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March 2, 2022

TO: Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Meeting Announcement

The Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will hold a business meeting **Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.** in the meeting room of Suwannee River Economic Council located at 1439 SW CR 307A in Trenton, Florida. The meeting will also be conducted via communications media technology in the following format:

DIAL IN NUMBER: **Toll free 1.888.585.9008**

CONFERENCE CODE: **864 183 272**

****Please note that at least two (2) Board members must be present in person in addition to at least four (4) Board members present via communications media technology to establish a quorum in order to vote on agenda items that require formal action.****

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Attached is the meeting agenda and supporting materials. If you have any questions concerning the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-226-0690 extension 110.

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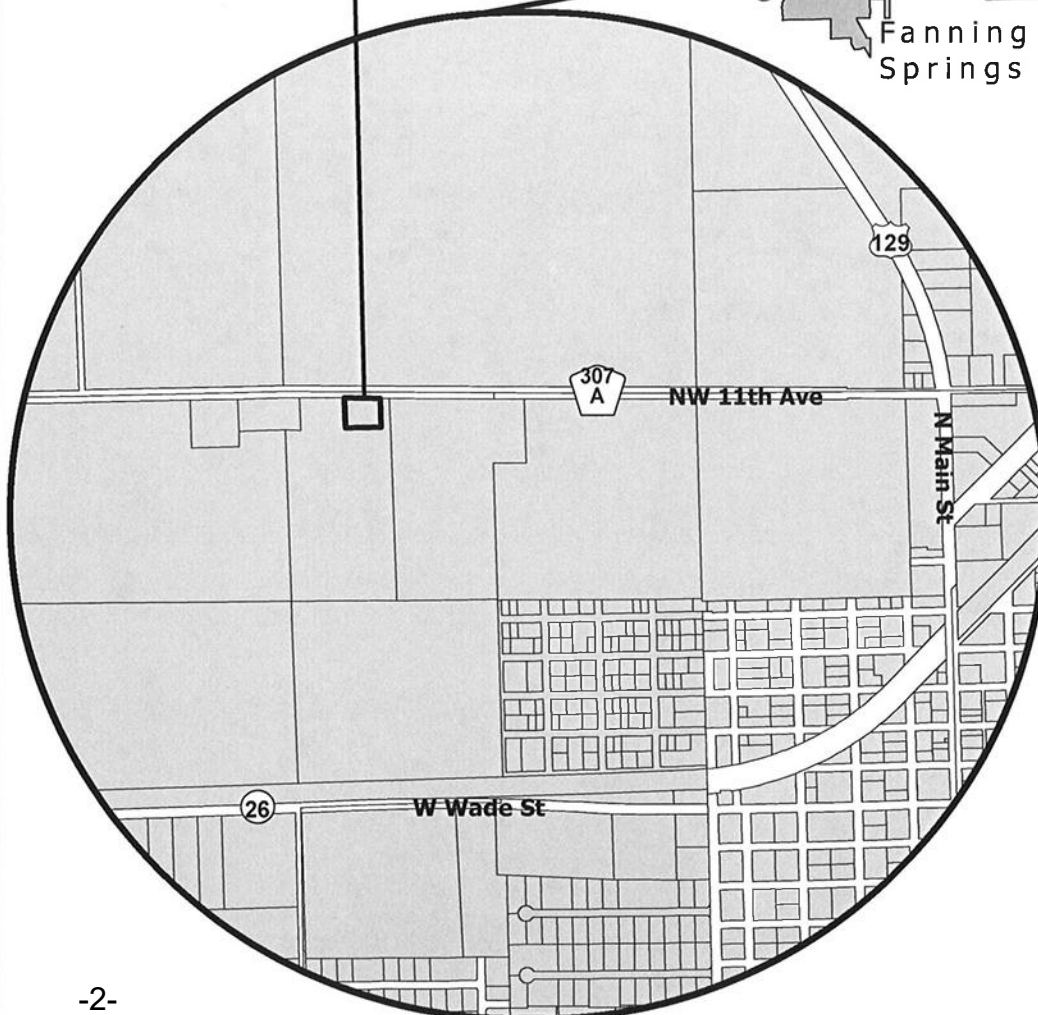
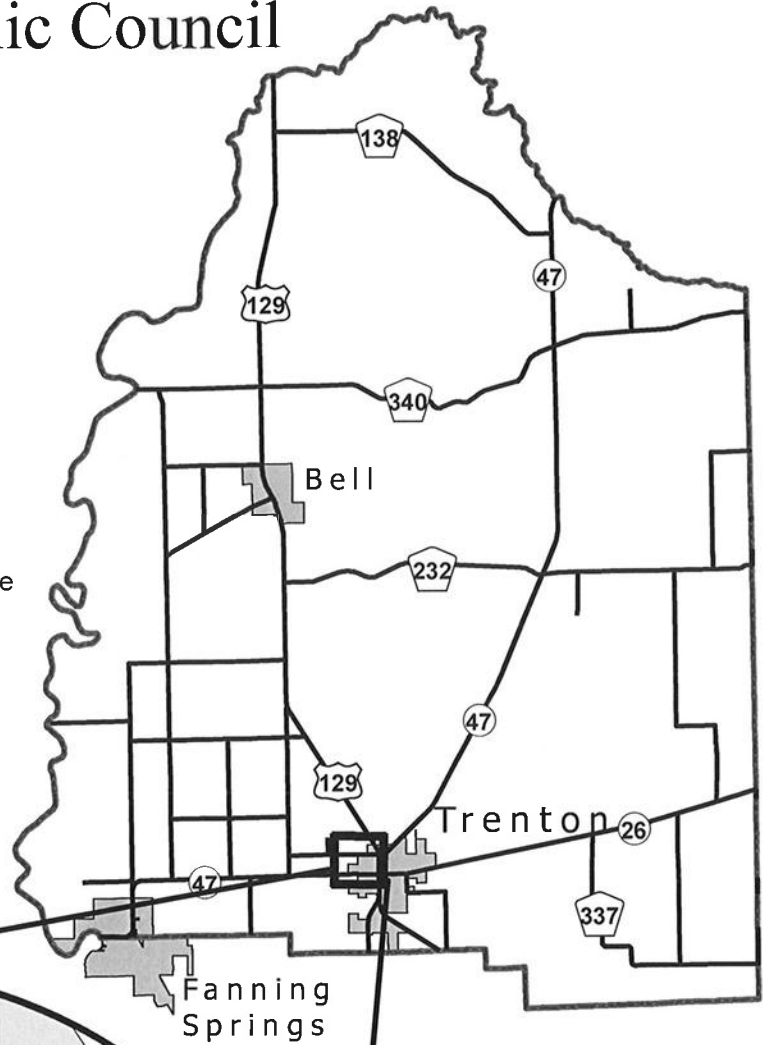
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Suwannee River Economic Council Meeting Facility 1439 SW CR 307A Trenton, Florida 32693

