

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

Martin County Board of County Commission Chambers 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996 www.martinmpo.com

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PUBLIC WORKSHOP Monday, August 25, 2025 @ 9:30 AM

AGENDA

<u>ITEM</u> <u>ACTION</u>

- 1. CALL TO ORDER 9:30 A.M.
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES, COMPLETE CARD TO COMMENT)
- 4. AGENDA ITEMS

A. ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP (Pg. 2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

B. LCB-TD MEMBER TRAINING (Pg. 5) INFORMATION

C. LCB-TD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS (Pg. 32) INFORMATION

- 5. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS
- 6. ADJOURN

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August 25, 2025	August 18, 2025		6	
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REQUESTED BY:	PREPARED BY:	DOCU	MENT(S) REQUIRING	
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Commission for	Lucine Martens /	ACTIC	N: None	
Transportation	Lucine Martens / Beth Beltran	ACTIC	N: None	

BACKGROUND

Annually, a Public Workshop is held to allow all interested citizens the opportunity to provide input on transportation disadvantaged transit services for the disabled, elderly, children at risk, low-income and any other citizens of Martin County.

The Local Coordinating Board members are the voice of the transportation disadvantaged in Martin County. The Board exists to identify local transportation service needs, and to give information, advice, and direction to the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC), who coordinates the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) service in Martin County, and to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) in Tallahassee. Comments from this Public Workshop will be forwarded to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

Martin County Transit a Division of Senior Resource Association (SRA) currently serves as CTC of Martin County.

ISSUES

Chapter 427, F.S. requires that a Public Workshop be conducted annually.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

This Public Workshop is required so that Martin County's TD coordinated system continues to receive funding from the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

APPROVAL

MPO

ATTACHMENTS

- a. Notice of Public Workshop
- b. Comment Card



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Notice is hereby given of the following Meetings scheduled to be held at the stated dates, times and places shown, by the Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO is located at 3481 SE Willoughby Blvd., Suite 101, Stuart, FL 34994. The Meetings listed below are scheduled for August 25, 2025. The Martin MPO is responsible for planning and programming of Federal, State, and local transportation planning, services, and project funds. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Written comments may be sent to the Martin MPO, 3481 SE Willoughby Blvd., Suite 101, Stuart, FL 34994. Comments may also be submitted through the MPO's website at www.martinmpo.com. Meeting calendars, agendas and other MPO plans, and documents may be obtained from the MPO's website www.martinmpo.com. Items not included on the agenda may also be heard in consideration of the best interests of the public's health, safety, welfare and as necessary to protect every person's right of access.

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Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting(s):

LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

Date: Monday, August 25, 2025, at 9:30 AM

Location: Martin County Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 24015E Monterey.

Road, Stuart. Florida 34996

Location: Martin County Administrative Scriety, Scried, 2401 SE Monterey
Road, Stuart, Florida 34996
Topic: Transportation Disadvantaged Service Program Review
(<u>CB-TD) REGULAR MEETING</u>
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025, at 10:00 AM or soon thereafter
Location: Martin County Administrative Center, Commission Chambers,

2401 SE Monterey
Road, Stuart, Florida 34996
Topic: Consideration of Transportation Services for the Transportation
Disadvantaged.

Español: Si usted desea recibir esta información en español, por favor llame al 772-223-7983

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Transportation Disadvantaged Public Workshop August 25, 2025

Are you a user of th	ne Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) system?	What is important to you regarding the TD system or Transportation in general?
Yes		
No		
If so, when was you	ur last trip?	Comments?
A) Within 1 week.	C) Within 1 year.	
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Transportation	Beth Beltran			
Disadvantaged (CTD)				

BACKGROUND

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged recommends that the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA), which is the Martin MPO in Martin County, provide program training for Local Coordinating Board members.

ISSUES

None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This is an information item.

ATTACHMENT

LCB-TD Member Training PowerPoint

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

Florida Commission for the



MEMBERSHIP TRAINING

AUGUST 25, 2025

TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

Florida Statute 427.011(1) defines TD as:

"Those persons who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation and are, therefore, dependent upon others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities, or other life-sustaining activities, or children who are handicapped or highrisk or at-risk."

