

**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 10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB-TD) meeting of September 11, 2023, was called to order at 10:00 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
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

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 Serton, Senior Resource Association

Dana Elharintaragen, Stand Up for Independence (SUFI)

A quorum was present for the meeting.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Phyl Weaver to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Robert McPartlan. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2023

A motion was made by Phyl Weaver to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2023, seconded by Robert McPartlan. The motion passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Lucine Martens, MPO Planner, introduced Chris Stephenson of the Senior Resource Association (SRA) who presented the Quarterly Performance Report for the period covering the end of the fiscal year that ended June 30th, 2023 to the first month of the current fiscal year. Chris Stephenson emphasized the 120% increase in trips from the previous fiscal year. Chris also spoke of the phone system they implemented to curb the number of “no-shows”.

Robert McPartlan asked Chris Stephenson whether the funding would be available in the future years for the Treasure Coast Developmental Disability Advantage Ride program. Chris informed Robert that it is funded through June 30, 2024, but there is no guarantee after that, however, SRA is actively seeking additional funding for the future.

Robert McPartlan also had a question about the Indiantown Shuttle and whether they had to meet the same requirements as the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Chris informed him that anyone can get on the Indiantown Shuttle and that it operates as public transit.

Council Member Susan Gibbs-Thomas asked if the “no-shows” get counted into any other figures. Chris Stephenson informed her that they do not.

Chris Stephenson and Robert McPartlan further discussed current fiscal numbers versus previous fiscal year numbers, as well as future projections.

A motion was made by Phyl Weaver to approve the Quarterly Performance Report, seconded by Robert McPartlan. The motion passed unanimously.

B. LCB-TD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

With the addition of new members to the LCB-TD, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff thought that it would be in the best interest of the Board to familiarize themselves with the other members. Each present member of the LCB shared a brief introduction about who they are, who they represent, and how they are involved with the TD population.

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS - None

8. NOTES

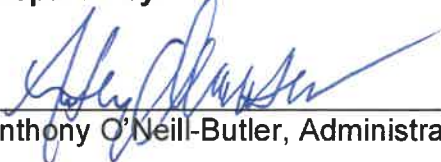
- On June 15, 2023, at the CTD Business meeting which took place in Punta Gorda, FL, the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) voted unanimously to award the maximum Innovative Service Development (ISD) Grant amount of \$675,000 + \$75,000 Local Match = \$750,000 to the Martin County CTC, Senior Resource Association (SRA), this is identical to what was awarded in FY22/23.

9. NEXT MEETING

- December 4, 2023 (Commission Chambers. Administrative Bldg.)

10. ADJOURN 10:39 A.M.

Prepared by:




Anthony O'Neill-Butler, Administrative Assistant

12-4-23

Date

Approved by:



Susan Gibbs-Thomas, Chair

Date