



**LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR THE TRANSPORTATION
DISADVANTAGED (LCB-TD) MEETING**

Martin County Board of County Commission Chambers
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Monday, July 27, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AGENDA</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1. CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 A.M.		
2. ROLL CALL		
3. APPROVE AGENDA		APPROVE
4. APPROVE MINUTES		
• Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2026		APPROVE
5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES, COMPLETE CARD TO COMMENT)		
6. AGENDA ITEMS		
A. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT		APPROVE
B. TD PROGRAM FUNDING AND SERVICE LEVELS		APPROVE
7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
8. NOTES		
9. NEXT MEETING - December 7, 2026, 10:00 am		
	Martin County Admin Center, Commission Chambers	
10. ADJOURN		

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**Monday, June 1, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.
MINUTES**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – The Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB-TD) meeting of June 1, 2026, was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Mayor Carmine Dipaolo, Chair.
- 2. ROLL CALL** – Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator, called roll.

Members in Attendance:

Mayor Carmine Dipaolo – Chair, Village of Indiantown
Ashman Beecher, Martin County Transit
Dalia Dillon, Department of Elder Affairs
Phyl Weaver, Representative for Persons over 60
Tatiana Gillyard, FDOT Representative
Milory Senat, Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Michael Drost, Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs
Michelle Miller, Representative for the Florida Association for Community Action
(FACA) Economically Disadvantaged
Jennifer Langlois, Representative for Public Education Community District
School
Emily Hoge, Florida Division of Vocational Rehab
Gayle McArdle, Representative for Persons with Disabilities

Excused Members:

Robert McPartlan, Vice Chair, Department of Children and Family

Members not in Attendance:

Gregory McDonald, Career Source Research Coast
Monique Robbins, Representative for Children at Risk Board
Brenda Matheny, Local Medical Community
Tarlaymoon Hosein, Citizens Advocate (Rider Rep)

Staff in Attendance:

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator
Bolivar Gomez, Senior Planner

Others in Attendance:

Karen Deigl, MCT

Chris Stephenson, MCT

A quorum was present for the meeting.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Phyl Weaver to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Dalia Dillon. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes- March 2, 2026

A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2026, was made by Jennifer Langlois and seconded by Phyl Weaver. The motion passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bessie Mariner commented on her work as a case manager with persons with disabilities in St. Lucie County and Martin County. She praised Answer to Care for their help and the consequences of not renewing the grant.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Chris Stephenson presented the CTC Quarterly Report for the period of July 1 through April 30. The Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program provided more than 24,000 trips during the reporting period, a 26% increase over the previous year, largely due to increased ISD Grant funding. Staff also reported that the program now serves more than 3,000 registered passengers, while customer service metrics, including call wait times, continued to exceed performance standards.

Transit ridership remained strong, with MARTY fixed-route service increasing 21% over the previous year and 36% since becoming fare-free in November 2025. The Indiantown Shuttle continued to perform well, with funding secured through June of next year. Staff also reported record ridership for the Advantage Ride Program but reminded the committee that the program will end on June 30, 2026, due to state funding limitations.

During the question-and-answer session, committee members discussed the upcoming conclusion of the Advantage Ride Program. Staff explained that the program is funded through a \$1.5 million annual grant from the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged and serves individuals with developmental disabilities across Indian

River, Martin, St. Lucie, and Okeechobee counties, providing approximately 40,000 trips annually. Staff noted that the program has been highly successful, receiving statewide recognition, but is ending because it is no longer eligible for grant funding.

Staff reported that participants have been notified of the program's closure and provided information on alternative transportation options through their local Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) programs. The call center has experienced an increase in inquiries from affected riders seeking assistance with transitioning to other services. Committee members discussed advocating for continued funding and encouraged outreach to the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged and state legislators to highlight the program's impact before upcoming grant decisions.

A motion to approve the Quarterly Performance Report was made by Phyl Weaver and seconded by Ashman Beecher. The motion passed unanimously.