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WHO DO WE SERVE?

Older Adults

Persons with disabilities

People with low income

At-Risk Children

These qualified individuals rely on others to access health care, employment, education, and other activities in their community; and have limited transportation options to participate in these activities.







THEY COULD NEED A RIDE TO...

Medical Services

Work

School



Grocery Store









Life Sustaining/Other

TD Program Foundation

In 1979, Legislature created the program to be "fully responsive to the needs" of this population.

Legislature created CTD and TD Trust Fund in 1989.

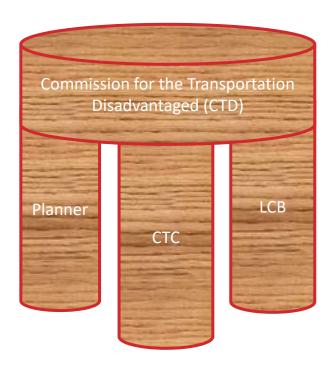
The purpose was to "coordinate" transportation services in each county in Florida.

Implemented by three primary entities at local level:

- Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Oversees the delivery of TD services in designated county or multi-county area.
- Planning Agency (Planner) Coordinates planning activities for local TD program.
- Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Represents stakeholders and advises on the delivery of TD services.

CTD also works with state/local partners or "purchasing agencies" to coordinate funding for these services.

The "Three-Legged Stool" of Coordination





What is "Coordinated Transportation"?

"Coordination" is the arrangement of transportation "in a manner that is <u>cost-effective</u>, <u>efficient</u>, <u>and reduces</u> <u>fragmentation and duplication of services</u>" (s. 427.011, F.S.).

For example, an individual may have access to medical transportation through Medicaid but requires another funding source to access employment.

Paratransit (demand-response) trips that are not "sponsored" by any other agency or provided as an extension of the fixed-route system may be purchased under the TD Trust Fund.

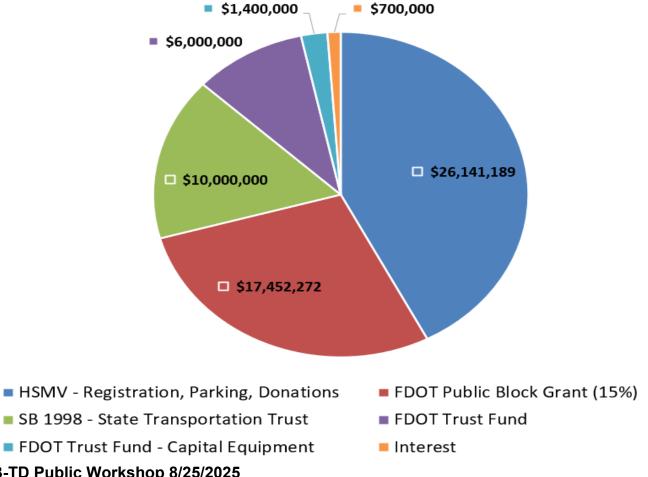
If TD riders are physically able to access the fixed-route system, TD funds may be used to purchase bus passes (more costeffective than paratransit services).

COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (CTD)

- The CTD is assigned to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
 - Per F.S. Chapter 427, and with CS/CS/SB 1380, the (CTD) board membership includes four state agencies, two county managers or administrators, and five representatives from various industry backgrounds.
 - Functions as an independent agency responsible for the coordination of transportation services for the Transportation Disadvantaged.
 - Develops policies and procedures for the TD Program
 - Designates and appoints the Planning Agency
 - Approves the appointments of CTCs
 - Provides funding for TD services



Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Revenues FY23-24 \$61,693,461



CTD Grant Programs

Trip & Equipment Grant – Annually allocates funding to 67 counties for CTCs to purchase trips, bus passes, and capital equipment.