Directions: From the intersection of U.S. Highway 129 (also known as Main St) and SW County Road 307A (also known as NW 11th Ave) in the City of Trenton, head West onto SW County Road 307A (also known as NW 11th Ave), travel approximately 0.7 miles, and the Suwannee River Economic Council Meeting Facility will be on the left, on the South side of SW County Road 307A (also known as NW 11th Ave).

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Meeting Facility



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**GILCHRIST COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD**

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA

Meeting Room
Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.
Client/Senior Service Center
1439 SW CR 307A
Trenton, Florida
Dial in Number: Toll free 1.888.585.9008
Conference Code: 864 183 272

Wednesday
March 9, 2022
1:30 p.m.

I. BUSINESS MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call**
- D. Approval of the Meeting Agenda** **ACTION REQUIRED**
- E. Approval of the October 13, 2021 Minutes** **Page 7** **ACTION REQUIRED**

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Introduction to Florida’s Coordinated Transportation System** **Page 11** **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

Staff will discuss Florida’s Coordinated Transportation System and Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes concerning voting conflicts of interest

- B. 2021/26 Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Amendment** **Page 51** **ACTION REQUIRED**

The Board needs to review and approve an amendment to the 2021/26 Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

- C. Appoint Grievance Committee Member** **Page 55** **ACTION REQUIRED**

The Chair needs to appoint one Board member to the Grievance Committee

D. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Operations Reports Page 57 NO ACTION REQUIRED

E. 2022 Florida Legislative Session Page 63 NO ACTION REQUIRED

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Comments

IV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. May 4, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.**
- B. July 13, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.**
- C. October 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.**
- D. January 11, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.**

* Please note that this is a tentative meeting schedule, all dates and times are subject to change.

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**GILCHRIST COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD**

MEMBER/REPRESENTING	ALTERNATE/REPRESENTING
Commissioner Marion Poitevint Local Elected Official/Chair	Not Applicable
Christina Nalsen Florida Department of Transportation Grievance Committee Member	Lauren Adams Florida Department of Transportation
John Wisker Florida Department of Children and Families	Amy Burton Florida Department of Children and Families
Jeff Aboumrad Florida Department of Education	Florida Department of Education
Pastor Ralph Williams Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Reeda Harris Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Pamela Hagley Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Sheryl Dick-Stanford Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sylvia Bamburg Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Elizabeth Wetherington Regional Workforce Board	Vacant Regional Workforce Board
Vacant Florida Association for Community Action Term ending June 30, 2023	Vacant Florida Association for Community Action Term ending June 30, 2023
Michelle Walker-Crawford Public Education	Vacant Public Education
Vacant Veterans Term ending June 30, 2023	Vacant Veterans Term ending June 30, 2023
Vacant Citizen Advocate Term ending June 30, 2024	Vacant Citizen Advocate Term ending June 30, 2024
Vacant Citizen Advocate - User Term ending June 30, 2024	Vacant Citizen Advocate - User Term ending June 30, 2024
Leslie Esseck Persons with Disabilities Grievance Committee Member Term ending June 30, 2024	Vacant Persons with Disabilities Term ending June 30, 2024
Richard Esseck, Vice-Chair Elderly Grievance Committee Member Term ending June 30, 2023	Vacant Elderly Term ending June 30, 2023
Brittney Keeling Medical Community Term ending June 30, 2022	Krishna Stemple Medical Community Term ending June 30, 2022
Sandra Woodard Children at Risk Grievance Committee Member Term ending June 30, 2022	Brooke Ward Children at Risk Term ending June 30, 2022
Vacant Private Transit Term ending June 30, 2022	Vacant Private Transit Term ending June 30, 2022

