

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

Martin County Board of County Commission Chambers
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Monday, September 11, 2023, at 9:30 A.M.

WORKSHOP MINUTES

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – The Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB-TD) Workshop meeting of September 11, 2023, was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Council Member Susan Gibbs-Thomas, Chair.
- 2. ROLL CALL** - Joy Puerta, MPO Planner, called roll.

Members in Attendance:

Susan Gibbs-Thomas, Chair, Indiantown Council Member
Robert McPartlan, Vice Chair, Department of Children & Families Services
Daniel McHenry, Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs
Becky Keith, Florida Division of Vocational Rehab
Phyl Weaver, Representative for Persons over 60
Joe Azevedo, Rep. of the Regional Workforce Development Board, CareerSource Research Coast
Ashman Beecher, Martin County Transit
Monique Coleman, Representative for Children At-Risk (arrived at 9:40 a.m.)
Mary Jo Pirone, Citizen's Advocate/Rider Rep
Dr. Elizabeth Jekanowski, Rep. for Public Education Community District School Board
Milory Senat, Agency for Persons with Disabilities (arrived at 10:05 a.m.)

Excused Members:

Dalia Dillon, Department of Elder Affairs
Michelle Miller, Representative for the Economically Disadvantaged (FACA)
Ismir Ripley, Florida Department of Transportation

Members Not in Attendance:

Gayle McArdle, Representative for Persons with Disabilities
Brenda Matheny, Local Medical Community

Staff in Attendance:

Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner
Joy Puerta, Planner
Lucine Martens, Planner
Peggy Brassard, Transit Specialist-Mobility Coordinator

Others in Attendance:

Chris Stephenson, Senior Resource Association

Holly Secton, Senior Resource Association

Dana Elharintaragen, Stand Up for Independence (SUF)

A quorum was present for the workshop.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

4. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Annual Public Workshop

Lucine Martens, MPO Planner, began the annual public workshop by explaining to new members the TD system and introduced the Senior Resource Association (SRA) who serves as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Martin County.

Ricardo Vasquez, MPO Senior Planner, introduced himself and commented on the small crowd, emphasizing that this was a positive thing, because it means the public have no comments or input on the Martin County TD transportation system.

Phyl Weaver asked if an ad was placed in the buses for this meeting. Lucine Martens informed her that there were not any ads in the buses themselves. Phyl Weaver suggested that we should consider doing so. Lucine Martens agreed.

Robert McPartlan asked when the last time our MARTY system routes have been assessed. Lucine Martens informed him of the Transit Efficiency Study which is nearing completion and there will be future open house sessions for the MARTY Transit Development Plan coming soon.

Becky Keith proposed looking at Indiantown for guidance on a Saturday and Sunday service.

Lucine Martens, put the number to request Martin Community Coach (MCC), TD transportation on the record "772-469-2063". Lucine Martens also asked if SRA could provide business cards with a QR code linked to MCC information and application for TD transportation requests.

B. LCB-TD MEMBER TRAINING

Lucine Martens, showcased a presentation for the LCB-TD Member Training.


5. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS - Phyl Weaver asked about the current eligibility requirements and discussed the 65+ population. Chris Stephenson informed Phyl Weaver that the current criteria is set by the LCB-TD; eligibility is based

on whether the person is over 65, or has a disability, or lives under 100% of the poverty level, and that person has no other form of transportation.

Ashman Beecher with MARTY (Martin County Transit) asked when the next Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) update will be. Lucine Martens stated that it would be in 2025.

10. ADJOURN 9:55 A.M.

Prepared by:



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12-4-2023

Date

Approved by:



Susan Gibbs-Thomas, Chair

Date