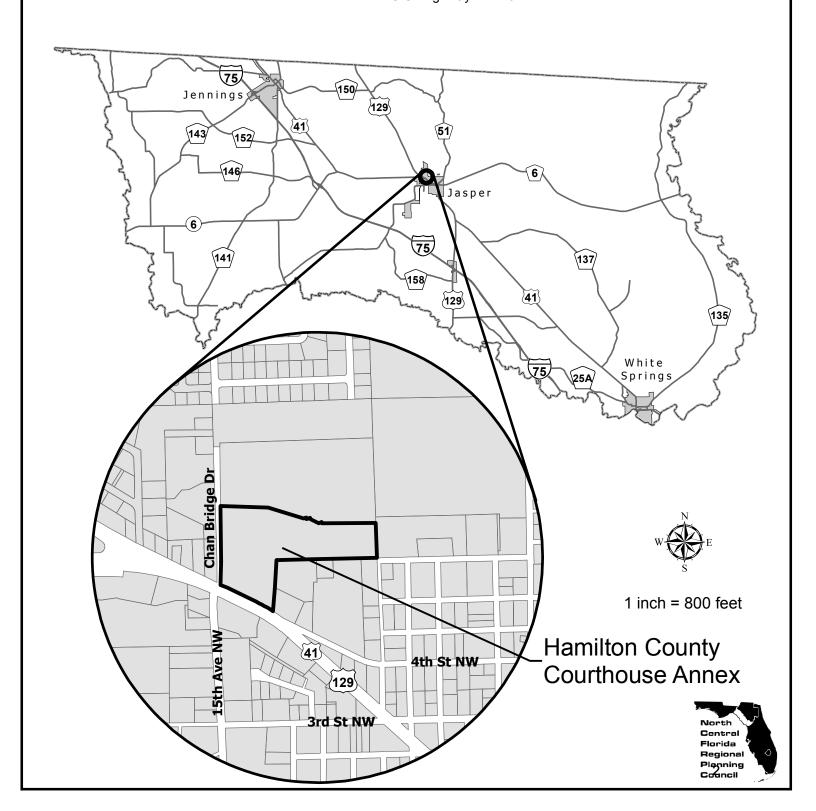
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this public meeting is asked to advise our office at least **2 business days** before the meeting by contacting 352.955.2200 extension 110. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact our office using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800. 955.8771 (TDD) or 1.800. 955.8770 (Voice).

Attachment

Hamilton County Courthouse Annex 1153 U.S. Highway 41/129

Jasper, Florida 32052

Directions: From the intersection of Interstate 75 and U.S. Highway 129 (exit 451) in the Hamilton County, turn North onto U.S. Highway 129, travel approximately 5 miles to U.S. Highway 41/129 (also known as Hatley St), turn left (West) onto U.S. Highway 41/129 (also known as Hatley St), travel approximately 1 mile and the Hamilton County Courthouse Annex will be on the right, on the Northern side of U.S. Highway 41/129.





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COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Tourism and Economic Development Conference Room Hamilton County Courthouse Annex 1153 US Hwy 41 NW Jasper, Florida

Link: https://meet.goto.com/668365005 **Dial In Number: Toll Free: 18668994679**

Conference Code: 668-365-005

I. **Business Meeting - Call To Order**

> A. **Invocation**

В. Pledge of Allegiance

C. **Roll Call**

II. **Consent Agenda**

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ACTION REQUIRED

- Approval of the Meeting Agenda A.
- Approval of the November 15, 2023 Minutes В.
- III. **Comments and Concerns**
 - A. **Board Members**
 - В. **Citizens**
- IV. **General Business**
 - **New Business** A.

1. 2021/22 Annual Performance Page 13 **ACTION REQUIRED Evaluation (Lynn Franson)**

2. 2021/26 Columbia, Hamilton and Page 73 **ACTION REQUIRED Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged** Service Plan Amendment (Lynn Franson)

3. Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Page 77 NO ACTION REQUIRED Operations Reports (Larry Sessions)

B. Other Business

- 1. Board Members
- 2. Citizens

C. Future Meeting Dates

- 1. February 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Live Oak, Florida
- 2. June 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Lake City, Florida
- 3. September 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Jasper, Florida
- 4. November 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Live Oak, Florida

If you have any questions concerning the meeting agenda, please do not hesitate to contact Lynn Franson, Senior Planner, at 1.800.226.0690, extension 110.

^{**} Please note that this is a tentative meeting schedule, all dates and times are subject to change.

COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

MEMBER/REPRESENTING	ALTERNATE/REPRESENTING
Commissioner Everett Phillips	Not Applicable
Columbia County Elected Official	The state of the s
Grievance Committee Chair	
Commissioner Robert Brown, Chair	Not Applicable
Hamilton County Elected Official	
Commissioner Travis Land, Vice-Chair	Not Applicable
Suwannee County Elected Official	
Angela Gregory	Lauren Adams
Florida Department of Transportation	Florida Department of Transportation
	Grievance Committee Member
Quana Perry	Stephanie Harden
Florida Department of Children and Families	Florida Department of Children and Families
Vacant	Monique Gustafson
Florida Department of Education	Florida Department of Education
Grievance Committee Member	·
Bruce Evans	Dwight Law
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Pamela Hagley	Reeda Harris
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Diane Head	Elizabeth Wetherington
Regional Workforce Board	Regional Workforce Board
Matthew Pearson	Vacant
Florida Association for Community Action	Florida Association for Community Action
Term ending June 30, 2026	Term ending June 30, 2026
Grievance Committee Member	
Daniel Taylor	Vacant
Public Education	Public Education
Jonathan C. Law, Jr.	J. Lee Abersold
Veterans	Veterans
Term ending June 30, 2026	Term ending June 30, 2026
Grievance Committee Member	
Vacant	Louie Goodin
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
John Koch	Vacant
Elderly	Elderly
Term ending June 30, 2026	Term ending June 30, 2026
Sandra Buck-Camp	Vacant
Medical Community	Medical Community
Term ending June 30, 2025	Term ending June 30, 2025
Vacant	Vacant
Children at Risk	Children at Risk
Term ending June 30, 2025	Term ending June 30, 2025
Vacant	Vacant
Private Transit	Private Transit
Term ending June 30, 2025	Term ending June 30, 2025

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

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COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Santa Fe Room Florida Department of Transportation Lake City Operations Center 710 Northwest Lake Jeffery Road Lake City, Florida

Link: https://meet.goto.com/856947797
Dial In Number: 1.877.309.2073
Access Code: 856-947-797

Wednesday November 15, 2023 10:00 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Commissioner Robert Brown, Hamilton County Local Elected Official, Chair Diane Head, Workforce Development Board Representative Commissioner Travis Land, Suwannee County Local Elected Official, Vice-Chair Matthew Pearson, Florida Association for Community Action Representative Stephanie Harden representing Quana Perry, Florida Department of Children and Families Representative

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT VIA COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

J. Lee Abersold representing Jonathan Law, Jr., Veterans Representative Lauren Adams representing Angela Gregory, Florida Department of Transportation Representative Pamela Hagley, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Sandra Buck-Camp, Medical Community Representative Bruce Evans, Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative John Koch, Elderly Representative Commissioner Everett Phillips, Columbia County Local Elected Official Sheryl Stanford, Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative Daniel Taylor, Public Education Representative

OTHERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Christine Bolyard, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Larry Sessions, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority

OTHERS IN PERSON VIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer

STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Franson, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

I. Business Meeting Call To Order

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A. Invocation

Chair Brown gave the invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Brown led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

The roll was called by Ms. Lynn Franson, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Senior Planner, and a quorum was declared present.

II. Consent Agenda

ACTION: Matthew Pearson moved to approve the consent agenda. Travis Land seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. Comments and Concerns

A. Board Members

There were no comments.

B. Citizens

Mr. Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, stated that the Florida Department of Transportation held meetings in Lake City and Fort White, but, no one from Suwannee Valley Transit Authority was present to discuss public transportation needs. He said Ms. Franson was also not present. He said he understands that Suwannee Valley Transit Authority was not notified of either meeting but should have been.

IV. General Business

A. New Business

1. 2023/24 Rural Area Capital Assistance Grant Application

Mr. Larry Sessions, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Administrator, stated that Suwannee Valley Transit Authority applied for Rural Area Capital Assistance Grant funds to purchase two replacement vehicles. He said the Board needs to approve this grant application.

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November 15, 2023

ACTION: Travis Land moved to approve Suwannee Valley Transit

Authority's 2023/24 Rural Area Capital Assistance Grant application. Matthew Pearson seconded; motion passed

unanimously.

2. 2021/26 Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Amendments

Ms. Franson stated that staff recommends amending the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan to include Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's applications for Rural Area Capital Assistance Grant funds and Trip & Equipment Grant funds.

ACTION: Travis Land moved to amend the Columbia, Hamilton and

Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan to include Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's applications for Rural Area Capital Assistance Grant and Trip & Equipment Grant funds. Matthew Pearson seconded;

motion passed unanimously.

3. Bylaws

Ms. Franson stated that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires the Board to review and approve the Bylaws annually. She said staff is not recommending any changes to the Bylaws.

ACTION: Travis Land moved to approve the Bylaws. Stephanie

Harden seconded; motion passed unanimously.

4. Grievance Procedures

Ms. Franson stated that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires the Board to review and approve the Grievance Procedures annually. She said staff is not recommending any changes to the Grievance Procedures.

ACTION: Travis Land moved to approve the Grievance Procedures.

Matthew Pearson seconded; motion passed unanimously.

5. 2022/23 Annual Operating Reports

Ms. Godfrey that Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is required to submit Annual Operating Reports to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged by September 15 of each year.

The Board reviewed the Annual Operating Reports.

6. Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Operations Reports

Mr. Sessions discussed Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's April 2023 – June 2023 operations reports.

B. Other Business

1. Board Members

Stephanie Harden asked Mr. Sessions to discuss the services Suwannee Valley Transit provides and how individuals can access these services.

Mr. Sessions explained the services that Suwannee Valley Transit Authority provides and how individuals can become eligible for services.

Pamela Hagley stated that letters have been sent announcing Medicaid open enrollment for health care plans. She said individuals have 60 days to select a plan for 2024. She said information can be found by contacting the Florida Department of Children and Families.

2. Citizens

Mr. Lilker stated that the previous administrators of Suwannee Valley Transit Authority prepared a plan to provide fixed route public transportation services in the service area. He said no work has been done on implementing this plan. He said he believed Suwannee Valley Transit Authority and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council should be developing plans for public transportation in the region.

C. Future Meeting Dates

Chair Brown stated that the next meeting will be held December 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Jasper, Florida. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Ms. Godfrey noted that the Board is meeting in December due to the September meeting being cancelled because of the storm.

Columbia, Har	milton and Suwa	nnee Transport	ation Disadva	intaged Coord	inating Board	d Meeting
					November	15 2023

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Robert Brown, Chair Date

Commissioner Robert Brown, Chair Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

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December 6, 2023

TO: Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating

Board

FROM: Lynn Franson, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: 2022/23 Annual Performance Evaluation

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's 2022/23 annual performance evaluation.

BACKGROUND

The Board is required to annually evaluate the transportation services provided by Suwannee Valley Transit Authority. Attached is Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's draft 2022/23 annual performance evaluation. If you have any questions concerning the attached evaluation, please contact me at extension 110.

Attachment

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COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR EVALUATION WORKBOOK

Florida Commission for the



Community Transportation Coordinator: <u>Suwanne</u>	e Valley Transit Authority
Designated Service Area: Columbia, Hamilton and	Suwannee
Address: 1907 Voyles Street, Live Oak, FL 3206	0
Contact: <u>Larry Sessions, Administrator</u>	Phone: <u>386-362-5332</u>
Review period: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	

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2022/23 Community Transportation Coordinator Annual Performance Evaluation

Approved by the

Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

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Robert Brown, Chair

with Assistance from



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I. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. General Information

Areas of Noncompliance: None Recommendations: None Timeline for Compliance: None

B. Chapter 427, Florida Statutes

Areas of Noncompliance: None Recommendations: None Timeline for Compliance: None

C. Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code

Areas of Noncompliance: None Recommendations: None Timeline for Compliance: None

D. On Site Observation

Areas of Noncompliance: None

Recommendation: Post a local phone number and the Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program Helpline phone number for comments/complaints/commendations in the interior of the

vehicles.