Note: Unless specified, members and alternates serve at the pleasure of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

**GILCHRIST COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD**

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Room
Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.
1439 SW CR 307A
Trenton, Florida
Dial in Number: Toll free 1.888.585.9008
Conference Code: 864 183 272

Wednesday
October 13, 2021
1:30 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Lauren Adams, Florida Department of Transportation Representative
Leslie Esseck, Persons with Disabilities Representative
Richard Esseck, Vice-Chair, Elderly Representative, Vice-Chair
Reeda Harris, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative
John Wisker, Florida Department of Children and Families Representative

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

Jeff Aboumrad, Florida Department of Education Representative
Pastor Ralph Williams, Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative
Sandra Woodard, Early Childhood Services Representative

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Selvin Cray, Regional Workforce Board Representative
Brittney Keeling, Medical Community Representative
Commissioner Marion Poitevint, Chair
Sheryl Dick-Stanford, Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative
Michelle Walker-Crawford, Public Education Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Matthew Pearson, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Godfrey, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

I. BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Esseck called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

A. Invocation

Pastor Ralph Williams gave the invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chair Esseck led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

The roll was called by Ms. Godfrey, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Senior Planner, and, a quorum was declared present.

D. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

ACTION: Lauren Adams moved to approve the meeting agenda. Reeda Harris seconded; motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of the July 14, 2021 Minutes

ACTION: Sandra Woodard moved to approve the July 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Reeda Harris seconded; motion passed unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2020/21 Annual Performance Evaluation

Ms. Godfrey stated that the Board is required to evaluate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s performance as the Community Transportation Coordinator annually. She said the draft performance evaluation is included in the meeting packet for the Board's review.

The Board reviewed Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s annual performance evaluation.

ACTION: Sandra Woodard moved to approve Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s 2020/21 Annual Performance Evaluation. Lauren Adams seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. 2020/21 Annual Operating Report

Mr. Pearson discussed the 2020/21 Annual Operating Report.

The Board reviewed the 2020/21 Annual Operating Report.

C. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Operations Reports

Mr. Pearson discussed Suwannee River Economic Council's operations reports for the April - June 2021 quarter. He said Gilchrist County received fewer 2021/22 Trip and Equipment Grant funds due to a formula change used to distribute funds. He said Gilchrist County will most likely receive fewer funds for the next five years. He said that the reduction in funds will not impact service this year due to the reduced ridership due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, he said the reduced allocation will affect service as ridership returns to normal levels.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Comments

There were no comments.

IV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Vice-Chair Esseck stated that the next meeting of the Board will be held Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Coordinating Board Chair

Date



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March 2, 2022

TO: Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: Introduction to Florida’s Coordinated Transportation System

RECOMMENDATION

No action required. This agenda item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires Board members to comply with the requirements of Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes and Section 286, Florida Statutes.

Attached are the following documents for the Board’s information:

- An Introduction to Florida’s Coordinated Transportation System;
- Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes concerning voting conflicts of interest; and
- Section 286, Florida Statutes concerning Florida Sunshine Law.

If you have any questions regarding the attached documents, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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TD 101

