

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR THE TRANSPORTATION  
DISADVANTAGED**

Martin County Board of County Commission Chambers  
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**Monday, September 12, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB-TD) meeting of September 12, 2022, was called to order at 9:59 A.M. by Robert McPartlan, Vice Chair.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Members in Attendance:**

Robert McPartlan, Vice Chair, Department of Children & Families Services

Phyl Weaver, Representative for Persons over 60

Michael Northcutt, Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs

Angel Young, Florida Division of Vocational Rehab

Dalia Dillon, Department of Elder Affairs

Michelle Miller, Representative for the Economically Disadvantaged (FACA)

Marie Dorismond, Florida Department of Transportation

Joe Azevedo, Martin County Career Center

Ashman Beecher, Martin County Transit

Milory Senate, Agency for Persons with Disabilities

**Excused Members:**

Kim Thorne, Representing Public Education Community

**Members Not In Attendance:**

Gayle McArdle, Representative for Persons with Disabilities

Monique Coleman, Representative for Children At-Risk

Mary Jo Pirone, Citizen's Advocate/Rider Rep

**Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator

Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner

Joy Puerta, Planner

Lucine Martens, Planner

Alor Cadorna, Administrative Assistant

**Others in Attendance:**

Chris Stephenson, Senior Resource Association

Holly Seeton, Senior Resource Association

Robert Driscoll, St. Lucie Council on Aging  
Melody Hearn, Family Care Council Florida, Area 15

**A quorum was present for the meeting.**

### **3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Phyl Weaver to approve the Agenda as presented. A second was provided by Michelle Miller. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

- Regular Meeting Minutes – June 6, 2022

**A motion was made by Phyl Weaver to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2022. A second was provided by Ashman Beecher, the motion passed unanimously.**

### **5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None**

### **6. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Lucine Martens introduced Mr. Chris Stephenson of the Senior Resource Association (SRA) who gave an overview of the Quarterly Performance report. He provided the CTC Performance Report for FY21/22 and the CTC Performance Report for the first month of FY22/23.

Bob McPartlan inquired about the scheduling languages to see if Spanish is available to those who call to schedule a trip. Chris Stephenson stated that they have the capability in Spanish and Haitian- Creole languages. Chris Stephenson mentioned the good news that the Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) awarded SRA with the Innovative Service and Development (ISD) Grant for Martin County effective August 16, 2022.

Michelle Miller inquired as to whether SRA will get new equipment and new drivers to support those additional rides. Chris Stephenson stated that they increased their vendors from four to six to support those additional rides and have plans in place to make sure they can handle the increase in trip volume.

Bob McPartlan and Phyl Weaver expressed the desire to have one of the county commissioners be on the LCB-TD board. Beth Beltran took this under consideration and stated that she would certainly communicate to the MPO Board members that the LCB-TD members would like this to be considered when selecting a new LCB-TD Chair.

**A motion was made by Phyl Weaver to approve the Quarterly Performance Report. A second was provided by Dalia Dillon, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **B. LCB-TD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

Lucine Martens, Planner asked that all the LCB-TD members to introduce themselves to each other and give a brief explanation of who they work for or represent, so that the members can become familiar with who is on the Board. Each member introduced themselves and how they best represent the Board.

## **C. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGE (CTD) TRAINING WORKSHOP & EXPO**

Lucine Martens stated that herself, Beth Beltran, and Ash Beecher of Martin County Transit (MARTY) attended the Florida Commission for The Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Training Workshop & Expo on August 30-31, 2022. The workshop provided toolkits to enhance and strengthen our planning efforts for the TD population in Martin County and in coordination with the CTD, CTC (SRA) and LCB-TD members.

Beth Beltran mentioned that at the CTD Training Workshop and Expo, the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged recognized the Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as the **2022 Planning Agency of the Year**. Also, the Senior Resource Association (SRA) was recognized as the **2022 Urban Community Transportation Coordinator**.

Bob McPartlan expressed the desire to have awards for driver of the quarter and driver of the year because it is important to recognize their hard work and dedication. Beth Beltran explained that all the rides are contracted by the vendors and Chris Stephenson added that they will put a process in place to recognize the drivers of the vendors to show the appreciation of the work they do.

Joe Azevedo with the Martin County Career Center inquired if there was a lack of drivers or retention so they can provide some guidance on how to retain drivers and attract new drivers. Lucine Martens stated there may be a way with public outreach to make this career path option attractive and to target it as a vocation to be a transit driver then maybe it will attract more people.

Ashman Beecher with MARTY mentioned each year they are required to go to the Martin County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to do an amendment to the on-rolling support services contract to increase the MARTY Contractor's (MTM) amount which gives them the capability to give the operators a raise.

## **7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS - None**

**8. NOTES**

Beth Beltran mentioned that now that the Innovative Services and Development Grant has been approved, MPO staff is starting to do the public outreach and marketing. Also, working with SRA marketing person to get the word out and it will be incorporated in MCTV broadcasts.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

- December 5, 2022, at 10:00 am (Commission Chambers, Administration Bldg.)

**10. ADJOURN 10:46 A.M.**

**Prepared by:**

  
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Lourmeoza Cadorna, Administrative Assistant      12/5/22  
Date

**Approved by:**

  
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For: Merritt Matheson, Chair      12/5/22  
Date

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