Timeline for Compliance: None

E. Surveys

Areas of Noncompliance: None Recommendations: None Timeline for Compliance: None

F. Cost

Areas of Noncompliance: None Recommendations: None Timeline for Compliance: None

G. Level of Competition

Areas of Noncompliance: None Recommendations: None Timeline for Compliance: None

H. Level of Coordination

Areas of Noncompliance: None Recommendations: None Timeline for Compliance: None

II. ENTRANCE INTERVIEW

1. **Operating Environment**: Rural

2. **Organization Type**: Government Agency

3. **Network Type**: Sole Provider

4. **Subcontracted Operators**: None

- 5. **Coordination Contractors**:
 - ARC of North Florida
 - Columbia County Senior Services, Inc.
- 6. **Transportation Alternatives**: None
- 7. **Purchasing Agencies**:
 - Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
 - Florida Department of Elder Affairs
 - Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- 8. Transportation Disadvantaged Helpline Calls:

Number of Calls	Closed Cases	Unsolved Cases
0	0	0

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.	What was the designation date of the Community Transportation Coordinator?
	7/1/21
2.	What is the complaint process?
	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's complaint process is attached.
3.	Does the community transportation coordinator have a complaint form?
	Yes (attached)
4.	Does the form have a section for resolution of the complaint?
	Yes
5.	Is a summary of complaints given to the Transportation Disadvantaged Board on a regular basis?
	Yes
6.	When is the dissatisfied party referred to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Helpline?
	If the Transportation Director is unable to resolve a complaint, the complainant will be referred to the Transportation Disadvantaged Helpline.
7.	When a complaint is forwarded from the Transportation Disadvantaged Helpline, is the complaint entered into the local complaint file/process?
	Yes
8.	Does the Community Transportation Coordinator provide written rider/beneficiary information or brochures to inform riders/beneficiaries about transportation disadvantaged services?
	Yes (attached)
9.	Does the rider/ beneficiary information or brochure list the Transportation Disadvantaged Helpline phone number?
	Yes
10.	Does the rider/ beneficiary information or brochure list the complaint procedure?
	Yes
11.	What is the eligibility process for Transportation Disadvantaged sponsored riders?
	Individuals needing transportation assistance from Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program must complete an eligibility application (attached)

2.	Does public information state that accessible formats are available upon request?
	<u>Yes</u>
	Is public information available in accessible formats upon request?
	<u>Yes</u>
	What arrangements are in place to have accessible materials produced upon request?
	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority keeps a log book of all requests. The log book is checked regularly by staff
	Is The Florida Relay phone number provided in informational materials?
	Yes
	Does the Community Transportation Coordinator have a contract or agreement with the Regional Workforce Board?
	<u>No</u>
	What innovative ideas have been implemented in the coordinated transportation system?
	None.
	Are there any areas where coordination can be improved?
	Coordination with other Community Transportation Coordinators in adjacent counties to provide route service could be improved.
	•
	What barriers are there to the coordinated system?
	Florida's Managed Medical Care Program not providing client transportation through Florida's Coordinated Transportation System is a barrier.
	Are there any areas that the Community Transportation Coordinator feels the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged should be aware of or assist with?
	The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged staff is always helpful and willing to work with Suwannee Valley Transit Authority staff. Simplifying the reporting process and making the Annual Operating Report and Rate Calculation Model easier to understand would be helpful.
	What funding agencies does the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged need to work closely with in order to facilitate a better coordinated transportation system?
	None.
	None. How is the Community Transportation Coordinator marketing the voluntary dollar?

Attachment

SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (SVTA)

COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

OFFICIAL SERVICE COMPLAINT

Service complaints are routine incidents that occur on a daily basis, and can be reported to the driver, dispatcher, or other individuals involved with daily SVTA operations. However, for a service complaint to be "Official", it MUST be reported to the SVTA Director of Operations and it must be in writing within 15 calendar days following the date of occurrence. Forms for this purpose are contained in this procedure, and may be obtained by contacting SVTA administrative offices. Official Complaint forms may be received via email, fax, or picked up in person. Official written complaints are typically addressed and resolved within a reasonable time period suitable to the complainant. The complaint and grievance process for Medicaid related services provided by SVTA is different, and covered under SVTA's Medicaid Beneficiary Handbook for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, OR by the procedure by any one of the four (4) future Medicaid managed medical care providers.

The SVTA Director of Operations will maintain a log documenting each complaint. SVTA will conduct a review of each complaint, and based on evidence collected, note for the record if the complaint is found by SVTA to be valid or if the complaint is unfounded or not valid. At the LCB's quarterly meeting, SVTA will provide the LCB a summary of all complaints received and actions taken.

Service Complaints may include but are not limited to:

- Late trips (late pickup, drop-off or missed appointment)
- No-show by transportation operator
- No-show by client
- Client behavior
- Driver behavior
- Passenger discomfo
- Service denial (refused service to client without an explanation as to why, i.e., lack of Transportation Disadvantaged funds, etc. The CTC desires to have the opportunity to address these complaints, but recognizes the rider's right to complain directly to the state ombudsman. The CTC must make every effort to quickly and completely address every complaint, and include the complete details of resolution on the report.

FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE SVTA

A rider of the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority (SVTA) may file an official written complaint in writing within 15 calendar days about their experience with SVTA.

The Complainant must file the official complaint in writing. Written official complaints can be sent to:

Larry Sessions, Administrator 1907 Voyles St, SW Live Oak Florida, 32064 (386) 362-5332 PH (386) 219-0157 FAX Larry.

by mail, FAX, or emailed to the SVTA Administrator. Although oral complaints or compliments may be called into SVTA at (386) 362-5332 during normal business hours, the ONLY complaints that will be logged, researched and reported are the official written complaints to the SVTA Director of Operations.

Written complaints may be anonymous. However, for a complaint to be official, the complainant must provide the following:

- The full name and complete address of the complainant;
- 2. A statement of the grounds for the grievance and be supplemented by supporting documentation and detailed information such as pickup and drop-off addresses/locations, date of service, times, made in a clear and concise manner;
- An explanation of the relief desired by the Complainant.

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Upon receiving the official written complaint, the SVTA Director of Operations will make reasonable efforts to contact the Complainant no later than the end of the next business day. The Director of Operations will make three documented attempts to contact the complainant. After the third attempt, if no contact is made, the complainant will need to call back if they wish to pursue the official complaint. SVTA has a time limit of fifteen (15) calendar days upon which to accept an official written complaint, but the sooner the official written complaint is filed after the incident, the better SVTA can respond with appropriate resolutions.

Upon receiving the official written complaint, the Director of Operations will:

- 1) Contact all parties involved to obtain statements; and
- 2) Research the complaint and gather all relevant evidence that may be available; and
- 3) Review and evaluate the evidence; and
- 4) Based on the evidence collected, formulate a decision and a recommendation
- 5) Issue a report.

The Director will forward the report to the Administrator of SVTA for a ruling and/or determination.

Suwannee Valley Transit Authority will respond to the complainant within thirty (30) calendar days after the filing of the official complaint.

Suwannee Valley Transit Authority will render the findings in writing and notify the complainant, giving to the complainant an explanation of the facts that lead to Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's decision and, if applicable, information as to what actions were taken to bring about a resolution.

Based on the findings, if appropriate, SVTA will review its policies and procedures to see if adjustments are justified.

SVTA will maintain a complaint log for official written complaints. The SVTA complaint log is 'public information' and will be released to any requestor as such. All documents pertaining to the grievance process will be made available, upon request, in a format accessible to persons with disabilities.

The SVTA complaint log will be a part of the SVTA packet sent to the Local Coordinating Board's quarterly meetings.

SUSPENSION RECONSIDERATION HEARING (For Non-Sponsored Program Only)

If a Non-sponsored program public rider has been issued a notice of suspension by Suwannee Valley Transit Authority, they have fifteen (15) 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 Local Coordinating Board Grievance Subcommittee. Service suspensions for other Agency programs (like Medicaid) will follow the terms and conditions related to the Agency/Program contract for services, if applicable.

Requests for reconsideration must be in writing and delivered to:

Suwannee Valley Transit Authority, Administrator 1907 Voyles Street, SW Live Oak, FL 32064

And

NCFRPC
Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Local Coordinating Board Grievance Subcommittee
2009 N.W. 67 Place, Suite A
Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603

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 fifteen (15) calendar days from the issue date of the suspension, the suspension will not be heard.

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Upon receipt of letter requesting the reconsideration hearing, a hearing shall be held within 15 calendar 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.

The person will be given the opportunity to present the reasons why they believe the suspension should not take place. The Local Coordinating Board Grievance Subcommittee will make a recommendation to the LCB on whether or not to uphold the suspension. The Grievance Subcommittee's recommendation will be reviewed, adjusted as needed, and re-issued by the Local Coordinating Board to the SVTA Administration. The SVTA Administration will make a decision whether or not to uphold the LCB's recommendation. A written statement of the recommendation and a written statement of the SVTA decision whether or not to uphold the suspension shall be forwarded to the person requesting the hearing within seven (7) calendar days after the recommendation by the LCB to SVTA.

FILING A GRIEVANCE WITH THE SVTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Additionally, where appropriate, an interested party may also file a grievance with Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's Board of Directors. The only matters subject to consideration as a grievance are those which have unsatisfactorily been processes as an official written complaint. Such grievance shall be an issue within the purview of the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority and the Chairman of the Board's approval to hear the matter. The SVTA administration shall report, in a format of its choosing, any and all official written complaints filed by riders of the SVTA or of subcontractors to the LCB. The report shall provide complete details and include all action to resolve the complaint.

Complaint/Grievance FLOW CHART



SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Title VI Complaint Form

Section I:				
Name:				
Address:		1.0		
Telephone (Home	e):	Telephone (W	ork):	
Electronic Mail Ad	dress:			
Accessible Format Requirements?	t Large Print		Audio Tape Other	
Section II:		11/1		- 1
Are you filing this	complaint on your own behalf?	Ť	Yes*	No
If you answered "	yes" to this question, go to Section III.			
f not, please supp are complaining:	ly the name and relationship of the person	n for whom you		
Please explain wh	y you have filed for a third party:	- 1		
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	at you have obtained the permission of the ng on behalf of a third party.	e aggrieved	Yes	No
Section III:		1		
believe the discri	mination I experienced was based on (che	eck all that apply):		
] Race	[] Color	[] National Origin	n []	Age
] Disability	[] Family or Religious Status	[] Other (explain)	
Date of Alleged Di	scrimination (Month, Day, Year):			
persons who were	as possible what happened and why you involved. Include the name and contact in as names and contact information of any	nformation of the per	rson(s) who discrir	minated against you
Section IV				
	sly filed a Title VI complaint with this agen		Yes	No

Section V		
Have you filed this	complaint with any other Feder	ral, State, or local agency, or with any Federal or State court?
[]Yes	[] No	
If yes, check all that	apply:	
[] Federal Agency:	5	<u></u>
[] Federal Court		[] State Agency
Please provide info	mation about a contact person	n at the agency/court where the complaint was filed.
Name:		
Title:		
Agency:		
Address:		
Telephone:		
Section VI		
Name of agency co	mplaint is against:	
Contact person:	. • 0.00000	
Title:		
Telephone number:		
ou may attach an Signature and date	90 30000	information that you think is relevant to your complaint.
Signature		Date

Please submit this form in person at the address below, or mail this form to:

Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Larry Sessions, Administrator 1907 Voyles Street, SW Live Oak, FL 32064

SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY RIDER'S GUIDE



TELEPHONE NUMBER REFERENCE

SVTA OFFICE: (386) 362-5332 (800) 258-7267 M-F 8am-5pm

Closed weekends and all federal holidays.

TO MAKE A TRIP RESERVATION M-F 8 am to 5pm (386) 362-5332 OPTION 2

LISTEN TO and FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

TO FILE A COMPLIMENT or COMPLAINT (386) 362-5332 or (800) 983-2435

IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED, BLIND OR SPEECH DISABLED CALL **7-1-1** FL RELAY FOR ASSISTANCE.

