



CITRUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB)

Thursday, May 11, 2023

MINUTES

The Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) held a regular quarterly meeting at 11:21 a.m. at the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida. The meeting was advertised in the Citrus Chronicle newspaper and the agenda was available on the Hernando/Citrus MPO website.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Douglas, Vice Chair, Citizen Advocate – Transit User as Primary Means
Tracy Noyes, Florida Department of Transportation
David Knazur, Florida Department of Children and Family Services
Joanne Granger, Transit Services Director, Mass Transit Coordinator
Cara Brunk, Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Glorybee Perez, Florida Department of Health Care Administration
Walter “Bud” Osborne, Veteran Services Office Alternate
Jerry Flanders, Alternate, Regional Workforce Development Board
Katie Lucas, Local Medical Community Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ruthie Davis Schlabach, Chair, Citrus County Commissioner
Elizabeth Watson, Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative
Deirdre Barrett LaBelle, Local Representative for Children at Risk
Stephen Brown, Person with a Disability

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Esposito, MPO Executive Director
Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator
Joy Turner, MPO Administrative Assistant III
Erin Kluis Briggs, Citrus County Grants

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Vice Chair Douglas called the meeting to order at 11:21 a.m. and led the moment of silence.
- The Pledge of Allegiance and the introductions of Board and staff followed the moment of silence.
- A quorum was declared and the affidavit of publication was read into the record.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was modified to add Item F, Review and Approval of the FY 2024 Rate Calculation Model for Citrus County.

Motion: A motion to approve the modified agenda was made by Ms. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Osborne. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Motion: A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Ms. Lucas and seconded by Ms. Noyes. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Quarterly Report – Joanne Granger, Transit Direct

Ms. Granger reported that March 2023 had the highest recorded ridership since pre-Covid. Nutritional, medical, and employment trips were the top needs for door-to-door services. Ms. Granger also reported Citrus County Transit provided transportation disadvantaged services to 222 unduplicated clients, 79 unduplicated public riders, and 16 unduplicated for the Veteran’s Administration. The 317 unduplicated clients accounted for 4,000 trips. Additionally, on the fixed-route buses, there were 106 unduplicated transportation disadvantaged users accounting for 1,776 out of 2,000 trips.

Key Training Center Quarterly Report – Theresa Flick, Programs and Services Director

The Key Training Center provided 16,646 trips January through March 2023; 13,957 were for ambulatory, 2,689 were for wheelchair users. Ms. Flick indicated that employment trips will show a decrease going forward due to the March 2023 requirement from Agencies for Persons with Disabilities to redesign and eliminate employment activities from day

programs. The Board discussed the challenges to the perception that paying subminimum wages to severely disabled individuals can appear as exploiting individuals versus providing an opportunity to build motivation by earning money. Ms. Flick confirmed 190 severely disabled individuals in Citrus County will move to education services versus employment.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (CTC) ANNUAL EVALUATION

An overview on the evaluation template was shared and the comprehensive April 13, 2023, evaluation indicated there were no negative findings of the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) and the CTC was doing a good job.

Motion: A motion to approve the annual evaluation of the Community Transportation Coordinator was made by Ms. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Flanders. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FY 2024 RATE MODEL CALCULATION FOR CITRUS COUNTY

Ms. Granger clarified the Rate Model Calculation for Citrus County is for paratransit. There were no Board comments.

Motion: A motion to approve the FY 2024 Rate Model Calculation for Citrus County was made by Ms. Noyes seconded by Mr. Osborne. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - There were no citizen comments.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – There were no Board comments.

MPO DIRECTOR COMMENTS

- The draft FY 2024 - FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been submitted to FDOT and will be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee (BPAC) on May 24, 2023, before being submitted to the MPO Board on June 1, 2023, for final adoption. The draft FY 2024 – FY 2028 TIP is available on the MPO web site for public review.
- On April 28, 2023, the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) uploaded the FY 2024 grant application and MPO staff is in the process of preparing the necessary resolutions for Hernando and for Citrus County. The grants reimburse the planning agencies to administer the required activities of the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Boards. For FY 2024, the allocation for Hernando County is \$25,285, and \$24,398 for Citrus County.
- The MPO is preparing a solicitation for Requests for Qualifications for General Planning Consultants as the current contract expires September 9, 2023.
- Ms. Elwin thanked the Board and participants of Citrus County Transit for their participation during the public demonstration at the LCB Annual Public Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Vice Chair Douglas adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2023, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida. The meeting agenda and back-up materials are available online at: www.hernandocounty.us/hernandocitrusmpo.