B. FY 25/26 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) EVALUATION

Bolivar Gomez presented the annual Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Evaluation for FY 25/26. As the designated planning agency, the Martin MPO completed the evaluation of Martin County Transit in their role as the county's CTC. The evaluation included more than 60 rider surveys, ride-alongs conducted by committee members, and inspections of transportation equipment. Staff reported that survey feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many riders describing the service as essential for accessing medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other daily needs. Staff requested the committee's approval of the FY25/26 CTC Evaluation.

A motion to approve the FY 25/26 Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Evaluation was made by Phyl Weaver and seconded by Jennifer Langlois. The motion passed unanimously.

C. FY 26/27 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) TRIP RATE MODEL

Staff presented the annual Community Transportation Trip Rate Model for approval for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. Staff explained that while the state budget includes a slight increase in Trip and Equipment Grant funding, final funding amounts remain subject to the Governor's approval. They also discussed ongoing concerns with the state's trip rate model, noting that many Community Transportation Coordinators have experienced funding decreases under the current formula since 2021. FDOT is expected to review the funding model to address these issues.

Staff further advised that approval of the Innovative Service Development (ISD) Grant remains pending. If the grant is not awarded, the Transportation Disadvantaged program may face reduced service levels and the committee may need to establish trip priorities

based on available funding. Staff plans to return at the August meeting with updated funding information and any necessary service recommendations.

A motion to approve the FY 26/27 Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Trip Rate Model was made by Dalia Dillon and seconded by Gayle McArdle. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (TD) PROGRAM FY 26/27
ALLOCATIONS FOR MARTIN COUNTY**

Staff reported that the MPO Board approved Martin County's annual Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) planning grant allocation of approximately \$26,900 to support program planning and administration. Staff also reviewed the TD trip and equipment grant allocations, noting that this year's funding increased by approximately \$13,000 due to additional spending authority provided by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. A record number of trips is expected to be reported in the Annual Operating Report, which may help increase future funding allocations, with the current projection for the trip and equipment grant at approximately \$294,000. In response to questions from the committee, staff explained that the increased funding will not fully offset the anticipated loss of the Advantage Ride Program, which ends June 30, 2026. As former Advantage Ride Program clients transition to the regular TD program, they will be subject to more limited-service hours and trip prioritization requirements. The committee discussed the funding and operational challenges associated with the transition and the need to prioritize services within available resources.

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS - None

8. NOTES - None

9. NEXT MEETING- August 31, 2026, Public Workshop @ 9:30AM
August 31, 2026, Regular Meeting @ 10:00 am
Martin County Admin Center, Commission Chambers

10. ADJOURN - 10:30 A.M.

Approved by:

Mayor Carmine Dipaolo, Chair

Date

Prepared by:

Tobias Faucher, Planner

Date

Minutes Approved on July 27, 2026

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BOARD/COMMITTEE: LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR THE
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AGENDA ITEM #: 6A

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2026

DUE DATE: July 20, 2026

UPWP TASK #: 6

TITLE: QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

PREPARED BY: Tobias Faucher / Ricardo Vazquez

DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION: CTC Quarterly Performance Report

BACKGROUND

Martin County Transit (MCT), the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC), is required to provide the LCB-TD with a performance report.

ISSUES

At the July 27, 2026, LCB-TD meeting, Chris Stephenson with MCT will provide the CTC Performance Report for review and approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- a. Approve the CTC Performance Report for the period covering July 2025, through June 2026.
- b. Provide direction