10/23/2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

TDTF RIDERS Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund): This Trust Fund is a state grant for those in need of transportation to medical and other lifesustaining appointments, but who have no means of transportation and who do not qualify for other programs. In order to qualify to ride under TDTF, you must have a complete, and current, approved TDTF Eligibility form, along with proof of household income on file. This form can be mailed to you or you may pick one up at our office. Basic qualifications include, but are not limited to: no operating vehicle or other means of transportation. The \$2 co-pay, each way, MUST be paid to the Bus Operator prior to boarding.

OTHER PAYMENT PROVISIONS: SVTA can also transport the public under standard fare (private pay). This means the rider pays a flat rate for certain trips, whether it is in or out of your county. To learn the rates for a specific trip, please call the SVTA main office at (386) 362-5332 OPTION 2.

Grocery store trips may be scheduled for a standard fare, or private pay, based upon availability. There is a three, grocery store issued, bag limit for shopping trips. This rule will be strictly adhered to.

<u>MEDICAID</u>: You must contact your HMO to set up Medicaid medical transportation.

SVTA RIDER CODE OF CONDUCT:

Rider is required to follow these rules of conduct to insure everyone's safety:

- 1. Riders are responsible for their personal hygiene. If your personal hygiene is offensive to others, you will be refused transportation.
- Use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs are not permitted while on vehicles.
- Eating & drinking are not permitted on vehicle unless medically necessary.
- Riders who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to board.
- Abusive, threatening, obscene language or discourtesy of any kind will not be tolerated.
 Riders may not create a hostile scene.
- Riders and escorts are responsible for a \$2 co-pay each trip, and must have exact change, each time you board.
- Rider must not engage the driver in conversation or distract the driver in any way.
- 8. Rider must use earphones when using personal listening devices.
- Rider may not ask driver to make special stops during transport.
- 10. Rider is responsible for all personal items. SVTA is not responsible for missing or lost items or misplaced property.

- 11. Riders must use seat belts if available. Wheelchairs or any other mobility device must be properly secured and fastened before SVTA vehicle can move.
- 12. Wheelchairs and walking devices must be in good repair. Client is responsible for providing and maintaining their own wheelchair.
- 13. Riders who need special assistance must have an escort. The escort must age 18+ & must be available to aid rider as needed.
- 14. When transporting children, the following Florida Child Car Seat Laws must be followed:

If the vehicle that you are being transported in is equipped with seat belts:

Minors under 18 years old must be in a seatbelt.

Florida law requires children age 5 and under to be secured properly in a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device.

- Children ages 0-3 must be in child restraint devices of a separate carrier or a vehicle manufacturer's integrated child seat.
- Children age 4 and 5 must be in a separate carrier, integrated child seat of booster seat.

Car seats may not be left on the vehicle.

SVTA RIDER'S

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

The Suwannee Valley Transit Authority (SVTA) is a public transit agency serving the citizens of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. SVTA is governed by the SVTA Board of Directors. Two County Commissioners from each of the three counties make up the SVTA Board of Directors.

STATE'S DESIGNATED CTC

SVTA is the state's designated 'Community Transportation Coordinator' (CTC), meaning that SVTA is the transportation agency for nonemergency medical transportation for the state's Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund (TDTF). For Medicaid sponsored, non-emergency medical transportation you must contact your HMO to set up your transportation for medical appointments. To schedule transportation under the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund, call the numbers located on the front of this brochure. All non-emergency transportation is done by way of public and shared ride transportation. SVTA is fully ADA compliant, serving ambulatory, wheelchair and stretcher riders.

COMMUNITY DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

During a community disaster, SVTA will work with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) of your county to transport residents to designated evacuation shelters. All routine transportation will be suspended during times of state declared disaster.

ESCORTS and SERVICE ANIMALS

If you use a wheelchair or other mobility device, you must be able to move around with your device under your own power. You are responsible for providing and maintaining your own wheelchair. If you need assistance in moving about (i.e. you cannot roll your wheelchair without assistance, or walk to the vehicle without help), you must have an escort with you. The escort must be at least 18 years of age and fully capable to help you move about and assist you in case of an emergency. The escort must stay with you while you are on the SVTA vehicle. SVTA does NOT provide escorts. If you have an escort, you both must pay the co-pay.

Service Animals may accompany a rider. Rider is responsible for animal's hygiene and behavior.

CERTIFICATION

SVTA is safety and security certified by the Florida Department of Transportation. SVTA meets state / federal safety requirements for Public Transportation under Florida Administrative Code (FAC) 14-90.

TO MAKE A RESERVATION

Trip reservations must be made at least 3 business days in advance of the day you need transportation. Trip reservations are taken weekdays from 8am to 5pm. Call (386) 362-5332 OPTION 2 to make a reservation. You must have all required information ready, such as the doctor or treatment facility's name, address, phone, date and time of appointment. The Reservationist cannot look up this information for you. When your reservation is logged, you will be given a confirmation number. This number is proof that you made an appointment. SVTA is not responsible for missed appointments because you did not call in on time or did not provide correct information. Call for your reservation as soon as you become aware of your appointments.

SUBSCRIPTION TRIPS

If you have an appointment that will continue for an extended period of time (i.e. physical therapy or dialysis treatment) SVTA can set up a Subscription trip for you. This will put you on a schedule for the duration of your treatment so you will not have to call in each time. Pick up and drop off locations must be the same throughout the subscription.

TO CANCEL A RESERVATION

Please notify SVTA if you must cancel your scheduled trip. Call (386) 362-5332 OPTION 1. If you do not cancel within 8 hours prior to your scheduled pick up time, you will be considered a NO SHOW. A NO SHOW occurs when the driver arrives to pick you up and you are not ready to board the vehicle. If you are a NO SHOW or if you cancel when the SVTA yearicle arrives, all your trips for that day will be cancelled as well.

THE DAY OF YOUR TRIP

You must be ready to board your SVTA Transport vehicle when it arrives at your location. The Driver cannot wait for more than 5 minutes as s/he must move on to pick up the next rider. SVTA recommends that you be ready at least two (2) hours ahead of your expected pick up time. If you require an escort to help you move about, that escort must be ready to board with you.

AFTER APPOINTMENT PICK UP

If you were not given an 'after appointment pick up time', you will be considered a 'will call'. This means that when you are finished with your appointment, call (386) 362-5332 OPTION 1 and tell us that you are ready for pick up. SVTA will send the nearest available transport for your return home.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & SHARE RIDE

SVTA does its best to get you to your appointment on time with minimal wait times. SVTA is public transportation only and uses a shared ride program, meaning that others will share your ride. SVTA covers a 2,300 square mile area and serves many riders. In order to get everyone to their appointment on time, you may have a very early pick up time. You may be on the transport vehicle for up to 2 hours or longer. You may have to wait for your transport for up to 2 hours or more, depending on your pickup point within the 3 counties. You must be prepared to wait, so bring appropriate provisions: water, snacks, medications, personal hygiene items & reading materials.

COMPLIMENTS COMPLAINTS & GRIEVANCES

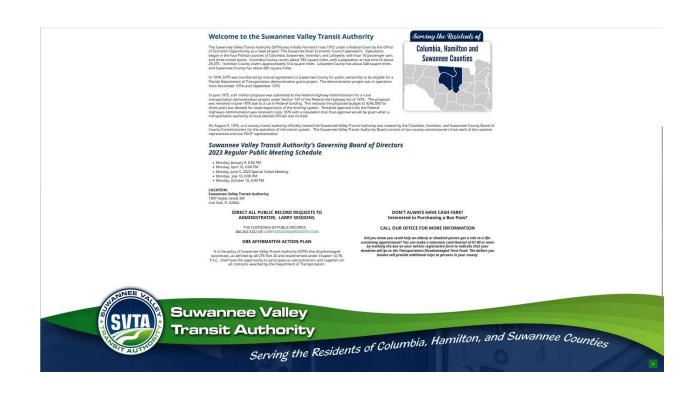
SVTA strives to provide safe, professional service. If you have a compliment or complaint, please call (386) 362-5332 or (800) 983-2435. If you are a TD or Medicaid Rider, the initial complaint must be filled within 15 business days. Medicaid has strict time frames for filing a complaint, grievance, appeal or request for a Fair Hearing.

PRIVACY

SVTA complies with all federal and state privacy laws, including HIPPA. SVTA will never share your information with anyone who is not authorized by law to have it. You MUST keep SVTA updated with your address, telephone number and emergency contact information. SVTA is not responsible for missed appointments because you have not updated your contact information with us.

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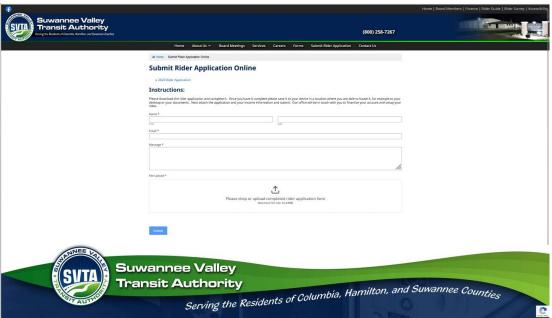


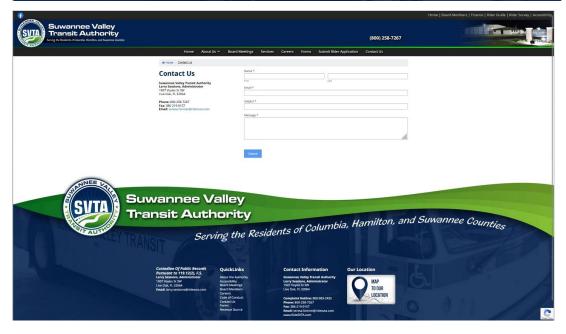












SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED ASSESSMENT SCREENING FORM: YR 20 - 20

	SECTIO	N 1: General Informatio	on
Full Name:			
	Last	First	Middle Initial
Address:	Street Address		Apt/Lot #
	City	State	ZIP Code
Charle Once	City		<u></u>
		_	Nursing Home Group Home
For what type	e of travel do you intend to u	use this service?	
	you plan to travel? Da	ily Weekly 1	Monthly
Mailing Addre	ess: Street Address or P O Box		Apt/Lot #
	City	State	ZIP Code
Home	,	Alternate	
Email:		Thone is	
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Birth Date:		(Attach copy of state	ID or driver's license)
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	SECTION 2: I	Mobility & Functionality	Status
Check all Mob	ility Aids and/or Impairments	s that apply:	
Wheel Cha		Cane Cruto	ches Leg Brace
Portable C	Oxygen Legally Blind	Totally Blind Servi	ice Animal Deaf
Hearing In	npaired Mentally Imp	paired Speech Impa	airment
If you checke	ed "Mentally Impaired", plea	se indicate the type of me	ental disability:
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I requ	ire an escort to travel. (Check one)	es No
In cas	se of mental or physical impairment, please answ Are you unable to drive yourself due to your dis	
	If "yes", explain why	
2. 3. 4. 5.	How do you currently travel to your destinations Are you able to grip handles or railings? Ye Are you able to climb stairs? Ye Are you able to understand and follow direction (IF NO, A PERSONAL ESCORT IS REQUIRED	es No es No s/requests? Yes No
	Section 3: Incom	e Status
1.	Are you currently receiving Medicaid?	s No
	If yes, include Medicaid #:	
 3. 4. 5. 	Check current assistance:	tatin if applicable.) tation, i.e. W2, bank statement, etc.) a car?
	Year Make	Model
6.	5b. If "yes", is this vehicle available to you Do you have friends or relatives who can transport you 6a. If "yes", are they able to transport you	ort you? Yes No
	ou aware that you are required to pay a co-paym do not pay, you cannot ride?	ent of \$2 each way for this program and that
Are yo	ou enrolled in any other programs that will pay fo Yes No If "yes", please provide the na	r or provide you with transportation services? ame:
	Section 4: Applica	ant Release
wi inf	oplicant acknowledges that the information provided is Il only be used to assess eligibility. I herby authorize formation regarding my level of functionality and need formation submitted will be found cause for immediate	my medical representative to release I for transportation with SVTA. Any false
Ap	pplicant Signature	Date

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Se	ection 5		
If you have indicated that you are mentally or phy (such as a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, application and complete the following-			
an escort for each trip.)	Yes No (If "yes	" the applicant i	nust travel wi
 Indicate which type of transportation is refunctionality. (Check one) Ambu accessible Vehicle 	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	based upon his/ Wheelchair&\	
Please initial the following:I hereby certify that I have treated the a his/her disability and health conditionI hereby certify that I have read and ag	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Please attach pertinent medical document that would explain the diagnosis or limitat eligibility determination.			
I understand that by signing, I am acknowled correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify result in the re-examination of eligibility status	that providing false or r s of the applicant and m	misleading infori	mation could
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Return this application along with supporting documentation to the following address:

Suwannee Valley Transit Authority 1907 Voyles St, SW Live Oak, FL 32064 (386) 362-5332

THIS TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED APPLICATION WILL BE GOOD FOR TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE OF APPROVAL.