 Legislature appropriated \$53 million for State Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24

Planning Grant – Annually allocates approximately \$1.8 million to support planning activities for local TD programs. "Shirley Conroy" Rural Area Capital Assistance Grant – Competitive funding for CTCs to purchase capital equipment for TD services.

 FDOT transfers \$1.4 million each year for CTD to award funding.

Innovative Service Development Grant – Competitive funding for CTCs to test new services that increase access for TD riders, enhance cross-county mobility, or reduce barriers to fixed-route system.

CTD awarded \$4.9 million for 12 projects for FY 2023-24



DESIGNATED OFFICIAL PLANNING AGENCY (DOPA)

- Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the Designated Official Planning Agency for Martin County.
 - Martin MPO assists the Commission at the local level in accomplishing the coordination of transportation services to the TD population.
 - Martin MPO Tasks include:
 - Staffs and appoints members to the LCB-TD.
 - Performs administrative tasks Schedules/Advertises
 Quarterly LCB meetings, transcribes meeting minutes and provides staff support to the TD Program.
 - Facilitates the procurement of the CTC and recommends approval by the CTD.
 - Works with CTC and LCB in developing the TD Service Plan.
 - Reviews the CTC's Annual Operating Report and submits to the LCB each year.



COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC)

- Community Transportation Coordinator plans, administers, monitors, coordinates, arranges and delivers coordinated Transportation Disadvantaged services originating in their designated service area
 - Operates centralized call center
 - Determines transportation eligibility
 - Schedules and coordinates trips
 - Develops a Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan with Local Coordinating Board.



COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN FY22-23 (AOR)

Ridership – Approximately 11.6 million trips were provided to nearly 193,000 riders within the TD population.

<u>Trips by Purpose</u> – 4 million (35%) of all reported trips supported life-sustaining activities and 2.5 million (22%) trips supported medical activities.

<u>Trips by Service Type</u> – 6.6 million (57%) of all reported trips were delivered by the fixed-route system and the remaining 5 million (43%) were paratransit trips.

 203,814 of reported trips were delivered by Taxicab or Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), such as Uber and Lyft.

LCB MEMBERSHIP

The Chair of the LCB must be a local elected official. Vice Chair is elected by the LCB members.

According to the LCB By-Laws, LCB members represent the following agencies or groups:

- Florida Department of Transportation
- Florida Department of Children and Family Services
- Public Education Community
- Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or Division of Blind Services.
- Veterans Service Office
- Florida Association for Community Action (economically disadvantaged)
- Person over 60
- Person with a disability
- Two citizen advocates (One must be a user of the system)
- Representative for children at-risk
- Florida Department of Elderly Affairs
- For profit transportation industry
- Regional Workforce Development board
- Local Medical Community
- LCB-TD Public Workshop 8/25/2025 Agency for People with Disabilities



PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF THE LCB-TD

Purpose

- Identify local service needs
- Provide information, advice and direction to the CTC on the coordination of services

Duties

- Hold one annual public workshop
- Annually evaluate the CTC's performance
- Annually review and approve the Transportation
 Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP), LCB By-Laws, Complaint
 and Grievance Procedures, Trip-Rate model, Annual Operating
 Report, and the CTC Trip & Equipment Grant
- Review and approve of the CTC's Quarterly Progress Reports
- Participate in a minimum of four quarterly meetings
- Works with the CTC to establish trip priorities

got purpose?

- Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law, commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law (s. 286.011, F.S.), provides a right of access to governmental proceedings of public boards or commissions at both the state and local levels.
- The law is equally applicable to elected and appointed boards; and applies to any gathering of two or more members of the same board to discuss some matter which will foreseeably come before that board for action.
- There are 3 basic requirements of the Sunshine Law:
 - meetings of public boards or commissions must be open to the public;
 - reasonable notice of such meetings must be given; and
 - minutes of the meetings must be taken and promptly recorded.

- The Sunshine Law was designed to protect the public from closed-door decision making.
- Board members are not allowed to discuss business related items with each other outside of a regularly scheduled meeting.
- It applies to communications between two or more individuals on the same board or committee relating to matters that may foreseeably come before them for a vote.
- These communications include face-to-face communications, faxes, email, social media, texts messages, hand-written messages, etc...