ATTACHMENTS

CTC Quarterly Performance Report



CTC Status Report July 1st, 2025-June 30th, 2026

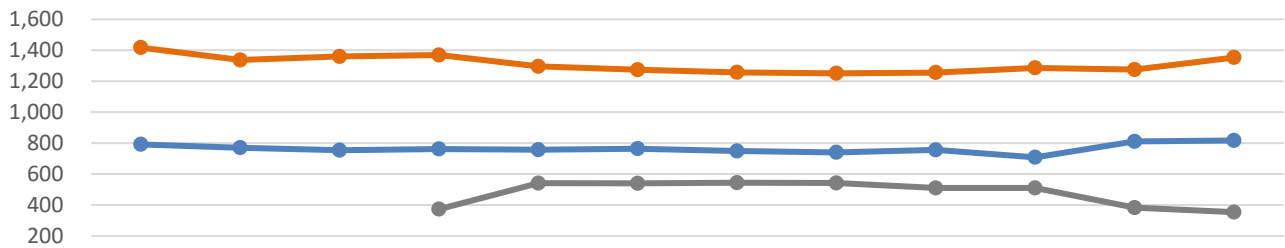
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By Chris Stephenson, Transportation Director

Martin Community Coach

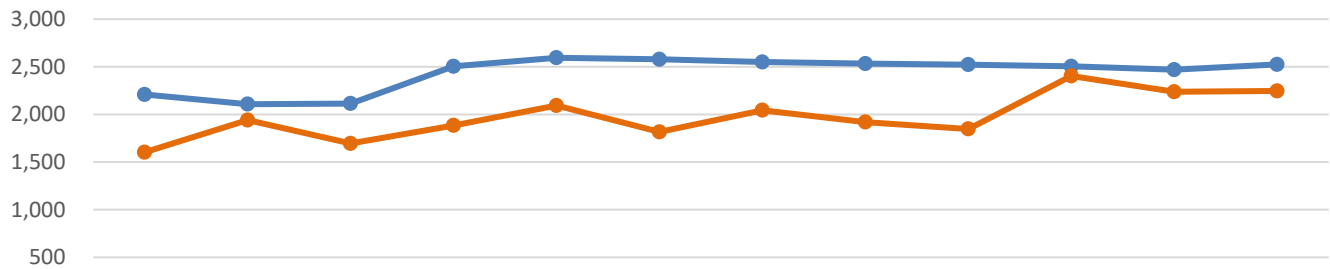
- 2026 Ridership: 29,208 TD trips
 - 9,180 T&E Grant
 - 15,731 ISD Grant
 - 4,297 Local County

Martin Community Coach Ridership



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
T&E Grant	792	770	754	762	757	764	749	740	756	708	811	817
ISD Grant	1,417	1,337	1,360	1,369	1,296	1,274	1,257	1,251	1,256	1,286	1,275	1,353
Local				373	541	540	544	542	510	510	383	354