SVTA eligibility criteria: Applicant must meet one of the following:

Age: 60 + with proof of age by Driver License or State ID
Disability: Physical or Mental Impairment with completed Section 5 of this application by a medical professional
Income: Based on 175% Gross Monthly Income Level of the current Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

Office Use Only:

New Application: _____ Recertification: _____ TD: _____ Other: _____
Received Date: _____ Approved Date: _____ Denied Date: ______

February 8, 2023

IV COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 427, FLORIDA STATUTES

1.	Are the Community Transportation Coordinator subcontracts uniform?				
	Not applicable, no subcontracted operators.				
2.	Is the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged standard contract utilized?				
	Not applicable, no subcontracted operators.				
3.	Do the contracts include performance standards for the transportation operators?				
	Not applicable, no subcontracted operators.				
4.	Do the contracts include the proper language concerning payment to subcontractors?				
	Not applicable, no subcontracted operators.				
5.	Were the following items submitted on time?				
	a) Annual Operating Report: Yes b) Memorandum of Agreement: Yes c) Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan: Yes d) Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Application: Yes e) Other grant applications: Yes				
6.	Does the Community Transportation Coordinator monitor its subcontractors and how often is monitoring conducted?				
	Not applicable, no subcontracted operators.				
7.	Is a written report issued to the operator?				
	Not applicable, no subcontracted operators.				
8.	What type of monitoring does the Community Transportation Coordinator perform on its coordination contractors and how often is it conducted?				
	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has two coordination contractors; ARC of North Florida and Columbia County Senior Services, Inc The coordination contractors are required to report yearly operating data to Suwannee Valley Transit Authority for inclusion the Annual Operating Reports. Suwannee Valley Transit Authority requests backup documentation to verify submitted data. Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has two-year agreements with both coordination contractors.				
9.	Are coordination contracts reviewed annually as to the effectiveness and efficiency of the coordination contractor or the renewal of any Coordination Contracts?				
	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority reviews coordination contracts annually.				
10.	Are there any transportation alternatives?				
	No				

IV COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 427, FLORIDA STATUTES

1.	Hours of Service:
	Monday through Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding holidays.
2.	Call Intake Hours:
	Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding observed holidays.
3.	After Hours Reservations/Cancellations:
	After hours service is not provided through the Transportation Disadvantaged Program.
	Trips must be cancelled 24 hours in advance of the scheduled pickup time.
4.	Minimum required notice for reservations:
	Trip reservations must be made before 3:00 p.m. three (3) days before the day of transport.
5.	How far in advance can reservations be place (number of days)?
	<u>14</u>
7.	No agreement with the local Regional Workforce Board. Has the Community Transportation Coordinator developed any innovative transportation services for the local Regional Workforce Board?
	No
8.	<u></u>
	Do the Community Transportation Coordinator and Local Coordinating Board review applications for federal, state and local Transportation Disadvantaged funding?
	review applications for federal, state and local Transportation Disadvantaged
9.	review applications for federal, state and local Transportation Disadvantaged funding?

10. How are the trip priorities carried out?

Medical appointments take priority. Suwannee Valley Transit Authority provides commuter assistance trips to work and college, as well as, developmental service and pharmacy trips. Shopping trips are provided on an as needed basis, but are the first trips denied in the event of increased demand medical trips.

V. COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 41-2 FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

1.	How is the Community Transportation Coordinator using school buses in the coordinated system?
	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority does not have agreements with the local school districts to use school buses.
2.	How is the Community Transportation Coordinator using public transportation services in the coordinated system?
	Not applicable, no other public transportation services operating in the service area.
3.	Is there a goal for transferring passengers from paratransit to transit?
	Not applicable, no fixed route public transportation systems operating in the service area.
4.	What are the minimum liability insurance requirements?
	\$200,000/\$300,000
5.	What are the minimum liability insurance requirements in the operator and coordination contracts?
	\$200,000/\$300,000
6.	Do the minimum liability insurance requirements exceed \$1 million per incident?
	<u>No</u>
7.	Date of last System Safety Program Plan Compliance Review:
	September 2020
8.	Are the contracted operators in compliance with the System Safety Program Plan?
	Not applicable, no subcontracted operators.
9.	Do the Community Transportation Coordinator and its contracted operators (if any) comply with the Federal Transit Administration Anti-Drug and Alcohol Misuse Program (49 CFR Part 40, 655)?
	Yes
10.	Date of last Anti-Drug and Alcohol Misuse Program review:
	September 2020

Standards	Comments
Local toll free phone number must	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority posts local toll free phone number
be posted in all vehicles.	in all vehicles.
Vehicle Cleanliness	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority cleans all vehicles
	(interior/exterior) at least once a week.
Passenger/Trip Database	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority maintains a passenger/trip
5 / 1	database.
Adequate seating	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority provides adequate seating for all
	passengers.
Driver Identification	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's drivers wear uniforms, with name
	tags and a Suwannee Valley Transit Authority identification badge.
Passenger Assistance	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority requires drivers to provide
	passengers with boarding and exiting assistance.
Smoking, Eating and Drinking	Eating and drinking on board vehicles is prohibited_unless medically
	necessary or for trips that have extended wait or travel times.
Two-way Communications	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority and subcontracted operators are
	required to have an effective two-way communication system.
Air Conditioning/Heating	All vehicles have working air conditioners and heaters.
Billing Requirements	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority subcontracts do not include a
	requirement that all bills be paid within 7 working days to
	subcontractors after receipt of said payment by Suwannee Valley
	Transit Authority in accordance with Section 287.0585, Florida
	Statutes.
Transport of Escorts and	Children 14 and under will be required to be accompanied by an
dependent children policy	escort who is over 18 years of age. Any passenger that is not able to
	be self-sufficient (maneuver about on their own; maintain control of bodily functions; provide hygiene care for oneself) must have an
	escort present at all times while riding on Suwannee Valley Transit
	Authority vehicles. Escorts must be able to provide the necessary
	assistance to the passenger in the event of any need. Escorts must
	remain with the passenger while on a Suwannee Valley Transit
	Authority vehicle and aid the passenger as required. Escorts will be
	transported at the regular co-pay rate.
Use, Responsibility, and cost of	All passengers under the age of 4 and/or under 50 pounds will be
child restraint devices	required to use an approved child restraint device, or otherwise be in
	compliance with state regulations at the time. This device shall be
	provided by the child's escort, and it must be clean and sanitized.
Out-of-Service Area trips	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority requires medical provider
	certification for any out of county trip and will make efforts to assist
	the rider and/or his physician in securing appointments within the
	region.
CPR/1st Aid	All vehicles operating in the coordinated system shall be equipped
	with first aid kits and bio-hazard ("spill") kits as required by State and
	Federal regulations. It is Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's goal for
	all drivers to be certified in First Aid by a recognized first aid training
	program within 6 months of employment.
	Drivers are required to be trained in cardianulmenant requesitation
	Drivers are required to be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. All Suwannee Valley Transit Authority drivers shall maintain a current
	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/First Aid certificate.
Driver Criminal Background	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority requires all drivers in the
Screening	coordinated system to have a criminal background check with local
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Standards	Comi	ments		
	prior to hire. Suwannee Valley Tra Vehicle Report of each driver prior systematic basis.	,		
Passenger Property	Passengers are allowed to have personal property which they can place in their lap or stow under the seat. The size of personal property is restricted to what can be held by the passenger or stowed in an area not to interfere with other passengers or becomes a safety hazard. No animals, with the exception of service animals, will be transported. All oxygen must be portable, self-administered and secured. Drivers cannot assist with oxygen needs.			
Advance reservation requirements	Trips must be scheduled three (3) weekdays in advance of the day of appointment. Hospital discharges or other urgent trips must be arranged by calling the afterhours phone number.			
Pick-up Window	Passengers shall be picked up two hours before or one hour after their scheduled pick-up time. Passengers will be given pick-up times when they make their trip reservations.			
	Return Trips: Passengers will be picked up 0-60 minutes after their scheduled return pick-up time. For example: 5:00 p.m. return pick-up time, driver should arrive between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Passengers who do not schedule return trip pickup times, will be given a return pick-up time of 90 minutes after the scheduled drop off time. Will Call Return Pick-Up: A "will-call" return pick-up will be offered when a passenger is not ready at their requested return trip pick-up time. As a courtesy, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority will dispatch a vehicle back			
	to their return trip pick-up location v call" request was made.	vithin two hours of the time the "will-		
Measurable Standards/Goals	Standard/Goal	Is the Community Transportation Coordinator meeting the Standard?		
Fixed Route Public Transit Ridership	Not applicable	Not applicable		
On-time performance	90%	Yes		
Accidents	No more than 1/100,000 miles	No 1.5/100,000 miles		
Roadcalls	No more than 7 roadcalls/100,000 miles	Yes		
Complaints	No more than 1/1,000 trips.	Yes		
Call-Hold Time	No established standard for call hold time.	Not applicable		

County: Columbia

Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Larry Sessions CTC: Contact:

1907 Voyles St, SW Live Oak, FL 32064 386-362-5332

Demographics Number **Total County Population** 0

Vehicle Data

Vehicle Miles

Roadcalls

Accidents Vehicles Drivers

Unduplicated Head Count

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2022

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276,485

2023

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152,814

Transportation Disadvantaged

Email:	larry.sessions@ridesvt	a.com		
Trips B	y Type of Service	2021	2022	2023
Fixed Ro	ute (FR)	0	0	0
Deviated	FR	0	0	0
Complem	entary ADA	0	0	0
Paratrans	sit	15,614	13,563	14,527
TNC		0	0	0
Taxi		0	0	0
School B	oard (School Bus)	0	0	0
Voluntee	rs	0	0	0
TOTAL T	RIPS	15,614	13,563	14,527
Passen	ger Trips By Trip Pu	rpose		
Medical		3,580	4,799	4,722
Employm	ent	487	251	107
Ed/Train/	'DayCare	7,567	7,595	8,279
Nutrition	al	400	166	17
Life-Sust	aining/Other	3,580	752	1,402
TOTAL T	RIPS	15,614	13,563	14,527
Passen	ger Trips <u>By</u> Revenu	e Source	,	
CTD		6,925	6,140	5,684
AHCA		0	0	0
APD		4,414	5,318	5,772
DOEA		774	221	323
DOE		0	0	643
Other		3,501	1,884	2,105
TOTAL T	RIP5	15,614	13,563	14,527
Trips by	y Provider Type	0.4	179416	200
CTC		14,839	13,341	14,203
Transpor	tation Operator	0	0	0
Coordina	tion Contractor	775	222	324
TOTAL T	RIPS	15,614	13,563	14,527

Expenses	\$1,071,796	\$1,166,661	\$1,269,182
Revenues	\$1,140,383	\$992,470	\$2,131,161
Commendations	4	0	1
Complaints	0	0	1
Passenger No-Shows	650	681	887
Unmet Trip Requests	0	0	(
Performance Measures			
Accidents per 100,000 Miles	0	0	0.65
Miles between Roadcalls	137,108	0	38,204
Avg. Trips per Passenger	75.07	75.35	101.59
Cost per Trip	\$68.64	\$86.02	\$87.37
Cost per Paratransit Trip	\$68.64	\$86.02	\$87.37
Cost per Total Mile	\$3.91	\$4.22	\$8.31
Cost per Paratransit Mile	\$3.91	\$4.22	\$8.3

