

Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 12, 2022

The Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) held a public meeting on May 12, 2022, at the Lecanto Government Building 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida 34461. The meeting was advertised in the Citrus Chronicle and the agenda was available on the MPO Website.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ruthie Davis Schlabach, Chairman TD Board
Christine Mestrovich, Career Source, Regional Workforce Development Board
Tracy Noyes, Florida Department of Transportation
David Douglas, Citrus County, Public Transit User
Elizabeth Watson, Persons with Disabilities Agency
Ginger West, Family Resource Center
Deirdre Barrett-LaBelle, Local Alternate Children at Risk
Walter “Bud” Osborn, Citrus County Veterans Services
William Burda, Citrus County Citizen Advocate
Stephen Brown, Citrus County Resident, Disabled via telephone

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeffrey Aboumrad, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Katie Lucas, Local Representative Medical Community
Ivonne Perez, Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration
Cara Brunk, Florida Department of Elder Affairs

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II
Bob Esposito, Executive Director Hernando/Citrus MPO
Carlene Riecscs, Transportation Planner
Julia Scourtas, Financial Operations Assistant
Joanne Granger, Citrus County Transit Director
Barbara Branch, Key Center

A. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Davis Schlabach called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.
- Notice of Meeting publication was read into the record.
- A quorum was declared.

B. APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA (LIMITED TO BOARD AND STAFF COMMENT)

Motion: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. William Burda and seconded by Ms. Deirdre Barrett-LaBelle. The motion passed unanimously.

C. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes February 10, 2022

Motion: A motion to approve the draft minutes from February 10, 2022, was made by Mr. David Douglas, and seconded by Ginger West. The motion passed unanimously.

D. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Community Transportation Coordinator Quarterly Report – Joanne Granger

Ms. Joanne Granger provided the members with a synopsis of the Citrus Transit TD quarterly report.

She advised the LCB that the Citrus BOCC approved submittal of grant funding requests for shelters which are currently in the Federal Transit Agency (FTA) funding process.

Mr. William Burda had several questions and comments regarding issue follow up.

He stated we previously discussion communication with the public about the bus schedule and wanted an update regarding how it is being handled. Ms. Granger stated that they are developing a video, increased circulation of brochures, attendance at public outreach events, and starting to use Facebook platform more routinely.

They take public input and try to attend as many public events as possible.

Mr. Burda thought it would be beneficial for us to try and identify areas with the biggest transportation weaknesses so that we can figure out how to strength the system. He wanted more information regarding how we would gauge our successes and failures.

Mr. Burda was also concerned about what we are doing to address those people who require services but do not have internet access to find the information they may need. Ms. Granger mentioned that between January and March, Citrus county was addressing the cold weather shelter. Through that process, homeless organizations were provided information regarding transit to provide to their clients and update their website.

Mr. Burda wanted a better tracking system for the issues that are discussed. Chair Davis Schlabach suggested that we prepare a status list in a similar format to what the Citrus BOCC uses to keep track of the issues.

Ms. Granger further stated that Citrus Transit has a consultant preparing a comprehensive operational analysis of the entire fixed route system. We will be providing study results when it is completed.

2. Key Center Update

Barbara Branch from the Key Center indicated that the consistency of bus drivers serving their clients is important.

She stated that County brochures with the bus schedules have been provided to the families of their clients which is very helpful.

She reported they are waiting on a 16 passenger bus with a lift which should arrive in a couple of weeks. Their 2021 capital grant is in for review, the timeframe is anticipated to be approximately 30-45 days.

The previously mentioned issues with theft/vandalism have been addressed by moving the buses and adding cameras.

3. Trip and Equipment Grant

Ms. Granger discussed that the trip and equipment grant is currently being prepared for submittal.

4. Planning Agency Survey

Ms. Dagenhart introduced the annual survey as it relates to the MPO performance

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and the Community Transportation Coordinator

The MOA between the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and the Community Transportation Coordinator was presented to the LCB for review and approval. The MOA would be effective July 1, 2022-June 30, 2027. The MOA is scheduled for the Citrus County BOCC approval in June.

Motion: A motion to approve the MOA between the CTD and the CTC was made by Ms. Deirdre Barrett-LaBelle and seconded by Mr. William Burda. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Key Training Center Contract with Citrus County

The Key Training center provides transportation services to transportation disadvantaged citizens. The current agreement they have with the CTC expires on June 30, 2022. In order to continue providing services, a new agreement with the CTC is required. This agreement will require approval by Citrus County.

Motion: A motion to approve the Key Training Center contract with the CTC was made by Mr. David Douglas and seconded by Mr. William Burda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP)

In accordance with Rule 41-2 F.A.C., the LCB must annually review and approve the following sections of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP). There was no public comment.

Motion: A motion to approve the TDSP update was made by Mr. David Douglas and seconded by Ms. Christine Mestrovich. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Annual Evaluation

Staff advised the LCB that an annual evaluation has been conducted for the LCB's review.

Motion: A motion to approve the CTC annual evaluation was made by William Burda and seconded by Mr. Stephen Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

H CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

I ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m., noting that the next regular meeting of the Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at the Lecanto Government Building 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida 34461