

**HERNANDO COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 19, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

The Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, beginning at 10:11 a.m. at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was also available to members and the public via ZOOM Webinar. The meeting was advertised in the Tampa Bay Times and the agenda was available on the MPO Website.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

John Allocco, TDLCB Chairman
Kevin Bargerstock, Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Tony Graham, Hernando County Veterans Services

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM

Joe DeGeorge, Hernando County Transit
Gretchen Samter, Public Transit User
Emily Hughart, ACHA
Ian Martin, ACHA (Alternate)
Kathleen Winters, Local Representative Medical Community
John Eberle, Regional Workforce Development Board
Benita Dixon, Private For-Profit Transportation
Tracy Noyes, FDOT
Elizabeth Watson, Persons with Disabilities Agency
Denise Clark, Hernando County School Board – Transportation
Robert Bradburn, Florida Department of Children & Family Services -- Access Florida

MEMBERS ABSENT

Verene Kurtz, Hernando County Resident, Disabled

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director
Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III
Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II
Terri Saenz, Administrative Assistant III
Miranda Maldonado, Mid Florida Community Services Trans Hernando (via Zoom)
Ron Pianta, Hernando County Planning (via Zoom)

Janinna Stampfli, Hernando County Planning (via Zoom)
Chris DeAnnuntis, TBARTA Staff
Chris Jadik, TBARTA Staff
Steve Holmes, UZURV

A. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Allocco called the regular meeting of the TDLCB to order at 10:11 a.m.

B. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Kathleen Winters made a motion to approve the August 19, 2020, regular meeting agenda. Tony Graham seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 20, 2020

Motion: Kevin Bargerstock made a motion to approve the May 20, 2020, minutes which included the annual workshop and regular meeting. Kathleen Winters seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

D. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Update

Mr. Diez advised that a full copy of the CTD Meeting packet can be found at:
https://ctd.fdot.gov/docs/MeetingPackages/2020Meetings/20200608_CTDBusinessMtgPkg.pdf.

The CTD applied for two (2) vans under the Shirley Conroy Grant, but they received approval for (one) 1 van with a wrap.

Commissioner Allocco asked if there was any public comment either in person, via ZOOM or email. There was none.

No public comment either in person, via ZOOM or email.

2. Annual Operating Report (AOR)

Mr. Diez stated that this item is required to be submitted to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) every year by September 15. We have learned that their website is not operational; consequently, the submittal date has been extended.

No public comment either in person, via ZOOM or email.

3. Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA)

Mr. Diez stated TBARTA is partnering with UZURV, an adaptive transportation network and mobility platform technology company, to apply for a Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Innovation and Service Development Grant. He requested Chris DeAnnuntis with TBARTA go into further detail.

Mr. DeAnnuntis explained that TBARTA has partnered with UZURV to provide cross-county TD trips across the five (5) counties (Hernando, Pasco, Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Manatee). He introduced Steve Holmes with UZURV to give brief explanation of the grant application.

Mr. Holmes indicated that this grant opportunity is in addition to the service development grant. If approved, it would not reduce the funding for other projects around the state. [He shared the UZURV PowerPoint presentation via his computer.] He explained this innovation and service development grant was a result of the MCORES legislation that was passed. This is round 2 of the application process as there was funding still available. If approved, they (UZURV) will be providing services on October 1, 2020. UZURV will be providing cross-county trips as well as evening and weekend TD trips for those counties where this service is currently not being provided. This is strictly a supplemental effort funded by the commission that is open to eligible TD persons residing in Hernando, Pasco, Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Manatee Counties. Mr. Holmes requested we provide TD persons information about this service if the grant is approved. They are currently working on determining the rider fares. Since this a grant, they will have to provide a 10 percent match which will come from rider fares.

Commissioner Allocco inquired that because this is a grant, where future funding would come from after the first year. Mr. Holmes answered that they have applied for a three (3) year grant although the funding will be one year at a time. In the second and third years they will be working with TBARTA for other funding sources to secure a stable funding platform into years four and five.

Ms. Samter stated that being a person that uses the transportation service, she would be grateful to be able to travel beyond the county line(s).

Mr. Diez inquired if this is approved next week, what would be the next step? Mr. Jadick indicated they are going to develop a website with all the information relating to the project and would ask for assistance to help circulate that information.

Commissioner Allocco asked if there was any public comment either in person, via ZOOM or email. There was none.

E. ACTION ITEM

1. Annual Expenditure Report (AER)

Mr. Diez explained that the AER is an annual requirement that is reviewed by the TDLCB and submitted to the CTC. The AER reports direct local funds provided to perform TD services. The AER reflects zero dollars from local government for TD services.

Commissioner Allocco asked if there was any public comment either in person, via ZOOM or email. There was none.

Motion: Tony Graham made a motion to approve that the annual AER. Kevin Bargerstock seconded; A roll call vote was taken (via ZOOM and in person), and it carried unanimously.

F. MID FLORIDA COMMUNITY SERVICES – Miranda Maldonado

Ms. Maldonado reiterated they were approved for the one vehicle with the wrap from the Shirley Conroy Grant, but they are still waiting for the CTID to send the grant agreement. Due to Covid-19, they are operating 5 days a week but still only with 2 people per vehicle.

Commissioner Allocco inquired if they are requiring riders to wear masks. Ms. Maldonado stated they are currently not requiring masks but are asking riders to wear one; they are providing if they do not have one.

G. VETERANS SERVICES – Tony Graham

Mr. Graham reported that there is not too much change since his report in May, they are still not transporting veterans.

Commissioner Allocco mentioned that a bid for Pinebrook Medical Center has been received which would provide VA services. He is hopeful that they receive verification by next Tuesday's BOCC meeting.

H. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments either in person, via ZOOM, or via email.

J. MPO STAFF COMMENTS/UPDATES

Mr. Diez advised that the next MPO Meeting is on September 10th here in Hernando County, Brooksville.

Commissioner Allocco requested volunteers for updates from our members at the November Meeting. Mr. DeGeorge and Ms. Winters volunteered.

Mr. Diez introduced the newest MPO administrative staff member, Terri Saenz.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, Chairman Allocco adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.

The regular meeting of the TDLCB will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Dr, Brooksville, FL.