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274,215

County: Hamilton Demographics Number Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Larry Sessions 1907 Voyles St, SW Live Oak, FL 32064 CTC: Contact: 0 **Total County Population** Unduplicated Head Count



Email:	386-362-5332 larry.sessions@ridesvta	a.com		Olidaplica	led Head Count		ransportation isadvantaged	
Trips By	y Type of Service	2021	2022	2023	Vehicle Data	2021	2022	2023
Fixed Rou	ute (FR)	0	0	0	Vehicle Miles	88,738	89,495	156,539
Deviated	FR	0	0	0	Roadcalls	0	0	2
Complem	nentary ADA	0	0	0	Accidents	0	1	0
Paratrans	sit	6,142	7,774	11,889	Vehicles	6	5	5
TNC		0	0	0	Drivers	4	4	3
Taxi		0	0	0				
School Bo	oard (School Bus)	0	0	0				
Volunteer		0	0	0				
TOTAL T	TRIPS	6,142	7,774	11,889				
Passen	ger Trips By Trip Pur	rpose			Financial and General Da	ta		
Medical		1,596	1,259	1,002	Expenses	\$356,139	\$387,589	\$422,108
Employm	ent	164	294	0	Revenues	\$375,422	\$340,927	\$704,892
Ed/Train/	/DayCare	3,823	3,784	8,038	Commendations	0	0	0
Nutritiona	al	0	1,963	1,785	Complaints	0	0	0
Life-Susta	aining/Other	559	474	1,064	Passenger No-Shows	316	389	573
TOTAL T	TRIPS	6,142	7,774	11,889	Unmet Trip Requests	0	0	0
Passen	ger Trips By Revenu	e Source			Performance Measures			
CTD		4,193	4,741	4,766	Accidents per 100,000 Miles	0	1.12	0
AHCA		0	0	0	Miles between Roadcalls	0	0	78,270
APD		789	136	0	Avg. Trips per Passenger	122.84	143.96	188.71
DOEA		0	0	0	Cost per Trip	\$57.98	\$49.86	\$35.50
DOE		0	0	0	Cost per Paratransit Trip	\$57.98	\$49.86	\$35.50
Other		1,160	2,897	7,123	Cost per Total Mile	\$4.01	\$4.33	\$2.70
TOTAL T	TRIPS	6,142	7,774	11,889	Cost per Paratransit Mile	\$4.01	\$4.33	\$2.70
Trips by	y Provider Type							
CTC	9950 /2 NO	6,142	7,774	11,889				
Transport	tation Operator	0	0	0				
Coordinat	tion Contractor	0	0	0				
TOTAL T	TRIPS	6,142	7,774	11,889				

County:

CTC: Contact:

Suwannee
Suwannee Valley Transit Authority
Larry Sessions
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Demographics Number **Total County Population** 0

Unduplicated Head Count 167

Vehicle Data Vehicle Miles

Transportation Disadvantaged

2022

131,827

2023

291,822

Trips By Type of Service	2021	2022	2023
Fixed Route (FR)	0	0	0
Deviated FR	0	0	0
Complementary ADA	0	0	0
Paratransit	13,119	15,529	17,255
TNC	0	0	0
Taxi	0	0	0
School Board (School Bus)	0	0	0
Volunteers	0	0	0
TOTAL TRIPS	13,119	15,529	17,255
Passenger Trips By Trip P	urpose		
Medical	4,213	4,698	3,964
Employment	710	534	984
Ed/Train/DayCare	6,485	7,575	9,492
Nutritional	3	3	7
Life-Sustaining/Other	1,708	2,719	2,808
TOTAL TRIPS	13,119	15,529	17,255
Passenger Trips By Reven	ue Source		
CTD	4,980	5,098	4,237
AHCA	0	0	0
APD	6,118	7,477	9,123
DOEA	0	0	0
DOE	0	0	0
Other	2,021	2,954	3,895
TOTAL TRIPS	13,119	15,529	17,255
Trips by Provider Type			
стс	7,890	8,941	9,160
Transportation Operator	0	0	0
Coordination Contractor	5,229	6,588	8,095
TOTAL TRIPS	13,119	15,529	17,255

Vehicle Miles	/1,59/	131,82/	291,822
Roadcalls	0	0	5
Accidents	0	1	1
Vehicles	11	11	15
Drivers	9	11	29
Financial and General Da	ta		117
Expenses	\$333,195	\$371,894	\$443,172
Revenues	\$368,044	\$349,042	\$647,876
Commendations	3	0	0
Complaints	3	0	0
Passenger No-Shows	128	141	120
Unmet Trip Requests	0	0	0
Performance Measures			
Accidents per 100,000 Miles	0	0.76	0.34
Miles between Roadcalls	0	0	58,364
Avg. Trips per Passenger	184.77	95.27	103.32
Cost per Trip	\$25.40	\$23.95	\$25.68
Cost per Paratransit Trip	\$25.40	\$23.95	\$25.68
Cost per Paratransit Trip Cost per Total Mile	\$25.40 \$4.65	\$23.95 \$2.82	\$25.68 \$1.52

2021

71,597



Bus Transit System Annual Safety and Security Certification

Certifying Compliance with Rule 14-90, FAC to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Certification Date (Current): 2023 Certification Year: (Previous): 2022

Name and Address of Bus Transit System: Suwannee Valley Transit Authority 1907 Voyles Street SW Live Oak, FL, 32064

The Bus Transit System (Agency) named above hereby certifies the following:

- The Agency has adopted a System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) and a Security Program Plan (SPP) pursuant to the standards set forth in Rule Chapter 14-90, Florida Administrative Code.
- 2. The Agency is in compliance with its adopted SSPP and SPP.
- The Agency has performed annual safety inspections on all operational vehicles in accordance with Rule Chapter 14-90, Florida Administrative Code.

4. The Agency has conducted reviews of SSPP and SPP and the plans are up to date.

Blue Ink Signature: Date: // // Date: // // Date: // // Date: // // // Date: // // // Date: // Date

Name: Larry Sessions Title: Administrator

Name and address of entity(ies) which has (have) performed bus safety inspections and security assessments:

Name: Suwannee Valley Transit Authority

Address: 1907 Voyles Street SW, Live Oak, FL, 32064

Name of Qualified Mechanic who Performed Annual Inspections: Wayne Blevins

VI ON-SITE OBSERVATION OF THE SYSTEM

	Date of Observation:
	Location:
	FDOT/Fort White
	Number of Passengers picked up/dropped off:
	Ambulatory: 1
	Non-Ambulatory: 0
	Was the driver on time? Yes
	Did the driver provide passenger assistance? Not applicable
	Was the driver wearing identification? Yes
	Did the driver ensure the passengers were properly secured? Yes
	Was the interior of the vehicle free of dirt, grime, oil, trash, torn upholstery, damaged or broken seats, protruding metal or other objects or materials which could soil items placed in the vehicle or provide discomfort for the passenger? Yes
	Is there a sign posted on the interior of the vehicle with both a local phone number and the Transportation Disadvantaged Program Helpline for comments/complaints/commendations? No
	Did the vehicle have working heat and air conditioning? Yes
	Did the vehicle have two-way communications in good working order?
•	Yes
	•
	Yes If used, was the lift in good working order?

VII PASSENGER SURVEYS

How often do your ride?

Daily 7 days/week	1-2 Times/Week	3-5 Times/Week	Other
0	4	5	0

Have you been denied transportation services?

Yes 0

No 9

What is your trip purpose?

Medical	Education/Training	Employment	Other
3	5	0	1

Do you have concerns with your service?

Yes 0

No 9

What types of concerns do you have?

	Late Trips	Driver Behavior	Availability	Vehicle Condition	Customer Service	Cost
0		0	0	0	0	0

VII PURCHASING AGENCY SURVEYS

PURCHASING AGENCY SURVEY

Purchasing Agency: Suwannee R	River Economic Council, Inc.
Representative of Purchasing Agency:	Matthew Pearson, Executive Director
County(ies): Columbia, Hamilton	and Suwannee
What is the primary purpose for pur Transit Authority for your clients?	chasing transportation service from Suwannee Valley
 Medical Employment Education/Training/Day Care Nutritional Life Sustaining/Other 	
2) Do you have any concerns with Suw	vannee Valley Transit Authority's service?
• Yes • No If no, skip to question 6 3) If you answered "yes" to question 2	above, please identify the types of concerns:
 Advance notice requirement Cost Service area limits Pick up times not convenient Vehicle condition Lack of passenger assistance Accessibility concerns Complaints about drivers 	
Complaints about timelinessLength of wait for reservationsOther	
Yes	

Thank you for completing this survey.

VIII Cost



CTC Expense Sources

County: Columbia CTC Status: Submitted CTC Organization: Suwannee Valley Transit Authority

Fiscal Year: 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2023 CTD Status: Under Review

	Selec	Selected Reporting Period			Previous Reporting Period		
	CTC & Transportation Operators	Coordination Contractors	Total	CTC & Transportation Operators	Coordination Contractors	Total	
Expense Sources							
Labor	\$ 526,821	\$ 1,932	\$ 528,753	\$ 570,017	\$ 1,088	\$ 571,105	
Fringe Benefits	\$ 192,540	\$ 316	\$ 192,856	\$ 260,794	\$ 428	\$ 261,222	
Services	\$ 92,977	\$0	\$ 92,977	\$ 56,765	\$0	\$ 56,765	
Materials & Supplies Consumed	\$ 189,941	\$0	\$ 189,941	\$ 147,130	\$ 90	\$ 147,220	
Utilities	\$ 30,988	\$0	\$ 30,988	\$ 27,506	\$ 26	\$ 27,532	
Casualty & Liability	\$ 66,278	\$ 123	\$ 66,401	\$ 45,060	\$ 2,264	\$ 47,324	
Taxes	\$ 68	\$0	\$ 68	\$ 32	\$0	\$ 32	
Miscellaneous	\$ 909	\$0	\$ 909	\$ 673	\$0	\$ 673	
Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Leases & Rentals	\$ 3,296	\$0	\$ 3,296	\$ 3,291	\$0	\$3,291	
Capital Purchases	\$ 162,501	\$0	\$ 162,501	\$ 51,497	\$0	\$ 51,497	
Contributed Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Allocated Indirect Expenses	\$0	\$ 492	\$ 492	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Purchased Transportation Services							
Bus Pass	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	
School Board (School Bus)	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	
Transportation Network Companies (TNC)	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	
Taxi	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	
Contracted Operator	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	
Total - Expense Sources	\$ 1,266,319	\$ 2,863	\$1,269,182	\$ 1,162,765	\$ 3,896	\$1,166,661	



CTC Expense Sources

County: Hamilton CTC Status: Submitted CTC Organization: Suwannee Valley Transit Authority

Fiscal Year: 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2023 CTD Status: Under Review

	Select	ted Reporting Period	4	Previo	ous Reporting Perio	đ
	CTC & Transportation Operators	Coordination Contractors	Total	CTC & Transportation Operators	Coordination Contractors	Total
Expense Sources						
Labor	\$ 175,607	\$0	\$ 175,607	\$ 190,006	\$0	\$ 190,006
Fringe Benefits	\$ 64,180	\$0	\$ 64,180	\$ 86,931	\$0	\$ 86,931
Services	\$ 30,993	\$0	\$ 30,993	\$ 18,922	5.0	\$ 18,922
Materials & Supplies Consumed	\$ 63,314	50	\$ 63,314	\$ 49,043	\$0	\$ 49,043
Utilities	\$ 10,329	\$0	\$ 10,329	\$ 9,169	\$0	\$ 9,169
Casualty & Liability	\$ 22,093	\$0	\$ 22,093	\$ 15,020	\$0	\$ 15,020
Taxes	\$ 23	\$0	\$ 23	\$ 11	\$0	\$11
Miscellaneous	\$ 303	\$0	\$ 303	\$ 224	\$0	\$ 224
Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Leases & Rentals	\$ 1,099	\$0	\$ 1,099	\$ 1,097	\$0	\$ 1,097
Capital Purchases	\$ 54,167	\$0	\$ 54,167	\$ 17,166	\$0	\$ 17,166
Contributed Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Allocated Indirect Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Purchased Transportation Services			13,000			
Bus Pass	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
School Board (School Bus)	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
Transportation Network Companies (TNC)	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
Taxi	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
Contracted Operator	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
Total - Expense Sources	\$ 422,108	5.0	\$ 422,108	\$ 387,589	50	\$ 387,589