Total Martin Community Coach FY Ridership Comparison



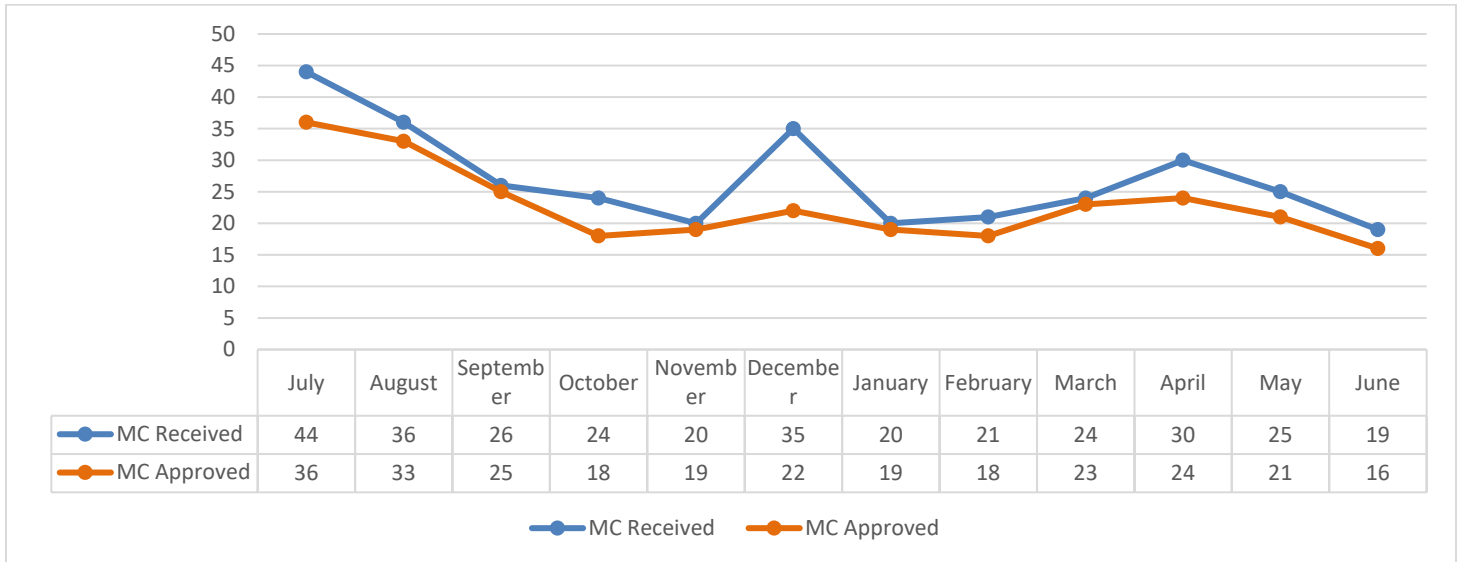
	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
25/26	2,209	2,107	2,114	2,504	2,594	2,578	2,550	2,533	2,522	2,504	2,469	2,524
24/25	1,603	1,940	1,695	1,884	2,093	1,816	2,043	1,919	1,847	2,403	2,237	2,246

29,208 total MCC trips this FY

23% increase compared to last FY

- Increase is due to larger ISD Grant received this fiscal year, as compared to last fiscal year

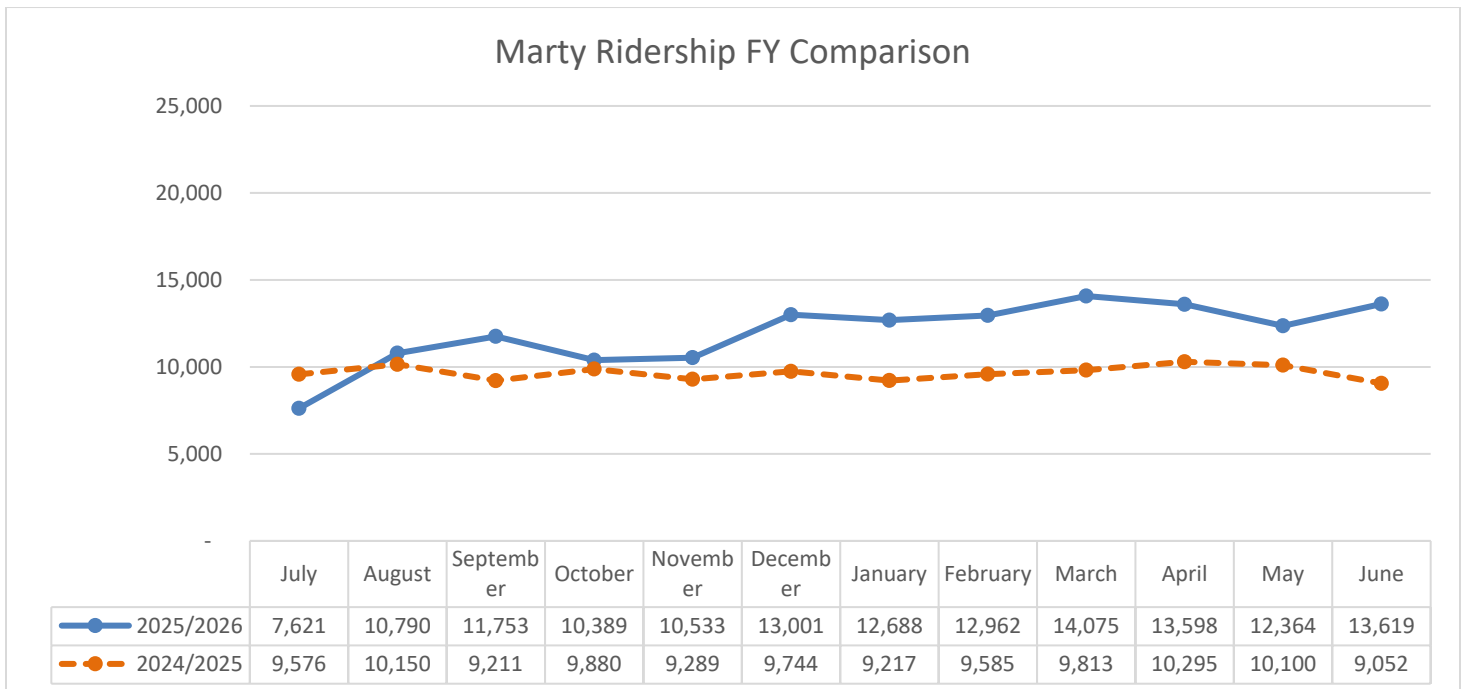
- **Martin Community Coach Applications Processed**



