

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR THE TRANSPORTATION
DISADVANTAGED (LCB-TD) PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

Martin County Administration Building
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Monday, August 27, 2018 at 1:30 P.M.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB-TD) Public Workshop of August 27, 2018 was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Ms. Phyl Weaver, Vice Chair.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Eula R. Clarke, Chair, Elected Official (arrived at 1:39 p.m.)
Phyl Weaver, Vice Chair, Representative for Persons over 60
Suzanne Desposati, Florida Department of Education, Vocational Rehabilitation
Dalia Dillon, Department of Elder Affairs
Steven Wolfberg, Martin Health Solutions
Kim Thorne, Representing Public Education Community
Anthony Reese, Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs
Marie Dorismond, Florida Department of Transportation

Excused Members:

Gayle McArdle, Representative for Persons with Disabilities

Members Not In Attendance:

Dominick Tocci, Private Transportation Industry Representative
Donna Mihok, Department of Children and Families
Joe Azevedo, CareerSource Research Coast
Anita Cocoves, Representing Children at Risk

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator
Bolívar Gomez, Senior Planner
Joy Puerta, Planner
Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Associate Planner

Others in Attendance:

Krystal Sims
Kim Martinez

Melody Hearn, Family Care Council

A quorum was present for the meeting.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Steven Wolfberg made a motion to approve the Agenda as published. A second was provided by Ms. Dalia Dillon. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Mr. Ricardo Vazquez stated that the Annual Public Workshop is conducted in order to provide the public and the riders of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) system an opportunity to share their concerns and comments on the TD program. Chair Clarke acknowledged Ms. Krystal Sims as the first speaker.

Ms. Sims stated she was here today to speak for the transportation disadvantaged population. She requested that the LCB-TD and anyone at the meeting to please assist the transportation disadvantaged with getting trips. Chair Clarke asked Ms. Sims if she was with any organization. Ms. Sims stated that she is the President of the Stand Up for Independence (SUFI).

The Chair then called Ms. Kim Martinez to the podium as the next speaker. Ms. Martinez stated she is one of the advisors for SUFI, and that she works with citizens with disabilities in Martin County. She said she has had some difficulties recently with acquiring transportation for individuals, and was told that there was no more money for MTM to provide those services. She also requested that there should be awnings or bus shelters at the bus stop locations, and that a bus stop should be added near the Martin Memorial North in Stuart. Chair Clarke asked if these kids were part of some sort of afterhours program. Ms. Martinez clarified that it is an inclusion program that assists children with getting work experience. Mr. Vazquez stated that in regards to the bus stops and the awnings, Martin County Public Transit is responsible for those items and that some stops in the County do have shelters. He also stated that the reason some bus stops do not have a bus shelter is because there is a lack of Right of Way (ROW) at those locations and that the County is unable to install any kind of shelter.

Chair Clarke proceeded to call forth Ms. Melody Hearn as the next speaker. Melody Hearn stated that she is a government appointee to Family Care Council. She said her concerns are similar to Ms. Kim Martinez. She stated that we should join together at a table to discuss why certain individuals such as high schoolers are not being educated on the use of the public transit system. She stated that she has contacted and worked with many agencies regarding transportation for individuals with disabilities.

B. LCB-TD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Clarke began the LCB-TD Member introductions item of the Public Workshop Agenda. The LCB-TD members took turns introducing themselves and who they represent. After the introductions were completed, Chair Clarke introduced Ms. Karen Deigl to provide a presentation about the Senior Resource Association (SRA).

Ms. Deigl proceeded with a presentation summarizing how SRA will operate the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Martin County. After Ms. Deigl's presentation, Chair Clarke invited Mr. John Irvine from the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) to the Podium to say some words.

Mr. Irvine thanked Medical Transportation Management (MTM) for their service as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC). He also stated that both the Senior Resource Association and MTM have both won awards for their service as a CTC, and that Martin County is in good hands with SRA. Chair Clarke thanked Lisa Sanders and Medical Transportation Management staff for their hard work as the CTC.

6. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

8. NOTES

9. NEXT MEETING

Special LCB-TD Meeting in October (to be determined)

10. ADJOURN

Seeing no other business items remaining on the Agenda and no additional comments the public workshop, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:23 PM. RONR (10th ed.), p.233, c.(9).

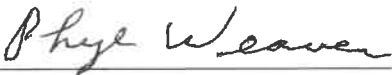
Prepared by:



Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Associate Planner

12 / 3 / 18
Date

Approved by:



Eula R. Clarke, Chair

12 / 3 / 18
Date