CTC Expense Sources

County: Suwannee CTC Status: Submitted CTC Organization: Suwannee Valley Transit Authority

Fiscal Year: 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2023 CTD Status: Under Review

	Selec	ted Reporting Perio	d	Previo	ous Reporting Perior	í
	CTC & Transportation Operators	Coordination Contractors	Total	CTC & Transportation Operators	Coordination Contractors	Total
Expense Sources						
Labor	\$ 133,796	\$ 40,764	\$ 174,560	\$ 144,766	\$ 23,992	\$ 168,758
Fringe Benefits	\$ 48,899	\$ 1,450	\$ 50,349	\$ 66,233	\$ 640	\$ 66,873
Services	\$ 23,613	\$ 1,911	\$ 25,524	\$ 14,416	\$ 1,118	\$ 15,534
Materials & Supplies Consumed	\$ 48,239	\$ 18,361	\$ 66,600	\$ 37,366	\$8,838	\$ 46,204
Utilities	\$ 7,870	\$ 51	\$7,921	\$ 6,986	\$0	\$ 6,986
Casualty & Liability	\$ 16,833	\$ 23,158	\$ 39,991	\$ 11,444	\$ 9,745	\$ 21,189
Taxes	\$ 17	\$0	\$17	\$8	\$ 2,447	\$ 2,455
Miscellaneous	\$ 231	\$ 20,169	\$ 20,400	\$ 171	\$ 6,835	\$ 7,006
Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Leases & Rentals	\$ 837	\$0	\$ 837	\$836	\$0	\$ 836
Capital Purchases	\$ 41,270	\$0	\$ 41,270	\$ 13,079	\$0	\$ 13,079
Contributed Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Allocated Indirect Expenses	\$0	\$ 15,703	\$ 15,703	\$0	\$ 22,974	\$ 22,974
Purchased Transportation Services						
Bus Pass	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
School Board (School Bus)	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
Transportation Network Companies (TNC)	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
Taxi	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
Contracted Operator	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
Total - Expense Sources	\$ 321,605	\$ 121,567	\$ 443,172	\$ 295,305	\$ 76,589	\$ 371,894

IX LEVEL OF COMPETITION

1. Inventory of Transportation Operators in the Service Area

	Transportation Providers Available	Transportation Providers Contracted in the System.
Private Non-Profit	3	2
Private For-Profit	9	0
Government	0	0
Public Transit Agency	1	1
Total	13	3

2	How many of the operators are coordination contractors?	2	
۷.	now many or the operators are coordination contractors:		

3.	Does the Community Transportation Coordinator have a competitive procurement
	process?

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res		

4. What methods have been used in selection of the transportation operators?

Low bid	√	Reque
Requests for qualifications		Reque
Negotiation only		

\checkmark	Requests for proposals
	Requests for interested parties

X LEVEL OF COORDINATION

1. Public Information – How is public information distributed about transportation services in the community?

Suwannee Valley Transit Authority distributes brochures in the community.

2. Eligibility – How is passenger eligibility coordinated for local transportation services?

<u>Suwannee Valley Transit Authority determines all passenger eligibility except for passengers</u> sponsored by Florida's Managed Medical Care Program.

3. Call Intake – To what extent is transportation coordinated to ensure that a user can reach a Reservationist on the first call?

<u>Individuals call Suwannee Valley Transit Authority to schedule all trips except trips provided</u> through Florida's Managed Medical Care Program.

4. Reservations –How is the duplication of a reservation prevented?

<u>Suwannee Valley Transit Authority handles all trip reservations except trip reservations for</u> Florida's Managed Medical Care Program.

5. Trip Allocation – How is the allocation of trip requests to providers coordinated?

Not applicable. No subcontracted operators.

6. Scheduling – How is the trip assignment to vehicles coordinated?

<u>Suwannee Valley Transit Authority schedules all trips except for trips sponsored by Florida's</u> Managed Medical Care Program.

7. General Service Monitoring – How is the overseeing of transportation operators coordinated?

Not applicable. No subcontracted operators.

Effective: January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021

STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

STANDARD COORDINATION/OPERATOR CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT is entered into between the COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority, designated pursuant to Chapter 427, F.S., to serve the transportation disadvantaged for the community that includes the entire area of Columbia county(ies), and hereinafter referred to as the "Coordinator" and Columbia County Senior Services, Inc, hereinafter referred to as the "Agency/Operator". The terms and conditions of this Contract are effective January 1, 2019 and will continue through December 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Coordinator is required, under Rule 41-2, F.A.C., Contractual Arrangements, to provide and/or enter into where cost effective and efficient; to enter into subcontract(s) or to broker transportation services to transportation operators; and

WHEREAS, transportation disadvantaged funds includes any local government, state or federal funds that are for the transportation of transportation disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinator desires to contract with the Agency/Operator for the provision of transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinator believes it to be in the public interest to provide such transportation services through the Agency/Operator for the residents of the service area who are clients of the Agency/Operator; and

WHEREAS, the Agency/Operator will provide the Coordinator the opportunity to develop a proposal for any new transportation services needed; and

WHEREAS, the Agency/Operator, in an effort to coordinate available resources, will make available transportation services to the Coordinator.

WHEREAS, this Contract allows for the provisions of transportation services be provided by the Agency/Operator, in accordance with Chapter 427, F.S., Rule 41-2, F.A.C., and the most current Community Transportation Coordinator policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and

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representations herein, the parties agree as follows:

THE AGENCY/OPERATOR SHALL:

- A. Provide services and vehicles according to the conditions specified in Attachment I.
- B. Coordinate available resources and make available transportation services to the Coordinator. Such services shall be provided in accordance with Attachment I.
- C. Submit to the Coordinator Annual Operating Report data detailing demographic, operational and financial data regarding coordination activities in the designated service area. The report shall be prepared on forms provided by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, hereinafter Commission, and according to the instructions for the forms.
- D. Comply with audit and record keeping requirements by :
 - Utilizing the Commission recognized Chart of Accounts defined in the <u>Transportation Accounting Consortium Model Uniform Accounting System for Rural and Specialized Transportation Providers</u> (uniform accounting system) for all transportation disadvantaged accounting and reporting purposes. Agencies/Operators with existing and equivalent accounting systems are not required to adopt the Chart of Accounts in lieu of their existing Chart of Accounts but shall prepare all reports, invoices, and fiscal documents relating to the transportation disadvantaged functions and activities using the chart of accounts and accounting definitions as outlined in the above referenced manual.
 - 2. Maintaining and filing with the Coordinator such progress, fiscal, inventory and other reports as the Coordinator may require during the period of this contract.
 - 3. By reserving to the Coordinator, the right to conduct finance and compliance audits at any time. Such audits conducted by the Coordinator will be at the expense of the Coordinator.
- E. Retain all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents pertinent to this Agreement for a period of five (5) years after termination of this Agreement. If an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of the five (5) years, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings. The Agency/Operator shall assure that these records shall be subject to inspection, review, or audit at all reasonable times by persons duly authorized by the Coordinator or Commission or this Agreement. The Commission and the Coordinator shall have full access to and the right to examine any of the

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records and documents during the retention period.

- F. Comply with Safety Requirements by:
 - 1. Complying with Section 341.061, F.S., and Rule 14-90, F.A.C., concerning System Safety or complying with Chapter 234.051, F.S., regarding school bus safety requirements for those services provided through a school board;
 - 2. Assuring compliance with local, state, and federal laws, and Commission policies relating to drug testing, and;
 - 3. Complying with Coordinator's System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) for designated service area.
- G. Comply with Commission insurance requirements by maintaining at least minimum liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$100,000 for any one person and \$200,000 per occurrence at all times during the existence of this Contract. Upon the execution of this Contract, the Agency/Operator shall add the Coordinator as an additional named insured to all insurance policies covering vehicles transporting the transportation disadvantaged. In the event of any cancellation or changes in the limits of liability in the insurance policy, the insurance agent or broker shall notify the Coordinator. The Agency/Operator shall furnish the Coordinator written verification of the existence of such insurance coverage prior to the execution of this Contract. School board vehicle insurance coverage shall be in accordance with Section 234.03, F.S. and 234.211, F.S. Insurance coverage in excess of \$1 million per occurrence must be approved by the Coordinator and/or the local Coordinating Board before inclusion in this contract or in the justification of rates and fare structures, s. 41-2.006(1), FAC..
- H. Safeguard information by not using or disclosing any information concerning a user of services under this Agreement for any purpose not in conformity with the local, state and federal regulations, including but not limited to 45 CFR, Part 205.50, except upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction, written consent of the recipient, or his/her responsible parent or guardian when authorized by law.
- I. Protect Civil Rights by:
 - Complying with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Agency/Operator gives this assurance in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining federal grants, loans, contracts (except contracts of insurance or guaranty), property, discounts, or other federal financial assistance to programs or activities receiving or

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benefiting from federal financial assistance and agreeing to complete a Civil Rights Compliance Questionnaire if so required by the Coordinator. Agency/Operator shall also assure compliance with:

- a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
- b. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
- c. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
- d. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
- e. The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, P.L. 97-35, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and religion in programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
- f. All regulations, guidelines, and standards lawfully adopted under the above statutes.
- g. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as it may be amended from time to time.
- 2. Agreeing that compliance with this assurance constitutes a condition of continued receipt of or benefit from federal financial assistance, and that it is binding upon the Agency/Operator, its successors, subcontractors, transferees, and assignees for the period during which such assistance is provided. Assuring that operators, subcontractors, subgrantees, or others with whom the Coordinator arranges to provide services or benefits to participants or employees in connection with any of its programs and activities are not discriminating against those participants or employees in violation of the above statutes, regulations, guidelines, and standards. In the event of failure to comply, the Agency/Operator agrees that the Coordinator may, at its discretion,

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seek a court order requiring compliance with the terms of this assurance or seek other appropriate judicial or administrative relief, to include assistance being terminated and further assistance being denied.

- J. Agency/Operator's obligation to indemnify, defend, and pay for the defense or at the Coordinator's option, to participate and associate with the Coordinator in the defense and trail of any claim and any related settlement negotiations, shall triggered by the Coordinator's notice of claim for indemnification the Agency/Operator. Agency/Operator's inability to evaluate liability or its evaluation of liability shall not excuse the Agency/Operator's duty to defend and indemnify within seven days after such notice by the Coordinator is given by registered mail. adjudication or judgement after the highest appeal is exhausted specifically finding the Coordinator solely negligent shall excuse performance of this provision by the Agency/Operator. Agency/Operator shall pay all costs and fees related to this obligation and its enforcement by the Coordinator. The Coordinator's failure to notify Agency/Operator of a claim shall not release Agency/Operator of the above duty to defend.
- K Comply with all standards and performance requirements of the:
 - 1. The Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (Attachment II);
 - 2. The local Coordinating Board approved Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan and;
 - 3. Any entities that purchase service.

Failure to meet the requirements or obligations set forth in this Contract, and performance requirements established and monitored by the Coordinating Board in the approved Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan shall be due cause for non-payment of reimbursement invoices until such deficiencies have been addressed or corrected to the satisfaction of the Coordinator.

- L. Provide Corrective Action. A corrective action notice is a written notice to the Agency/Operator that the Agency/Operator is in breach of certain provisions of this Contract and that correction is required. Any corrective action notice will specify a reasonable time for corrective action to be completed. The Agency/Operator agrees to implement the Corrective Action specified in the notice and provide written documentation to substantiate the implementation of the Corrective Action.
- M. All contracts, subcontracts, coordination contracts will be reviewed annually by the Coordinator and local Coordinating Board for conformance with the requirements of

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C. At a minimum, annually monitor the Agency/Operator for insurance, safety and reporting requirements, pursuant to Chapter 427, F.S., and Rule 41-2, F.A.C. The information contained in the Annual Operating Report must be collected, at a minimum, quarterly from the Agency/Operator.