Application Approval Rate:

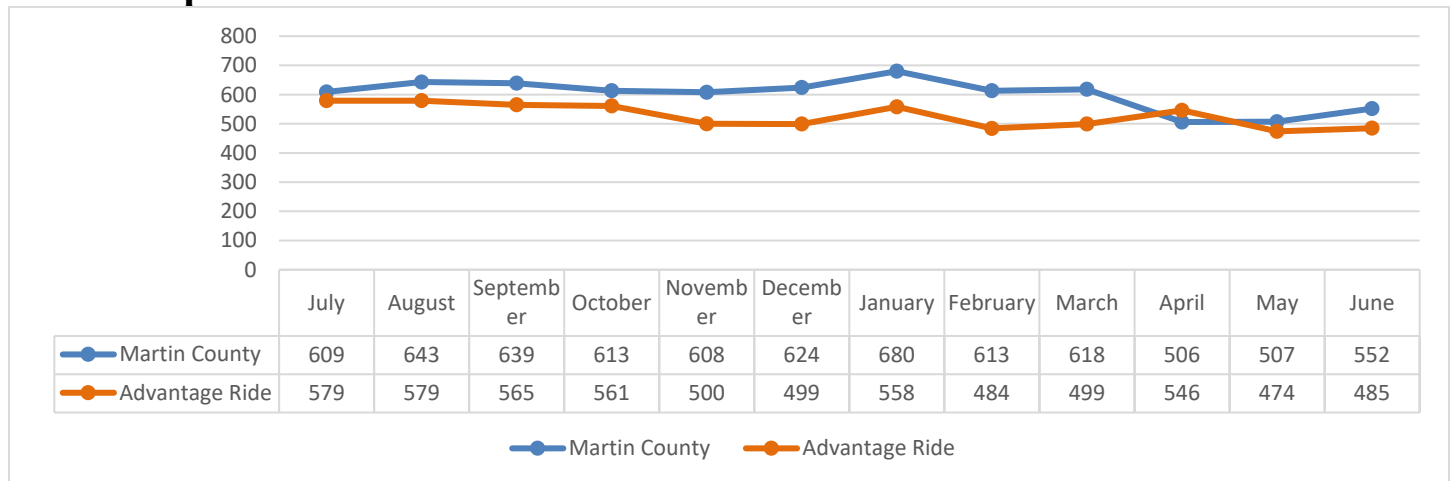
	July	August	September	October	Nov.	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
% Approved	82%	92%	96%	75%	95%	63%	95%	86%	96%	80%	84%	84%