An Overview of the Transportation Disadvantaged Program

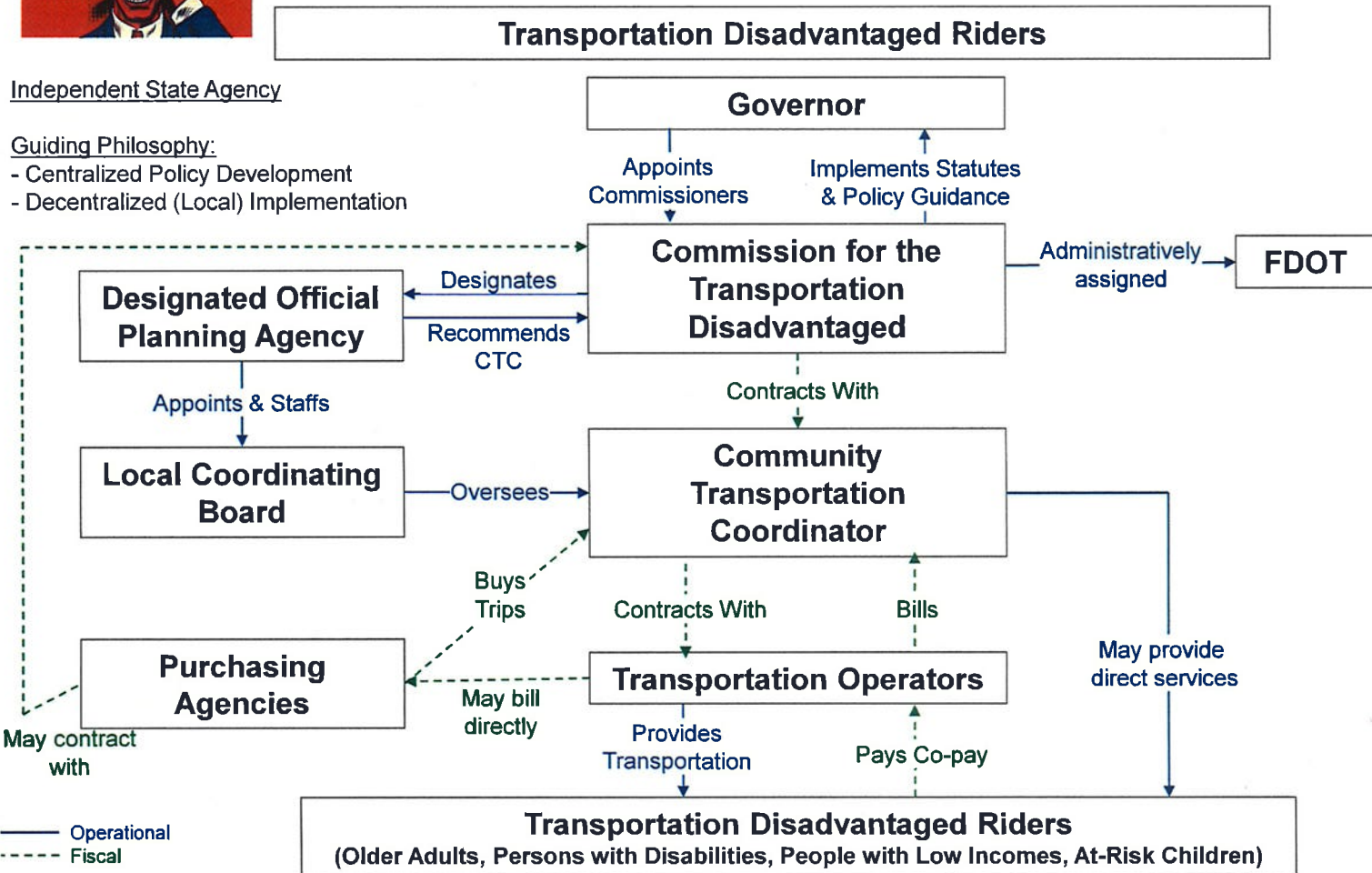


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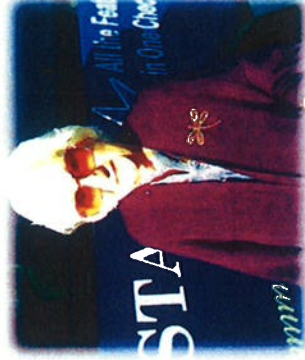


Florida's Coordinated Transportation System Organizational Structure... At A Glance



Riders Who Are Transportation Disadvantaged

- Older Adults
- Persons with Disabilities
- Persons with Low Income
- Children who are At-Risk



They Could Need A Ride To...



- Medical Services
- Work or Job-Training
- School or College
- Grocery Store
- Social-Recreation

...And They May Have Limited Transportation Options Available In Their Community:

- Personal or Family Vehicle
- Public Transit
- Government “Sponsored” Transportation (e.g., Medicaid)
- Private On-Demand Services (e.g., taxi, Uber or Lyft, etc.)



TD Program Foundation

The Coordinated System was established in 1979.

The Legislature created the Commission and TD Trust Fund in 1989.

The purpose was to deliver the “coordination” of transportation services in each county.