THE OPERATOR AND COORDINATOR FURTHER AGREE:

- A. Nothing in the Contract shall require the Coordinator to observe or enforce compliance with any provision thereof, perform any other act or do any other thing in contravention of any applicable state law. If any provision of the Contract is found by a court of law to violate any applicable state law, the purchasing entity will at once notify the Coordinator in writing in order that appropriate changes and modification may be made by the Coordinator and the Agency/Operator to the end that the Agency/Operator may proceed as soon as possible with the provision of transportation services.
- B. If any part or provision of this Contract is held invalid, the remainder of this Contract shall be binding on the parties hereto.
- C. Termination Conditions:
 - 1. Termination at Will This Contract may be terminated by either party upon no less than thirty (30) days notice, without cause. Said notice shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt required, or in person with proof of delivery.
 - 2. Termination due to Lack of Designation In the event that the Coordinator so designated by the local Coordinating Board and approved by the Commission, loses its designation, this contract is terminated immediately upon notification to the Agency/Operator. Notice shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or in person, with proof of delivery. Notice shall be effective upon receipt.
 - 3. Termination due to Disapproval of Memorandum of Agreement In the event that the Commission does not accept and approve any contracted transportation rates listed within the Memorandum of Agreement, this Contract is terminated immediately upon notification to the Agency/Operator. Notice shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or in person, with proof of delivery. Notice shall be effective upon receipt.
 - 4. Termination due to Lack of Funds In the event funds to finance this

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this Contract.

- N. Return to the Coordinator any overpayments due to unearned funds or funds disallowed pursuant to the terms of this Contract that were disbursed to the Agency/Operator by the Coordinator. The Agency/Operator shall return any overpayment within thirty (30) calendar days after either discovery by the Agency/Operator, or notification of the Agency/Operator by the Coordinator or entity purchasing transportation, whichever is earlier. In the event that the Coordinator first discovers an overpayment has been made, the Coordinator will notify the Agency/Operator by letter of such a finding. Should repayment not be made in a timely manner, the Coordinator or purchasing entity will charge interest after thirty (30) calendar days after the date of notification or discovery, or the Coordinator will deduct said amount from future invoices.
- O. In performing this Contract, the Agency/Operator shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, age, disability, creed, color, sex or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Agency/Operator shall insert the foregoing provision modified only to show the particular contractual relationship in all its contracts in connection with the development of operation of the Contract, except contracts for the standard commercial supplies or raw materials, and shall require all such contractors to insert a similar provision in subcontracts relating to the performance of this Contract, except subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials. The Agency/Operator shall post, in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment for Project work, notices setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause.
- P. By execution of this Contract, the Agency/Operator represents that it has not paid and, also, agrees not to pay, any bonus or commission for the purpose of obtaining an approval of its application for the financing hereunder. Funds disbursed to the Agency/Operator under this Contract shall not be expended for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch, or a state agency.

THE COORDINATOR SHALL:

- A. Recognize the Agency/Operator as described in Chapter 427, F.S., and Rule 41-2, F.A.C.
- B. Insure that entities with transportation disadvantaged funds will purchase transportation disadvantaged services through the coordinated system.

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contract become unavailable, the Coordinator may terminate the contract with no less than twenty-four (24) hours written notice to the Agency/Operator. Notice shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or in person, with proof of delivery. Notice shall be effective upon receipt. The Coordinator shall be the final authority as to the availability of funds.

- 5. Termination for Breach Unless the Agency/Operator's breach is waived by the Coordinator in writing, the Coordinator may, by written notice to the Agency/Operator, terminate this Contract upon no less than twenty-four (24) hours notice. Notice shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or in person with proof of delivery. Waiver by the Coordinator of breach of any provision of this Contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Contract, and shall not act as a waiver or estoppel to enforcement of any provision of this Contract. The provisions herein do not limit the Coordinator's right to remedies at law or to damages.
- 6. Upon receipt of a notice of termination of this Contract for any reason, the Agency/Operator shall cease service and prepare all final reports and documents required by the terms of this Contract. A final invoice shall be sent to the Coordinator within thirty (30) days after the termination of this Contract.
- D. Renegotiations or Modifications of this Contract shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing, duly approved by the Coordinator, and signed by both parties hereto.
- E. Agency/Operator shall assign no portion of this Contract without the prior written consent of the Coordinator.
- F. This Contract is the entire agreement between the parties.
- G. Attachments I and II are an integral part of the Contract and are hereby incorporated by reference into this Contract. All subsequent attachments are of an optional nature.
- H. Notice and Contact:

The name and address of the contract manager for the Coordinator for this Contract is:

Larry Sessions, Administrator
Suwannee Valley Transit Authority
1907 Voyles Street, SW Live Oak, FL 32064
(386) 362-5332

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The representative/position of the Agency/Operator responsible for administration of the program under this contract is:

Deborah B. Freeman, Executive Director
Columbia County Senior Services, Inc.
P. O. Box 1772 Lake City, FL 32056-1772

In the event that different representatives are designated by either party after execution of this Contract, notice of the name and address of the new representative will be rendered in writing to the other party and said notification attached to originals of this Contract.

This contract and its attachments contain all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto.

WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed.

AGENCY/OPERATOR:	COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR
Columbia County Senior Services, Inc. (Agency/Operator Name)	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority (Coordinator Name)
Deborah B. Freeman PAVID HUCKASEE Typed Name of Authorized Individual Signature:	Larry Sessions Typed Name of Authorized Individual Signature
Title: Evecutive Director	Title: Administrator

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Effective: 1/01/20 to 12/31/21

STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

STANDARD COORDINATION/OPERATOR CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT is entered into between the COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority designated pursuant to Chapter 427, F.S., to serve the transportation disadvantaged for the community that includes the entire area of Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee county(ies), and hereinafter referred to as the "Coordinator" and The ARC North Florida, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Agency/Operator". The terms and conditions of this Contract are effective 1/01/2020 and will continue through 12/31/2021.

WHEREAS, the Coordinator is required, under Rule 41-2, F.A.C., Contractual Arrangements, to provide and/or enter into where cost effective and efficient; to enter into subcontract(s) or to broker transportation services to transportation operators; and

WHEREAS, transportation disadvantaged funds includes any local government, state or federal funds that are for the transportation of transportation disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinator desires to contract with the Agency/Operator for the provision of transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinator believes it to be in the public interest to provide such transportation services through the Agency/Operator for the residents of the service area who are clients of the Agency/Operator; and

WHEREAS, the Agency/Operator will provide the Coordinator the opportunity to develop a proposal for any new transportation services needed; and

WHEREAS, the Agency/Operator, in an effort to coordinate available resources, will make available transportation services to the Coordinator.

WHEREAS, this Contract allows for the provisions of transportation services be provided by the Agency/Operator, in accordance with Chapter 427, F.S., Rule 41-2, F.A.C., and the most current Community Transportation Coordinator policies.

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and representations herein, the parties agree as follows:

THE AGENCY/OPERATOR SHALL:

- A. Provide services and vehicles according to the conditions specified in Attachment I.
- B. Coordinate available resources and make available transportation services to the Coordinator. Such services shall be provided in accordance with Attachment I.
- C. Submit to the Coordinator Annual Operating Report data detailing demographic, operational and financial data regarding coordination activities in the designated service area. The report shall be prepared on forms provided by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, hereinafter Commission, and according to the instructions for the forms.
- D. Comply with audit and record keeping requirements by:
 - Utilizing the Commission recognized Chart of Accounts defined in the <u>Transportation Accounting Consortium Model Uniform Accounting System for Rural and Specialized Transportation Providers</u> (uniform accounting system) for all transportation disadvantaged accounting and reporting purposes. Agencies/Operators with existing and equivalent accounting systems are not required to adopt the Chart of Accounts in lieu of their existing Chart of Accounts but shall prepare all reports, invoices, and fiscal documents relating to the transportation disadvantaged functions and activities using the chart of accounts and accounting definitions as outlined in the above referenced manual.
 - 2. Maintaining and filing with the Coordinator such progress, fiscal, inventory and other reports as the Coordinator may require during the period of this contract.
 - 3. By reserving to the Coordinator, the right to conduct finance and compliance audits at any time. Such audits conducted by the Coordinator will be at the expense of the Coordinator.
- E. Retain all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents pertinent to this Agreement for a period of five (5) years after termination of this Agreement. If an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of the five (5) years, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings. The Agency/Operator shall assure that these records shall be subject to inspection, review, or audit at all reasonable times by persons duly authorized by the Coordinator or Commission or this Agreement. The Commission

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and the Coordinator shall have full access to and the right to examine any of the records and documents during the retention period.

F. Comply with Safety Requirements by:

- 1. Complying with Section 341.061, F.S., and Rule 14-90, F.A.C., concerning System Safety or complying with Chapter 234.051, F.S., regarding school bus safety requirements for those services provided through a school board;
- 2. Assuring compliance with local, state, and federal laws, and Commission policies relating to drug testing, and;
- 3. Complying with Coordinator's System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) for designated service area.
- G. Comply with Commission insurance requirements by maintaining at least minimum liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$200,000 for any one person and \$300,000 per occurrence at all times during the existence of this Contract. Upon the execution of this Contract, the Agency/Operator shall add the Coordinator as an additional named insured to all insurance policies covering vehicles transporting the transportation disadvantaged. In the event of any cancellation or changes in the limits of liability in the insurance policy, the insurance agent or broker shall notify the Coordinator. The Agency/Operator shall furnish the Coordinator written verification of the existence of such insurance coverage prior to the execution of this Contract. School board vehicle insurance coverage shall be in accordance with Section 234.03, F.S. and 234.211, F.S. Insurance coverage in excess of \$1 million per occurrence must be approved by the Coordinator and/or the local Coordinating Board before inclusion in this contract or in the justification of rates and fare structures, s. 41-2.006(1), FAC..
- H. Safeguard information by not using or disclosing any information concerning a user of services under this Agreement for any purpose not in conformity with the local, state and federal regulations, including but not limited to 45 CFR, Part 205.50, except upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction, written consent of the recipient, or his/her responsible parent or guardian when authorized by law.

I. Protect Civil Rights by:

1. Complying with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Agency/Operator gives this assurance in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining federal grants, loans, contracts (except contracts of insurance or guaranty), property, discounts,

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or other federal financial assistance to programs or activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance and agreeing to complete a Civil Rights Compliance Questionnaire if so required by the Coordinator. Agency/Operator shall also assure compliance with:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d et a. seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
- b. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
- c. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
- d. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
- The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, P.L. 97-35, which e. prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and religion in programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.
- f. All regulations, guidelines, and standards lawfully adopted under the above statutes.
- The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as it may be amended from g. time to time.
- 2. Agreeing that compliance with this assurance constitutes a condition of continued receipt of or benefit from federal financial assistance, and that it is binding upon the Agency/Operator, its successors, subcontractors, transferees, and assignees for the period during which such assistance is provided. Assuring that operators, subcontractors, subgrantees, or others with whom the Coordinator arranges to provide services or benefits to participants or employees in connection with any of its programs and activities are not discriminating against those participants or employees in violation of the above statutes, regulations, guidelines, and standards. In the event of failure to

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comply, the Agency/Operator agrees that the Coordinator may, at its discretion, seek a court order requiring compliance with the terms of this assurance or seek other appropriate judicial or administrative relief, to include assistance being terminated and further assistance being denied.

- J. Agency/Operator's obligation to indemnify, defend, and pay for the defense or at the Coordinator's option, to participate and associate with the Coordinator in the defense and trail of any claim and any related settlement negotiations, shall be triggered by the Coordinator's notice of claim for indemnification to the Agency/Operator. Agency/Operator's inability to evaluate liability or its evaluation of liability shall not excuse the Agency/Operator's duty to defend and indemnify within seven days after such notice by the Coordinator is given by registered mail. Only an adjudication or judgment after the highest appeal is exhausted specifically finding the Coordinator solely negligent shall excuse performance of this provision by the Agency/Operator. Agency/Operator shall pay all costs and fees related to this obligation and its enforcement by the Coordinator. The Coordinator's failure to notify Agency/Operator of a claim shall not release Agency/Operator of the above duty to defend.
- K Comply with all standards and performance requirements of the:
 - 1. The Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (Attachment II);
 - 2. The local Coordinating Board approved Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan and:
 - 3. Any entities that purchase service.