Marty Fixed Route Bus Service

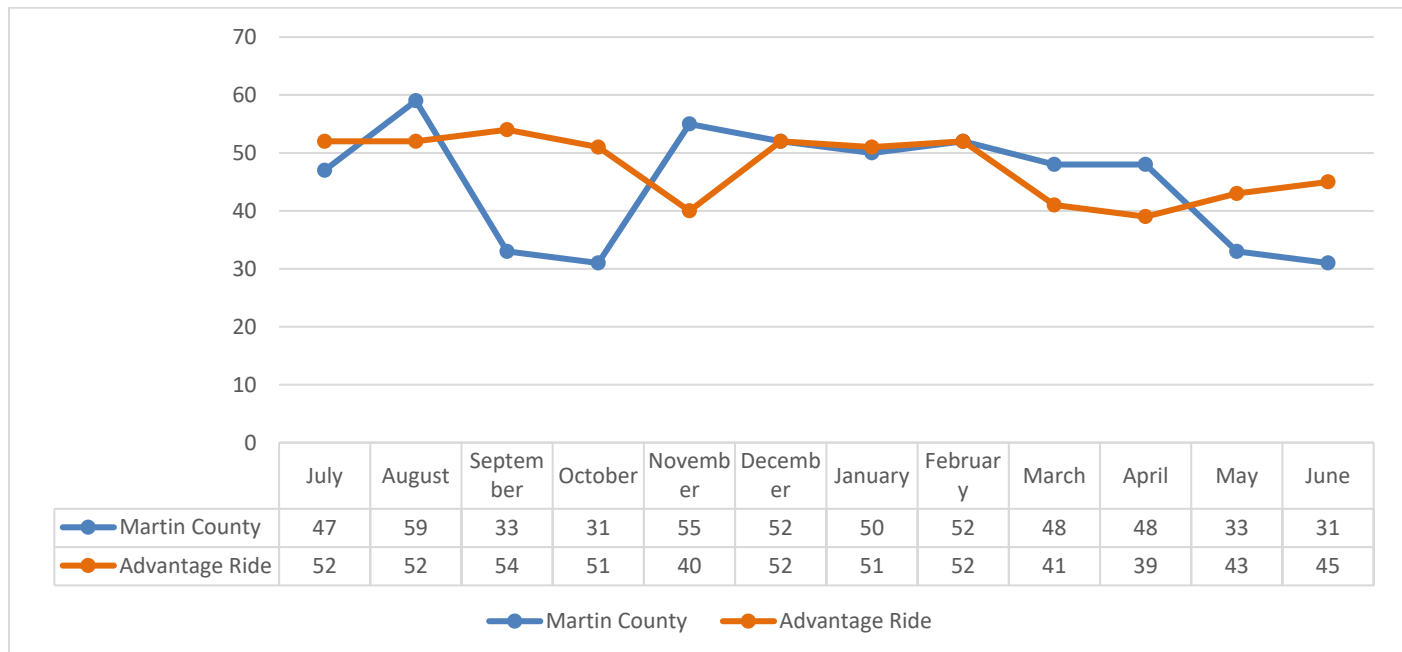


- Fiscal Year Ridership: 143,393
 - 24% increase from last fiscal year
 - The system went fare-free in November, 2025
 - Ridership is up 36% since Marty went fare free