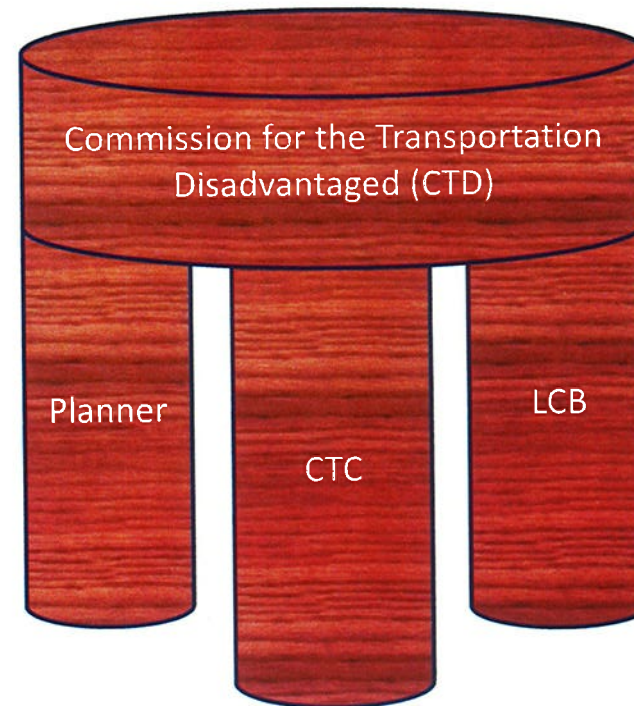
Implemented by three primary entities at local level:

- Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)
- Designated Official Planning Agency (Planner)
- Local Coordinating Board (LCB)

CTD works with state/local partners (e.g., FDOT) to also purchase trips through coordinated system.

“Trips” can include bus passes, scheduled door-to-door paratransit, or on-demand services.

The “Three-Legged Stool” of Coordination



Commission Responsibilities

Florida Commission for the



**Transportation
Disadvantaged**

Summary of Responsibilities

- Independent agency, administratively housed in FDOT, with board appointed by Governor.
- Administers the TD Trust Fund and disburses funds through various grant programs.
- Develops policies/procedures governing the coordinated transportation system.
- Approves and contracts with CTCs to deliver CTD-funded services in each county.
- Designates Planning Agency (outside MPO) to help implement program at the local level.

Governing Documents



Chapter 427, Florida Statutes –
Legislative Authority

Rule Chapter 41-2, Florida
Administrative Code –
Implementing Regulations

Commission Membership and Duties...

- Seven voting Governor-appointed members:
 - Five business representatives
 - Two users of the system
 - At least one representing seniors (65+ Years Old)
- Eight ex-officio (non-voting) members, representing purchasing agencies.
- Meets at least quarterly around the state.
- All meetings are governed under the Sunshine Laws – recorded and accessible to the public.



...Commission Duties

- Primary voting responsibilities:
 - Approves the designation of every CTC at least every five years
 - Administers the TD Trust Fund, to include the awarding of grants.
 - Reviews and approves Commission publications, including the Annual Performance Report
 - Develops/approves policies governing coordinated transportation (e.g., rules, procedures, etc.).
- Participates in professional development events, including an annual training workshop.
- Appoints and oversees Executive Director.

Grant Programs...



- Trip & Equipment Grant –
 - Annually allocated through a formula, established in rule, to CTCs in all 67 counties
 - Used to purchase trips for eligible riders
 - 25% of funds may be used to purchase equipment
- Planning Grant – Awarded to Planning Agencies to assist with meeting their responsibilities, including staffing the LCB, in each service area.
- Shirley Conroy Grant – Competitively awarded to CTCs for the purchase of capital equipment to meet the needs in rural areas.

...Grant Programs

- Innovation and Service Development (ISD) Grant (FY19-20 and FY20-21)
 - Appropriated through Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES)
 - Competitively awarded to CTCs and TNCs for innovative projects that support:
 - Access to Community Activities;
 - Cross-County/Regional Mobility; or
 - Connection to a Transportation Hub

Community Transportation Coordinator



Summary of Responsibilities

- Coordinates transportation services for a county/region.
- Provides and/or contracts with transportation operators to deliver trips for TD customers.
- Determines TD eligibility and performs gatekeeping duties.
- Invoices purchasing agencies.
- Assists LCB in developing the TD Service Plan.
- Submits annual operating report (AOR) data.

A CTC Can Be A...

- Public transit system;
- Nonprofit organization (e.g., council on aging);
- Private transportation company; or
- Local government entity.



And Can...

- Deliver services directly (sole source); or
- Contract with a transportation operator(s) to deliver a portion or all services (broker)

CTC Selection/Evaluation Process

- Interested organizations respond to request for proposals from the planning agency.
- Planning agency recommends the CTD approve an entity be the CTC.
- Designation is for a 5-year period.
- Evaluated on an annual basis by LCB.

Designated Official Planning Agency



Summary of Responsibilities

- Assist CTC and LCB to implement local TD program.
- Staffs and appoints members to the LCB:
 - Prepares LCB meetings (e.g., agendas, by-laws, grievance procedures, trainings, etc.)
 - Assists LCB in evaluating CTC on annual basis
- Procures and recommends CTC designation.
- Coordinates and conducts transportation planning activities for its service area:
 - Works with CTC/LCB to develop TD Service Plan
 - Reviews Annual Operating Report and submits to the LCB.

A Planning Agency Can Be A...

- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- County/City Government
- Regional Planning Council
- Local Organizations who are performing planning activities in designated service areas

A planning agency may be responsible for multiple service areas.

Local Coordinating Board



Summary of Responsibilities

- Board membership represents local stakeholders and is appointed by planning agency.
- Meets quarterly and provides guidance on local coordination of transportation services.
- Serves as the local advisory body to the Commission.

The LCB Members Include...

- A local elected official, who serves as chair;
- Purchasing agencies (FDOT, AHCA, APD, etc.);
- The local education community;
- Vocational Rehabilitation/Blind Services;
- The veterans service office;
- Florida Association for Community Action;
- Riders (persons with disabilities, seniors, persons with low-income children at-risk);
- Transportation provider organizations;
- Medical Community;
- Workforce Development Board



LCB Duties...

- Assists in establishing eligibility guidelines and trip priorities.
- Assist with development of TD Service Plan
- Evaluates performance of CTC.
- Identifies and prioritizes local service needs.
- Appoints a grievance committee.
- Reviews and recommends other funding applications.
- Reviews strategies of service provision to the area.
- Evaluates multicounty or regional transportation opportunities.

Purchasing Agency



Summary of Responsibilities

- Serves as an Advisory Member to the Commission.
- Voting Members of the LCB.
- Purchases transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged.
- Assists communities to develop transportation systems designed to serve the transportation disadvantaged.
- Ensures its rules, procedures, guidelines, and directives are supportive of the transportation disadvantaged.

Who is a Purchasing Agency..

An agency that purchases transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged such as -

- Agency for Health Care Administration
- Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Department of Economic Opportunity
- Department of Children and Families
- Department of Education
- Department of Elder Affairs
- Department of Health
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Local Government Agencies and Organizations

Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes

Voting Conflicts of
Interest

Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes

- Public officer includes any person serving on an advisory body.
- Board members are considered public officers.
- Board members may not vote on any matter that would be to their special private gain or loss.

Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes

- Board members shall make every reasonable effort to disclose the nature of their interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with staff.
- The memorandum shall be incorporated in the meeting minutes.



Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes

- Board members shall, prior to a vote being taken, publicly state the nature of their interest in the matter from which they are abstaining from voting.
- Within 15 days after the vote occurs, Board members shall disclose the nature of their interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with staff.



Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes

- No Board member shall participate in any matter which would be to the Board member's special private gain or loss without first disclosing the nature of their interest in the matter.
- In the event that disclosure has not been made prior to the meeting or that any conflict is unknown prior to the meeting, the disclosure shall be made orally at the meeting when it becomes known that a conflict exists.
- A written memorandum disclosing the nature of the conflict shall be filed within 15 days after the oral disclosure.



Section 286, Florida Statutes

Florida Sunshine Law

Section 286, Florida Statutes

- Board meetings must be open to the public.
- Reasonable notice of Board meetings must be given.
- Minutes of Board meetings must be taken.



Section 286, Florida Statutes

- Applies to any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation or political subdivision.
- A meeting is considered any gathering of two or more Board members to discuss any matter which will come before the Board for action.





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March 2, 2022

TO: Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: 2021/26 Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Amendment

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an amendment to the 2021/26 Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan.

BACKGROUND

Applicants for funding under the 49 U.S.C. Grant Programs must certify to the Florida Department of Transportation that the grant projects are included in the current Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. In addition, Rule 41-2.011(6) of the Florida Administrative Code requires the Board to review applications for local, state and federal government public transportation project funds submitted for use in Gilchrist County.

Attached is a draft amendment to the 2021/26 Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan that meets the Federal and State requirements. Also, attached is Suwannee River Economic Council's application for 49 U.S.C. Section 5311 Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and American Rescue Plan Grant Program grant funds.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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3. Barriers to Coordination

Medicaid non-emergency transportation services are no longer coordinated through Florida’s Coordinated Transportation System in Gilchrist County. In May 2014, the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration implemented Florida’s Managed Medical Care Program. The Managed Medical Care Program requires Managed Medical Assistance Plans to provide transportation to their enrollees who have no other means of transportation available.

The Managed Medical Assistance Plans provide transportation services directly through their own network of transportation providers. According Chapter 2 of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Transportation Coverage, Limitations and Reimbursement Handbook, July 1997, “Medicaid is required by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes to purchase transportation services through the designated Community Transportation Coordinator, unless those services are not cost effective or the Community Transportation Coordinator does not coordinate Medicaid transportation services.”

Other barriers to the coordination of transportation services in Gilchrist County include the following:

- low density, rural population limits the ability to multi-load vehicles while maintaining an acceptable level of service; and
- limited availability of medical services/facilities in Gilchrist County requires out-of-county trips.