Failure to meet the requirements or obligations set forth in this Contract, and performance requirements established and monitored by the Coordinating Board in the approved Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan shall be due cause for non-payment of reimbursement invoices until such deficiencies have been addressed or corrected to the satisfaction of the Coordinator.

- L. Provide Corrective Action. A corrective action notice is a written notice to the Agency/Operator that the Agency/Operator is in breach of certain provisions of this Contract and that correction is required. Any corrective action notice will specify a reasonable time for corrective action to be completed. The Agency/Operator agrees to implement the Corrective Action specified in the notice and provide written documentation to substantiate the implementation of the Corrective Action.
- M. All contracts, subcontracts, coordination contracts will be reviewed annually by the Coordinator and local Coordinating Board for conformance with the requirements of this Contract.

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- N. Return to the Coordinator any overpayments due to unearned funds or funds disallowed pursuant to the terms of this Contract that were disbursed to the Agency/Operator by the Coordinator. The Agency/Operator shall return any overpayment within thirty (30) calendar days after either discovery by the Agency/Operator, or notification of the Agency/Operator by the Coordinator or entity purchasing transportation, whichever is earlier. In the event that the Coordinator first discovers an overpayment has been made, the Coordinator will notify the Agency/Operator by letter of such a finding. Should repayment not be made in a timely manner, the Coordinator or purchasing entity will charge interest after thirty (30) calendar days after the date of notification or discovery, or the Coordinator will deduct said amount from future invoices.
- O. In performing this Contract, the Agency/Operator shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, age, disability, creed, color, sex or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Agency/Operator shall insert the foregoing provision modified only to show the particular contractual relationship in all its contracts in connection with the development of operation of the Contract, except contracts for the standard commercial supplies or raw materials, and shall require all such contractors to insert a similar provision in subcontracts relating to the performance of this Contract, except subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials. The Agency/Operator shall post, in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment for Project work, notices setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause.
- P. By execution of this Contract, the Agency/Operator represents that it has not paid and, also, agrees not to pay, any bonus or commission for the purpose of obtaining an approval of its application for the financing hereunder. Funds disbursed to the Agency/Operator under this Contract shall not be expended for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch, or a state agency.

THE COORDINATOR SHALL:

- A. Recognize the Agency/Operator as described in Chapter 427, F.S., and Rule 41-2, F.A.C.
- B. Insure that entities with transportation disadvantaged funds will purchase transportation disadvantaged services through the coordinated system.

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C. At a minimum, annually monitor the Agency/Operator for insurance, safety and reporting requirements, pursuant to Chapter 427, F.S., and Rule 41-2, F.A.C. The information contained in the Annual Operating Report must be collected, at a minimum, quarterly from the Agency/Operator.

THE OPERATOR AND COORDINATOR FURTHER AGREE:

- A. Nothing in the Contract shall require the Coordinator to observe or enforce compliance with any provision thereof, perform any other act or do any other thing in contravention of any applicable state law. If any provision of the Contract is found by a court of law to violate any applicable state law, the purchasing entity will at once notify the Coordinator in writing in order that appropriate changes and modification may be made by the Coordinator and the Agency/Operator to the end that the Agency/Operator may proceed as soon as possible with the provision of transportation services.
- B. If any part or provision of this Contract is held invalid, the remainder of this Contract shall be binding on the parties hereto.

C. Termination Conditions:

- 1. Termination at Will This Contract may be terminated by either party upon no less than thirty (30) days notice, without cause. Said notice shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt required, or in person with proof of delivery.
- 2. Termination due to Lack of Designation In the event that the Coordinator so designated by the local Coordinating Board and approved by the Commission, loses its designation, this contract is terminated immediately upon notification to the Agency/Operator. Notice shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or in person, with proof of delivery. Notice shall be effective upon receipt.
- 3. Termination due to Disapproval of Memorandum of Agreement In the event that the Commission does not accept and approve any contracted transportation rates listed within the Memorandum of Agreement, this Contract is terminated immediately upon notification to the Agency/Operator. Notice shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or in person, with proof of delivery. Notice shall be effective upon receipt.
- 4. Termination due to Lack of Funds In the event funds to finance this contract become unavailable, the Coordinator may terminate the contract with no less than twenty-four (24) hours written notice to the Agency/Operator. Notice

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- shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or in person, with proof of delivery. Notice shall be effective upon receipt. The Coordinator shall be the final authority as to the availability of funds.
- 5. Termination for Breach Unless the Agency/Operator's breach is waived by the Coordinator in writing, the Coordinator may, by written notice to the Agency/Operator, terminate this Contract upon no less than twenty-four (24) hours notice. Notice shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or in person with proof of delivery. Waiver by the Coordinator of breach of any provision of this Contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Contract, and shall not act as a waiver or estoppel to enforcement of any provision of this Contract. The provisions herein do not limit the Coordinator's right to remedies at law or to damages.
- 6. Upon receipt of a notice of termination of this Contract for any reason, the Agency/Operator shall cease service and prepare all final reports and documents required by the terms of this Contract. A final invoice shall be sent to the Coordinator within thirty (30) days after the termination of this Contract.
- D. Renegotiations or Modifications of this Contract shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing, duly approved by the Coordinator, and signed by both parties hereto.
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- G. Attachments I and II are an integral part of the Contract and are hereby incorporated by reference into this Contract. All subsequent attachments are of an optional nature.
- H. Notice and Contact:

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Larry Sessions, Administrator
1907 Voyles St. S.W.
Live Oak, Florida 32064

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The representative/position of the Agency/Operator responsible for administration of the program under this contract is:

Beverly Standridge

511 Gold Kist Blvd, SW Live Oak, Florida 32064

In the event that different representatives are designated by either party after execution of this Contract, notice of the name and address of the new representative will be rendered in writing to the other party and said notification attached to originals of this Contract.

This contract and its attachments contain all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto.

WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed.

AGENCY/OPERATOR:	COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR
The ARC North Florida, Inc.	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority
(Agency/Operator Name) Beverly Standridge	(Coordinator Name) Larry Sessions
Typed Name of Authorized Individual	Typed Name of Authorized Individual
Signature: Beech Sandnege	Signature:
Title: Executive Director	Title: Administrator

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December 6, 2023

TO: Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: 2021/26 Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

Amendment

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an amendment to the 2021/26 Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan.

BACKGROUND

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. Attached is a proposed amendment to the 2021/26 Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan which includes Columbia County Senior Services, Inc. Fiscal Year 2024/25 49 U.S.C. 5310 Grant project.

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

Attachment

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3. Barriers to Coordination

Medicaid non-emergency transportation services are no longer coordinated through Florida's Coordinated Transportation System in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. In May 2014, the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration implemented Florida's Managed Medical Care Program. The Managed Medical Care Program requires Managed Medical Assistance Plans to provide transportation to their enrollees who have no other means of transportation available.

The Managed Medical Assistance Plans provide transportation services directly through their own network of transportation providers. According Chapter 2 of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Transportation Coverage, Limitations and Reimbursement Handbook, July 1997, "Medicaid is required by Chapter 427, Florida Statues to purchase transportation services through the designated Community Transportation Coordinator, unless those services are not cost effective or the Community Transportation Coordinator does not coordinate Medicaid transportation services."

Other barriers to the coordination of transportation services in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties include the following:

- low density, rural population limits the ability to multi-load vehicles;
- out-of-county trips are required due to the limited availability of medical services/facilities;
 and
- various requirements for agency client transportation services.

4. Needs Assessment

United States Code Section 5310 Capital Grant Program

APPLICANT	PROJECT	PROJECT YEAR	AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT	PROJECT COST	PROJECT FUNDING SOURCE
Suwannee Valley	Purchase two	2023/24	Columbia County	\$235,200.00	Federal Transit
Transit Authority	expansion vehicles.		Hamilton County		Administration
			Suwannee County		
				\$ 29,400.00	Florida Department of
					Transportation
				\$ 29,400.00	Suwannee Valley
				, ,	Transit Authority
Columbia County	Purchase one	<u>2024/25</u>	Columbia County	<u>\$125,000.00</u>	Federal Transit
Senior Services, Inc.	replacement vehicle.				<u>Administration</u>

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December 6, 2023

TO: Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM: Lynn Franson, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Operations Reports

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Attached are Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's operations reports for July 2023 – September 2023. If you have any questions regarding the attached reports, please contact me.

Attachments

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JULY-SEPTEMBER 2023 TDTF TRIPS

	JULY			Αl	AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		
	Col	Ham	Suw	Col	Ham	Suw	Col	Ham	Suw
CTD	387	243	294	411	337	368	380	220	335

COMMENDATIONS JULY-SEPTEMBER 2023						
EMPLOYEE NAME/#	NONE REPORTED					
COMMENDATION #						
DATE						
TIME						
RIDER NAME						
COMMENDATION MADE BY						
CONTACT #						
RIDER'S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE						
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COMPLAINTS JULY-SEPT 2023					
COMPLAINT #	20230719				
DATE	7/19/2023				
TIME	1:55pm				
COMPLAINTANT'S NAME					
CONPLAINTANT'S POC					
COMPLAINTANT'S ISSUE	Driver made improper lane change				
COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	Unknown				
SVTA'S ACTION TAKEN	Reviewed video, call complaintant				
RESOLUTION	No action taken, driver not seen on video cutting any one off.				
COMPLAINT #					
DATE					
TIME					
COMPLAINTANT'S NAME					
CONPLAINTANT'S POC					
COMPLAINTANT'S ISSUE					
COUNTY OF RESIDENCE					
SVTA'S ACTION TAKEN					
RESOLUTION					
COMPLAINT #					
DATE					
TIME					
COMPLAINTANT'S NAME					
CONPLAINTANT'S POC					
COMPLAINTANT'S ISSUE					
COUNTY OF RESIDENCE					
SVTA'S ACTION TAKEN					
RESOLUTION					

July 2023									
DATE	PICK UP	DESTINATION	DENIAL REASON						
	August 2023								
DATE	PICK UP	DESTINATION							
	September 2023								
DATE	PICK UP	DESTINATION	DENIAL REASON						

ATTENDANCE RECORD

COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

MEMBER/ORGANIZATION	NAME	11/16/22	2/15/23	6/7/23	11/15/23
Columbia County Elected Official	Commissioner Everett Phillips		Р	Α	Α
Hamilton County Elected Official	Commissioner Robert Brown, Chair	Р	Α	Α	Α
Suwannee County Elected Official	Commissioner Travis Land, Vice-Chair	Р	Р	Р	Р
Florida Department of Transportation	Geanelly Reveron	Р	Α	Α	Α
Alternate Member	Lauren Adams	Α	Р	Р	Р
Florida Department of Children and Families	Quana Perry	Р	Р	Р	Α
Alternate Member	Stephanie Harden				Р
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Pamela Hagley	Р	P	Р	Р
Alternate Member	Reeda Harris	Α	Α	Α	Α
Florida Department of Education	Vacant				
Alternate Member	Monique Gustafson	Α	Α	Α	Α
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Bruce Evans	Α	Α	Α	Α
Alternate Member	Dwight Law	Α	Α	Α	Α
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Р	Р	Р	Р
Alternate Member	Sylvia Bamburg	Α	Α	Α	Α
Public Education	Daniel Taylor	Р	Р	Р	Р
Alternate Member	Vacant				
Citizen Advocate	Vacant				
Alternate Member	Louie Goodin	Α	Α	Α	Α
Citizen Advocate - User	Vacant				
Alternate Member	Vacant				
Elderly	John Koch	Р	Р	Р	Р
Alternate Member	Vacant				
Veterans	Jonathan C. Law, Jr.	Α	Р	Α	Α
Alternate Member	J. Lee Abersold	Р	Α	Α	Α
Persons with Disabilities	Vacant				
Alternate Member	Vacant				
Florida Association of Community Action	Matthew Pearson	Р	Α	Р	Р
Alternate Member	Vacant				
Children at Risk	Vacant				
Alternate Member	Vacant				
Private Transit	Vacant				
Alternate Member	Vacant				
Regional Workforce Board	Diane Head	Α	Α	Α	Α
Alternate Member	Elizabeth Wetherington	Р	Α	Α	Α
Medical Community	Sandra Buck-Camp	Р	Р	Р	Р
Alternate Member	Vacant				

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

ATTENDANCE POLICY: 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.