Phone Reports-MCC and Adv. Ride Call Volume



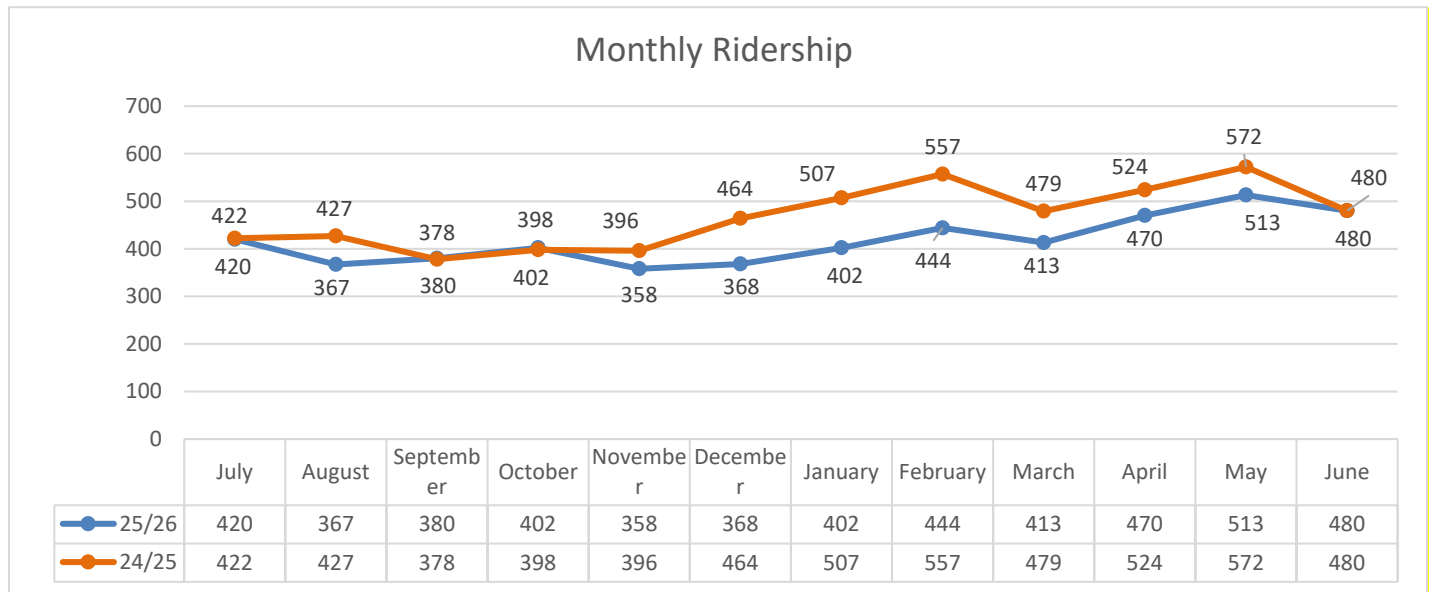
Average Phone Wait Times-Seconds



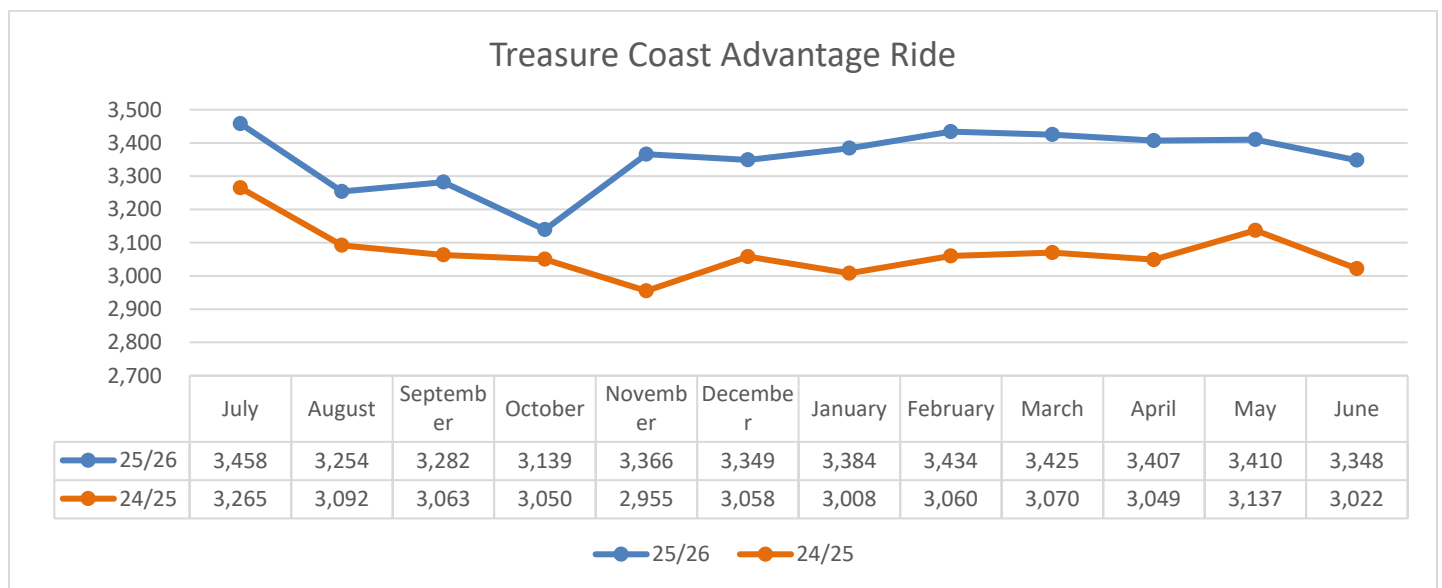
Abandoned calls:

	July	August	September	October	Nov.	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
MCC %	16 3%	19 3%	12 2%	26 4%	26 4%	18 3%	16 2%	17 3%	10 2%	10 2%	16 3%	18 3%
Adv. Ride %	12 2%	14 2%	18 3%	15 3%	14 3%	16 3%	13 2%	18 4%	11 2%	13 2%	13 3%	10 2%

Martin County Indiantown Shuttle



Treasure Coast Developmental Disability Advantage Ride Program



- Fiscal Year Ridership: 40,256
 - 9% increase from last fiscal year. This increase is due to the larger ISD Grant received this fiscal year, as compared to last fiscal year

MCC System Complaints

25/26 FY Total: 16 Complaints

- 10 regarding timeliness
- 6 regarding transportation vendors

- 1 complaint every 1,825 trips
 - In FY 24/25 we had 1 complaint every 1,318 trips

Martin Community Coach Trip Limiting and Advantage Ride Discontinuation Complaints

The discontinuation of the Advantage Ride program generated significant public response, with 303 customer complaints received in April, May and June. For the past six years, Advantage Ride provided approximately 40,000 trips annually across a four-county region, serving as a vital transportation resource for individuals with developmental disabilities.

During the last two days of June, we received 18 complaints about trip limiting in Martin County for the 26/27 FY. The volume of feedback reflects the program's importance to the communities it served and the impact its loss has had on riders who depended on it on the Treasure Coast.



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AGENDA ITEM #: 6B

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2026

DUE DATE: July 20, 2026

UPWP TASK #: 6

TITLE: TD PROGRAM FUNDING AND SERVICE MODIFICATIONS

PREPARED BY: Tobias Faucher / Ricardo Vazquez

DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND

Each year the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) awards the grant(s) to the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC), Martin County Transit (MCT) a Division of Senior Resource Association. These grants provide funding for the TD trips in Martin County. All grants require a minimum 10% match.

ISSUES

The Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) approved Martin County Transit's FY 2025/2026 Innovative Service Development (ISD) Grant to enhance transportation services for Transportation Disadvantaged riders. However, the grant funding was subsequently vetoed by the Governor as part of the FY 2025/2026 State budget and was not awarded.

Martin County Transit is facing a funding shortfall resulting from the loss of the FY 2025/2026 Innovative Service Development (ISD) Grant and continued funding constraints. Without service modifications, available Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) funding will not be sufficient to sustain current service levels through the fiscal year. Staff has evaluated several potential service reduction strategies to align TD services with available funding. While each approach would have impacts on riders, reductions in service levels will be necessary to maintain the financial sustainability of the program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Review the proposed Transportation Disadvantaged service reduction strategies presented during the Grants Update, discuss the impacts of the available options, and provide direction to staff regarding the preferred approach for implementation.

ATTACHMENTS

TD Programs Grant Update PPT will be submitted at a later date.