- The LCB is also responsible for obeying the Public Records Law.
- It covers any document that relates to the business of the LCB, whether it be an email, social media, text message, word processing documents, letter or anything that can be portrayed as a document that can be provided and read in the course of business.
- Any and all documents that are shared between the LCB and MPO Staff can be made available upon a public records request.



Regarding Code of Ethics, there are two main items:

- You are prohibited from soliciting or accepting anything of value, such as a gift, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service.
- You are required to vote on all matters that come before the Board so long as you are present and have no voting conflicts with the item being voted on.
 - You are prohibited from voting in an official capacity on any item which you are aware of would inure to your own special private gain or loss. (Voting conflict)

CTC EVALUATION

"With their upbeat attitude the kind MCC drivers are a very welcoming interaction to someone who lives alone."

- Collection/evaluation of TD rider surveys
- Collection of contractor surveys
- On-site observation of the system
- Vehicle inspections
- Driver Information
- Drug and Alcohol Policy
- And more...



"It is a big deal; I don't drive so this transportation service helps me get to my job."

EVALUATION

COMPLAINT & GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

LCB develops the Complaint and Grievance Procedures and reviews/updates it annually

- Complaint Customer complaining about service.
 - Examples Late trips, driver behavior, unclean vehicles
- Grievance Unresolved complaint
- Rider Grievances must be in writing
- LCB must make known to whom & where grievances are to be sent

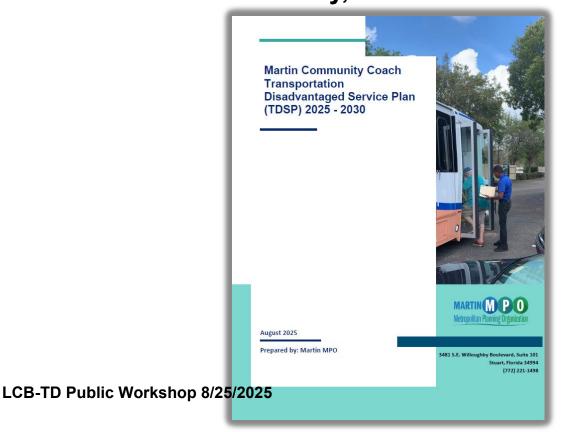
Complaint and Grievance Procedures can be found online at:

martinmpo.com/funding-programs/transportationdisadvantaged-program/



TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICE PLAN (TDSP)

The Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) serves as a comprehensive operational plan, defining the framework that governs Transportation Disadvantaged services in Martin County, Florida.



CTD ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA **GUIDELINES**

Adopted May 22, 1997

At a minimum:

- No other funding available
- No other means of transportation is available
- Cannot utilize public transit
- Physical or mental disability
- Age (As specified by the CTC and the LCB)
- Income status is a specified percent of the poverty level
- No self-declarations allowed
- Ability to pay





LCB ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

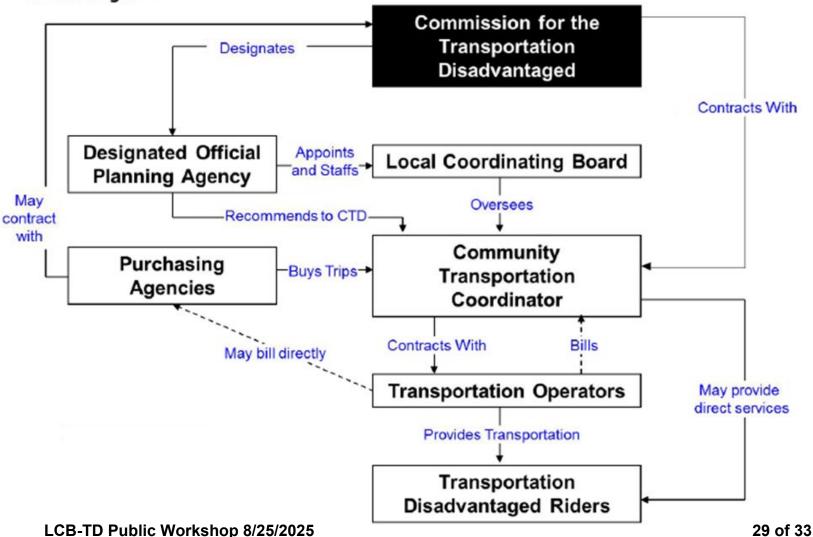
At a minimum, an applicant must meet one of the following criteria:

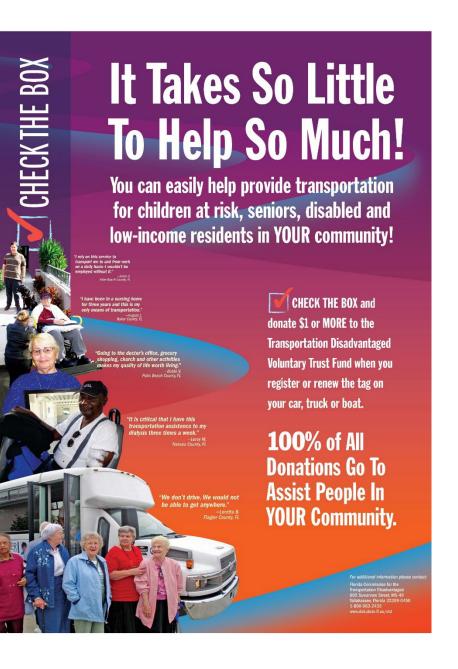
- Member must be 65 or older
- Member must be at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level Scale
- Member must have a physician document the disability (and assistive devices required when transporting the member)
- A child with a documented disability or "at risk"





Coordinated Transportation System Organization





HOW YOU CAN SERVE OUR CUSTOMERS

Be a voice for riders and your community on the LCB.

Donate a dollar or more to the TD Trust Fund when renewing your auto tags.

Inform elected officials and other local leaders about the importance of the TD program.

Work with CTC and other partners to identify areas of need in the community.

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Community Transportation Coordinator

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AGENDA ITEM 4C



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BACKGROUND

The Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB-TD) has 16 voting members on the Board, including one locally elected official. These members represent different agencies and groups that are involved with the TD population.

ISSUES

With the addition of new members to the LCB-TD, it would be in the best interest of the Board to familiarize themselves with the other members. Staff will ask that each member of the LCB to share a brief introduction about who they are, who they represent, and how they are involved with the TD population.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This is an informational item.

ATTACHMENTS

List of LCB-TD Members and who they represent.

LCB-TD Member	Representing
Carmine Dipaolo Village of Indiantown Mayor - Chair	Elected Official appointed by MPO Board as of 2-24-24
Robert McPartlan - Vice Chair	Department of Children & Families
Michael Drost	Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs
Zachary Hoge	Fl. Div. Vocational Ser. Or Blind Serv. Representing the Department of Education
Gayle McArdle	Rep. Persons with Disabilities
Dalia Dillon	Dept. of Elder Affairs
Phyl Weaver	Rep. Persons over 60 representing the elderly in the county
Michellle Miller	Rep. Florida Assoc. Community Action (President) Economically Disadvantaged
Ismir Ripley	FDOT Representative
Gregory McDonald	CareerSource Research Coast (Workforce/Employment Services)
Brenda Matheny Alt. Angelica Castillo Da Silva	Local Medical Community (kidney dialysis centers, long term care facilities, assisted living facilities, hospitals local health departments or other home and community based services.)
Ashman Beecher	Martin County Public Transit - MARTY
Monique Robbins	Rep. Children at Risk
Tarlaymoon Hosein	1/2 Citizens Advocate (Rider Rep)
Jennifer Langlois	Rep. Public Education Community District School Board, School Board Transportation Office or Headstart Program (Program Specialist- Transition)
Milory Senat	Agency for Persons with Disabilities