4. Needs Assessment

United States Code Section 5311 Grant Program

APPLICANT	PROJECT	PROJECT YEAR	PROJECT LOCATION	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	PROJECT FUNDING SOURCE
Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.	Provide transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged.	2021/22	Gilchrist County	\$131,626.00 \$131,626.00	United States Code Section 5311 Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

United States Code Section 5311 Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and American Rescue Plan Grant Program

APPLICANT	PROJECT	PROJECT YEAR	PROJECT LOCATION	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE
Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.	Provide transportation services to Gilchrist County residents.	2022/23	Gilchrist County	\$279,514.00	United States Code Section 5311



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TO: Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: Appoint Grievance Committee Member

RECOMMENDATION

The Chair needs to appoint one Board member to the Grievance Committee.

BACKGROUND

Chapter I.E. of the Board's Grievance Procedures requires the Chair to appoint five (5) voting members to the Grievance Committee. The following Board members serve on the Grievance Committee:

- Leslie Esseck, Persons with Disabilities Representative
- Richard Esseck, Elderly Representative
- Christina Nalsen, Florida Department of Transportation Representative
- Sandra Woodard, Children at Risk Representative

Currently, there is one vacancy on the Grievance Committee. Therefore, the Chair needs to appoint one Board member to this Committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

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TO: Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. - Operations Reports

RECOMMENDATION

No action required. This agenda item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

Attached are the following reports for the Board's review:

1. Quarterly Operations Report;
2. 2021/22 Trip & Equipment Grant Report;
3. Quarterly Complaint/Commendation Report; and
4. Quarterly Trip Denial Report.

If you have any questions regarding the attached reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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**QUARTERLY OPERATING REPORT
GILCHRIST COUNTY
JULY 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2021**

**QUARTERLY OPERATING REPORT
GILCHRIST COUNTY
JULY 2020 - SEPTEMBER 2020**

OPERATING DATA	Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.
NUMBER OF INVOICED TRIPS	963
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	0
Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program	362
Florida Managed Medical Care Program (Medicaid)	523
Community Trips	78
TOTAL VEHICLE MILES	26,791
TOTAL DOLLARS INVOICED	\$41,239.75
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	\$0.00
Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program	\$22,633.76
Florida Managed Medical Care Program (Medicaid)	\$18,605.99
Community Trips	\$0.00
AVERAGE COST PER TRIP	\$42.82
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	#DIV/0!
Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program	\$62.52
Florida Managed Medical Care Program (Medicaid)	\$35.58
Community Trips	\$0.00
AVG. COST PER VEHICLE MILE	\$1.54
TRIP PURPOSE	-
Medical	923
Employment	0
Education/Training	0
Shopping	21
Meal Site	0
Recreation	19
CHARGEABLE ACCIDENTS	1
NUMBER OF VEHICLES	10
AVERAGE MILES PER TRIP	28
NUMBER OF ROADCALLS	0

Source: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

OPERATING DATA	Suwannee River Economic Council
NUMBER OF INVOICED TRIPS	1,016
Aging Program - Title III-B	0
Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program	466
Florida Managed Medical Care Program (Medicaid)	464
Community Trips	86
TOTAL VEHICLE MILES	20,577
TOTAL DOLLARS INVOICED	\$43,707.60
Aging Program - Title III-B	\$0.00
Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program	\$26,264.52
Florida Managed Medical Care Program (Medicaid)	\$17,443.08
Community Trips	\$0.00
AVERAGE COST PER TRIP	\$43.02
Aging Program - Title III-B	#DIV/0!
Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program	\$56.36
Florida Managed Medical Care Program (Medicaid)	\$37.59
Community Trips	\$0
AVG. COST PER VEHICLE MILE	\$2.12
TRIP PURPOSE	-
Medical	1,016
Employment	0
Education/Training	0
Shopping	0
Meal Site	0
Recreation	0
CHARGEABLE ACCIDENTS	0
NUMBER OF VEHICLES	7
AVERAGE MILES PER TRIP	20
NUMBER OF ROADCALLS	0

Source: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

**TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM
2021/22 TRIP & EQUIPMENT GRANT SUMMARY
GILCHRIST COUNTY**

MONTH/YEAR	FUNDING ALLOCATION	TOTAL DOLLARS SPENT	TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING	NUMBER OF TRIPS	AVERAGE COST PER TRIP
Jul-21	\$175,787.00	\$9,283.74	\$166,503.26	155	\$59.90
Aug-21	-	\$6,521.22	\$159,982.04	115	\$56.71
Sep-21	-	\$6,828.80	\$153,153.24	92	\$74.23
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Nov-21	-		\$153,153.24		#DIV/0!
Dec-21	-		\$153,153.24		#DIV/0!
Jan-22	-		\$153,153.24		#DIV/0!
Feb-22	-		\$153,153.24		#DIV/0!
Mar-22	-		\$153,153.24		#DIV/0!
Apr-22	-		\$153,153.24		#DIV/0!
May-22	-		\$153,153.24		#DIV/0!
Jun-22	-		\$153,153.24		#DIV/0!
TOTAL	-	\$22,633.76	-	362	\$62.52

Source: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

Total Contract Amount: \$175,787.00

**GILCHRIST COUNTY
SERVICE COMPLAINTS/COMMENDATIONS
JULY 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2021**

TYPE OF COMPLAINT	Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.	Resolved
Vehicle Condition	0	-
Driver's Behavior	0	-
Client Behavior	0	-
Tardiness - Late pickup	0	-
Tardiness - Late dropoff	0	-
No Show by Operator	0	-
Dispatch/Scheduling	0	-
Service Denial	0	-
Other	0	-
TOTALS	0	0
COMMENDATIONS	0	

Source: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

**GILCHRIST COUNTY
UNMET TRANSPORTATION NEEDS
JULY 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2021**

REASON FOR TRIP DENIAL	NUMBER OF TRIP DENIALS
Lack of Funding	0
Trip Purpose	0
Out of Service Area Trip	0
Insufficient Advance Notice	0
After Hours Trip Request	0
Weekend Trip Request	0
Other	0
TOTALS	0

Source: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.



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March 2, 2022

TO: Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: 2022 Florida Legislative Session

RECOMMENDATION

No action required. This agenda item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged is seeking support of the Governor’s recommended \$10 million in additional budget authority to the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2022-23. \$4 Million would expand existing Transportation Disadvantaged Program services around the state. \$6 Million would support Transportation Disadvantaged Program services that enhance access to quality-of-life activities and expand regional (cross-county) mobility options.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact John Irvine, Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Project Manager, at 850-410-5712 or John.Irvine@dot.state.fl.us

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**Transportation
Disadvantaged**

2022 Legislative Priorities



Support the Governor's Recommended \$10 Million in **Additional Budget Authority** to the TD Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2022-23:

- ☑ \$4 Million would *expand existing transportation disadvantaged (TD) services* around the state, funded under the Trip & Equipment (T&E) Grant Program.
- ☑ \$6 Million would *support new, innovative TD services* that enhance access to quality of life activities and *expand regional (cross-county) mobility options*.

Message to Stakeholders of the TD Program:

The House/Senate proposals do *not* include additional budget authority for the T&E Grant. The Senate however *does* include the \$6 million request for innovative TD services.

If the Legislature does not approve the \$4 million request, 44 counties will experience a *reduction in TD funding* due to a change in the T&E Grant formula, including:

- ☒ \$636,729 (14.9% decrease) to the *Orlando Service Area*;
- ☒ \$355,282 (16.7% decrease) to the *Jacksonville Service Area*; and
- ☒ \$255,758 (7.5% decrease) to *Palm Beach County*.

The \$4 million request is supported by existing and projected revenues to the TD Trust Fund. It only requires an increase in legislative budget authority:

- The trust fund revenues have continued to *increase* (by \$4.9 million since FY17-18) while the Legislature has *decreased* the budget authority (by \$5.6 million since FY18-19) to the CTD Grant Programs (as illustrated by the chart on the back of this page).¹

Please share this information with your local legislative delegation and request that they support \$10 million in **ADDITIONAL BUDGET AUTHORITY** to the TD Trust Fund!

¹ The revenues and appropriation amounts represented on this chart do not include the funding that came out of the Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) program, which was repealed by the 2021 Legislature (SB 100).

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ATTENDANCE RECORD

**GILCHRIST COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED
COORDINATING BOARD**

MEMBER/ORGANIZATION	NAME	1/13/2021	4/14/2021	7/14/2021	10/13/2021
Chair	Commissioner Marion Poitevint	A	A	A	A
Florida Department of Transportation	Christina Nalsen	A	A	A	A
Alternate Member	Lauren Adams	A	A	P	P
Florida Department of Children and Families	John Wisker				
Alternate Member	Amy Burton				
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Reeda Harris				P
Alternate Member	Pamela Hagley				
Florida Department of Education	Jeffrey Aboumrad	A	P	P	P
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Pastor Ralph Williams	A	P	P	P
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Dick-Stanford	A	P	P	P
Alternate Member	Sylvia Bamburg	A	A	A	A
Florida Association for Community Action	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Public Education	Michelle Walker-Crawford	A	A	A	A
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Citizen Advocate	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Citizen Advocate-User	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Elderly	Richard Esseck	P	P	P	P
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Veterans	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Persons with Disabilities	Leslie Esseck	P	P	P	P
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Children at Risk	Sandra Woodard	P	P	P	P
Alternate Member	Brooke Ward	A	A	A	A
Local Medical Community	Brittney Keeling	A	P	A	A
Alternate Member	Krishna Stemple	A	P	P	A
Regional Workforce Board	Elizabeth Wetherington				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				

ATTENDANCE POLICY: According to Article III, Section 5 of the Coordinating Board bylaws:

"The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall review and consider rescinding the appointment of any voting member on the Board who fails to attend three consecutive meetings."

