

**CITRUS COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD**

May 20, 2021, Minutes

The Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) held a public meeting on May 20, 2021, in person and via ZOOM at Citrus County Transit. The meeting was advertised in the Citrus Chronicle and the agenda was available on the MPO Website.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ruthie Davis Schlabach, Citrus County Commissioner
David Douglas, Citrus County, Public Transit User
Deirdre Barrett-LaBelle, Local Alternate Children at Risk
William Burda, Citrus County Citizen Advocate
Beverly Isabelle, Daystar Life Center
Katie Lucas, Local Representative Medical Community
Christine Mestrovich, Career Source, Regional Workforce Development Board
Tracy Noyes, Florida Department of Transportation
Elizabeth Watson, Persons with Disabilities Agency

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

Cara Brunk, Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Jeffrey Aboumrad, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Tamyika Young, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stephen Brown, Citrus County Resident, Disabled
Marilyn Farmer, Public Education Community
Terence Garrity, Private For-Profit Transportation
Walter “Bud” Osborn, Citrus County Veterans Services (excused)
Ginger West, Florida Association for Community Action

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director
Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II
Theresa Flick, Director Key Training Center
Joanne Granger, Citrus County Transit Director
Lori Hall, Citrus County Transit
Erin Kluis, Citrus County Grant Administration
Terri Saenz, Administrative Assistant III
Todd Tuzzolino, Citrus County Grant Administration

A CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Davis Schlabach called the regular meeting of the LCB to order at 10:55 a.m.

1. Notice of Publication

Proof of publication of the Notice of Public Meeting was entered into the record by Mr. Diez.

2. Declaration of Quorum

A quorum was declared.

B APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA – Board/Staff comment only

Motion: A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded. The motion carried unanimously. No changes to the agenda were made.

C REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2/11/2021

Motion: Mr. Douglas made a motion to approve the February 11, 2021, minutes. It was second and the motion passed unanimously.

D CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD)

Mr. Diez stated one thing to note from the last CTD meeting on March 30, 2021, is that they did approve a new formula for the trip and equipment grant allocation. Anyone is welcome to attend the CTD meetings or watch them online.

2. CTC designation process by July 1, 2022

Mr. Diez stated Citrus County’s designation expires June 30, 2022, and the new 5-year designation process must be completed before July 1, 2022.

3. Planning Agency Survey

Mr. Diez reported that the Hernando/Citrus MPO (planning agency) is required to get annual surveys from this Board.

4. LCB Vacancies

Mr. Diez stated there is currently one vacancy on this Board and that is a representative from the State of Florida Children and Family Services.

5. Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant FY 2021/2022

Mr. Diez stated for informational purposes that the Planning Grant application for TD support services in the amount of \$23,076 was submitted.

E ACTION ITEMS

1. Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) Annual Update

Mr. Diez discussed that this is the annual update. He asked for questions or comments.

Ms. Davis Schlabach had a question on packet page 23, paragraph 1, why Homosassa was not included. Someone stated that was the orange line which was taken off about a year

ago due to low ridership. Ms. Davis Schlabach stated that 50 percent of our population was eligible and is there a reason why that population is not using the services. Homosassa is an area with a large population who qualify as “vulnerable”.

A discussion ensued on transit matters and that input from these Board members and/or their agencies, as well as the public would be helpful for Ms. Davis Schlabach to report to the Citrus BOCC.

A roll call vote for the Approval of the Transportation Service Plan Update was conducted and passed 10 - 0.

2. Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Annual Evaluation

The LCB members were provided the CTC Annual Evaluation and there were no comments or concerns.

F CITRUS COUNTY TRANSIT -- Joanne Granger

Quarterly report

Discussion took place about the decline in ridership, that some board members take a ride on the bus services once they are fully operational again, bus service times and job services clients not being able to work because of gaps in bus schedules, etc.

Ms. Granger stated the Orange line is anticipated to be back in service by August. She also mentioned possibly reverting to transfer points where it is not counterintuitive; if you are using a 14 passenger bus for one customer, that bus is operating for 2 ½ hours serving only that one person. Smaller busses for a smaller number of riders would be more cost effective and efficient.

G KEY TRAINING CENTER – Theresa Flick

Ms. Flick reported that they hope to resume activities June 1st just as they were like pre-COVID.

H CITIZEN COMMENTS

No one from the public was present.

I COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/UPDATES

Ms. Davis Schlabach asked that members reach out to their clients for any additional comments or areas of concern.

J ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Motion: Mr. Lucas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Mr. Douglas and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The LCB will meet on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at the Citrus County Transit Center, 1300 S Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL.