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June 25, 2015

TO:

Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM:

Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT:

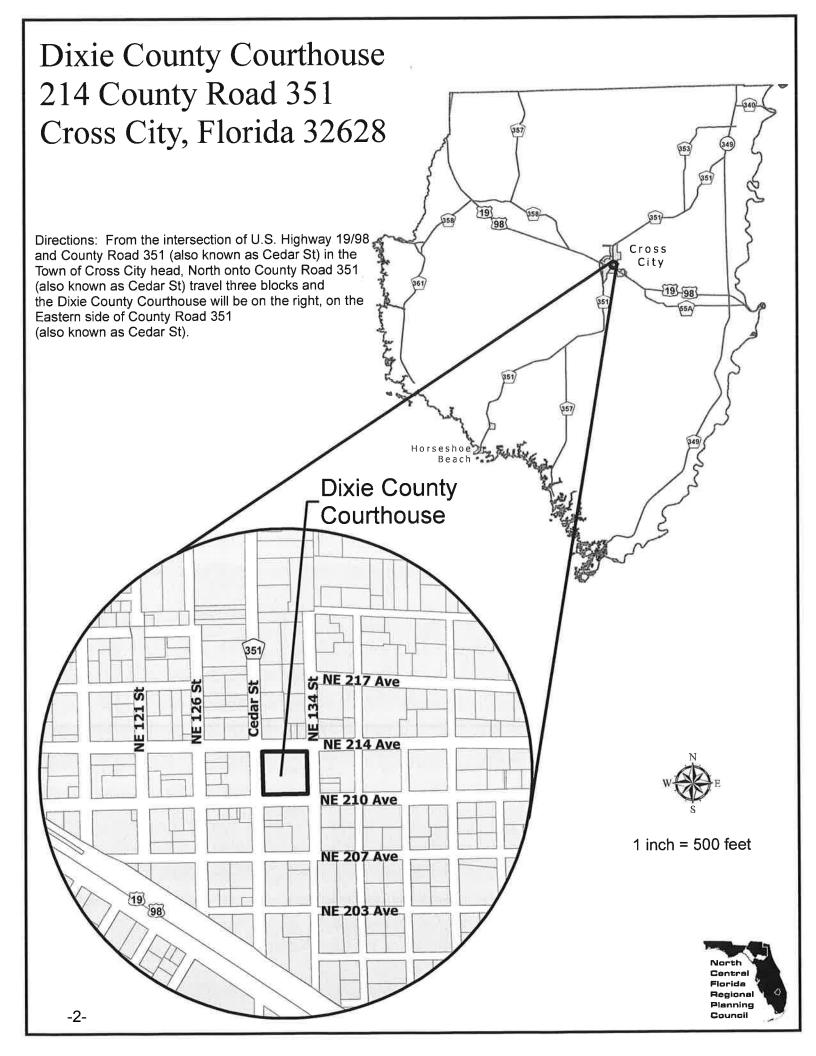
Meeting Announcement

The Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet <u>Thursday</u>, <u>July 2</u>, <u>2015</u> <u>at 1:00 p.m.</u> in the County Commission Meeting Room located in the Dixie County Courthouse at 214 NE Hwy 351, Cross City, Florida. This is an important meeting of the Board. At this meeting, the Board will approve the Bylaws and Grievance Procedures. All Board members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

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

Attachments

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DIXIE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA

County Commissioners' Meeting Room Dixie County Courthouse Cross City, Florida

Thursday July 2, 2015 1:00 p.m.

- I. **BUSINESS MEETING - CALL TO ORDER**
 - Invocation A.
 - В. Pledge of Allegiance
 - C. Introductions
 - D. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

ACTION REQUIRED

E. Approval of the April 2, 2015 **Minutes**

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ACTION REQUIRED

Π. **NEW BUSINESS**

Dixie County Transportation A.

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ACTION REQUIRED

Disadvantaged Service Plan Amendment

The Board needs to review and approve the Fiscal Year 2015/16 service rates

В. **Bylaws** Page 23

ACTION REQUIRED

The Board needs to review and approve the Bylaws

C. **Grievance Procedures** Page 41

ACTION REQUIRED

The Board needs to review and approve the Grievance Procedures

D. Multi-County Transportation
Disadvantaged Program Service Area

Page 59 NO ACTION REQUIRED

<u>The Board needs to discuss whether to recommend the designation of a multi-county</u> <u>Transportation Disadvantaged Program Service Area for Dixie and Gilchrist Counties</u>

E. Operations Reports

Page 65 NO ACTION REQUIRED

III. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Comments
 - 1. Members
 - 2. Citizens

IV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

A. October 1, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed materials, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-226-0690, extension 110.

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

DIXIE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

MEMBER/REPRESENTING	ALTERNATE/REPRESENTING
Commissioner Jason Holifield	Not Applicable
Local Elected Official/Chair	
Sandra Collins, Vice-Chair	Janell Damato
Florida Department of Transportation	Florida Department of Transportation
Grievance Committee Member	
Vacant	Vacant
Florida Department of Children and Families	Florida Department of Children and Families
Vacant	Jeff Aboumrad
Florida Department of Education	Florida Department of Education
1	Grievance Committee Member
Vacant	Vacant
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Vacant	Vacant
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Jeannie Carr	Sifoa Nunu
Regional Workforce Board	Regional Workforce Board
Vacant	Vacant
Florida Association for Community Action	Florida Association for Community Action
Term ending June 30, 2017	Term ending June 30, 2017
Vacant	Vacant
Public Education	Public Education
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Vacant	Vacant
Veterans	Veterans
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Term ending June 30, 2015	Term ending June 30, 2015
Vacant	Vacant
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Term ending June 30, 2017	Term ending June 30, 2017
Vacant	Vacant
Medical Community	Medical Community
Term ending June 30, 2016	Term ending June 30, 2016
Tonya Hiers	Brooke Ward
Children at Risk	Children at Risk
Term ending June 30, 2016	Term ending June 30, 2016
Vacant	Vacant
Private Transit	Private Transit
Term ending June 30, 2016	Term ending June 30, 2016

DIXIE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

County Commissioners' Meeting Room Dixie County Courthouse Cross City, Florida Thursday April 2, 2015 1:00 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Aboumrad, Florida Department of Education Representative Sandra Collins, Florida Department of Transportation Representative Melissa Long representing Commissioner Jason Holifield, Chair Andrew Singer representing Alana McKay, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Tim Alexander, Public Education Representative Tonya Hiers, Early Childhood Services Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Matthew Pearson, Suwannee River Economic Council

STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Godfrey, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

I. PUBLIC HEARING CALL TO ORDER

Due to Chairman Holifield's absence, the Board asked Ms. Lynn Godfrey, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Senior Planner, to conduct the public hearing and business meeting.

Ms. Godfrey called the public hearing to order at 1:00 p.m.

A. Invocation

Mr. Matthew Pearson gave the invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Godfrey led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Introductions

Ms. Godfrey asked everyone to introduce themselves.

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D. Receive Public Testimony

There was no public testimony received.

E. Close Public Hearing

Ms. Godfrey closed the public hearing at 1:01 p.m.

II. BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Godfrey called the business meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

A. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

ACTION: Andrew Singer moved to approve the meeting agenda. Sandra Collins

seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of the January 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Andrew Singer moved to approve the January 8, 2015 meeting minutes.

Melissa Long seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

Ms. Godfrey stated that Chapter 427, Florida Statutes requires Suwannee River Economic Council to prepare a Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan in cooperation with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the Board's approval. She said this plan provides information needed by the Board to continually review and assess transportation disadvantaged needs for the service area. She said the Service Plan must be submitted to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged annually.

The Board reviewed the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan.

ACTION: Andrew Singer moved to approve the Dixie County Transportation

Disadvantaged Service Plan. Sandra Collins seconded; motion passed

unanimously.

B. Elect Vice-Chair

Ms. Godfrey stated that Ms. Betty Touma served as the Board's Vice-Chair. She said Ms. Touma resigned from the Board because she no longer lives in Dixie County.

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The Board elected Ms. Sandra Collins as Vice-Chair.

C. Operations Reports

Ms. Godfrey stated that the operations reports are included in the meeting packet for the Board's review. She said there is no action required on this agenda item.

The Board reviewed the operations reports.

Ms. Collins asked if Suwannee River Economic Council was on target to spend all of the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds by the end of the Fiscal Year which is June 30, 2015.

Mr. Pearson said they should have all of the funds spent by the end of the Fiscal Year.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Comments

1. Members

Ms. Sandra Collins commended Suwannee River Economic Council for doing an excellent job providing transportation to Dixie County citizens.

2. Citizens

Ms. Godfrey stated that several Board members have resigned from the Board since the last meeting. She asked the Board members to assist her in finding interested individuals to serve on the Board. She also suggested combining the Dixie and Gilchrist Counties into one service area.

The Board agreed to discuss the possibility of combining Dixie and Gilchrist Counties into one service area.

Ms. Godfrey said she will ask the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board to hold a joint meeting with the Dixie County Board to discuss creating a multi-county service area.

V. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Ms. Godfrey stated that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Minutes April 2, 2015

The Board asked staff to work with the Chair to reschedule that meeting due to the July 4th holiday.

ADJOURNMENT		
The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.		
Coordinating Board Chair	Date	

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June 25, 2015

TO: Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Amendment

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan amendment.

BACKGROUND

The Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan includes the rates charged for Transportation Disadvantaged Program sponsored services. Attached are Suwannee River Economic Council's proposed Fiscal Year 2015/16 rates and Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Rate Model Worksheets. The Board needs to review and approve Suwannee River Economic Council's proposed rates.

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

Attachment

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Appendix B: Cost/Revenue Allocation and Rate Structure Justification

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR: Suwannee River Economic Council,

Inc.

COUNTY: Dixie

CONTRACT PERIOD: July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

PURCHASING AGENCY: Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

SERVICE TYPE	COST PER MILE
Transportation Disadvantaged Program Ambulatory	\$1.40/passenger mile
Transportation Disadvantaged Wheelchair	\$2. 3940 /passenger mile
Transportation Disadvantaged Stretcher	\$4.995.01/passenger mile

Preliminary Information Worksheet Version 1.4 CTC Name: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. County (Service Area): Dixie County Contact Person: Matt Pearson Phone # 386-362-4115 ext 222 Check Applicable Characteristic: ORGANIZATIONAL TYPE: **NETWORK TYPE:** Fully Brokered Governmental 0 0 Partially Brokered Private Non-Profit Private For Profit 0 Sole Source Once completed, proceed to the Worksheet entitled "Comprehensive Budget"

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Budgeted Rate Base Worksheet

Version 1.4

CTC: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

County: Dixie County

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If the Farebox Revenues are used as a source of Local Match Dollars, then identify the appropriate amount of Farebox Revenue that represents the portion of Local Match required on any state or federal grants. This does not mean that Farebox is the only source for Local Match.

Please review all Grant Applications and Agreements containing State and/or Federal funds for the proper Match Requirement levels and allowed sources.

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Fill in that portion of Budgeted Rate Subsidy Revenue in Column 4 that will come from Funds Earmarked by the Funding Source for Purchasing Capital Equipment. Also include the portion of Local Funds earmarked as Match related to the Purchase of Capital Equipment if a match amount is required by the Funding Source.

Budgeted Rate Base Worksheet

Version 1.4

CTC: Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

County: Dixle County

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Adjusted Expenditures Included in Rate
Base = \$

EXPENDITURES (CTC/Operators ONLY)

\$ 115,000

Amount of Budgeted Operating Rate Subsidy Revenue

¹ Rate Base Adjustment Cell

Rate Base Adjustment Cell Is where you could optionally adjust proposed service rates up or down to adjust for program revenue (or unapproved profit), or losses from the Actual period shown at the bottom of the Comprehensive Budget Sheet. This is not the only acceptable location or method of reconcilling for excess gains or losses. If allowed by the respective funding sources, excess gains may also be adjusted by providing system subsidy revenue or by the purchase of additional trips in a period following the Actual period. If such an adjustment has been made, provide notation in the respective extantion area of the Comprehensive Budget tab.

¹The Difference between Expenses and Revenues for Fiscal Year:

272,774

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2013 - 2014

Once Completed, Proceed to the Worksheet entitled "Program-wide Rates"

Worksheet for Program-wide Rates

CTC:

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County:

Dixie County

1. Complete Total Projected Passenger Miles and ONE-WAY Passenger Trips (GREEN cells) below

Do NOT include trips or miles related to Coordination Contractors!

Do NOT include School Board trips or miles UNLESS.........

INCLUDE all ONE-WAY passenger trips and passenger miles related to services you purchased from your transportation operators!

Do NOT include trips or miles for services provided to the general public/private pay UNLESS..

Do NOT include escort activity as passenger trips or passenger miles unless charged the full rate for service!

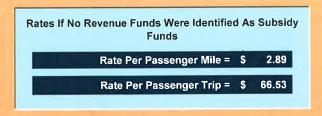
Do NOT include fixed route bus program trips or passenger miles!



Fiscal Year

2015 - 2016

Avg. Passenger Trip Length = 23.0 Miles



Once Completed, Proceed to the Worksheet entitled "Multiple Service Rates"

Vehicle Miles

The miles that a vehicle is scheduled to or actually travels from the time it pulls out from its garage to go into revenue service to the time it pulls in from revenue service.

Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM)

The miles that vehicles are scheduled to or actually travel while in revenue service. Vehicle revenue miles exclude:

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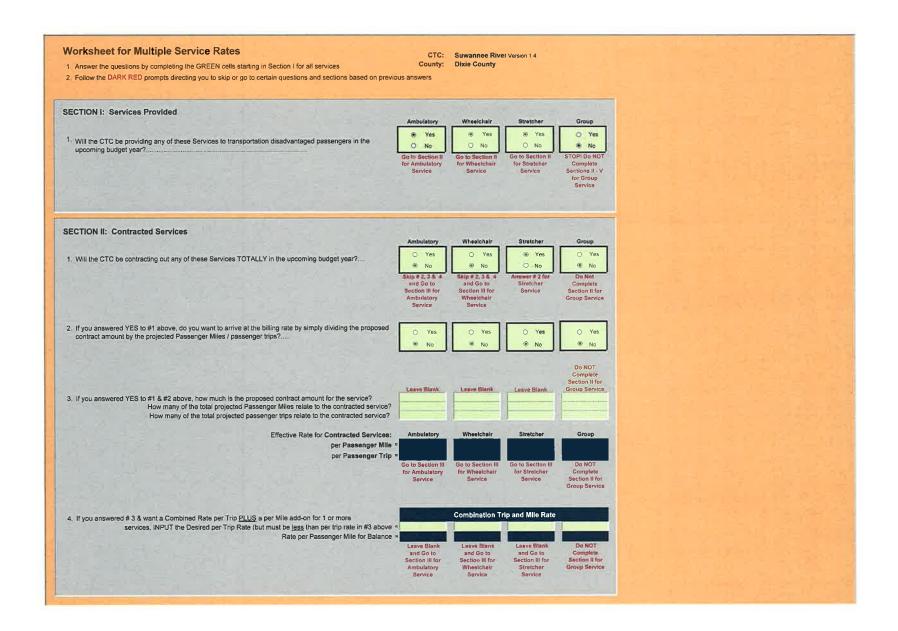
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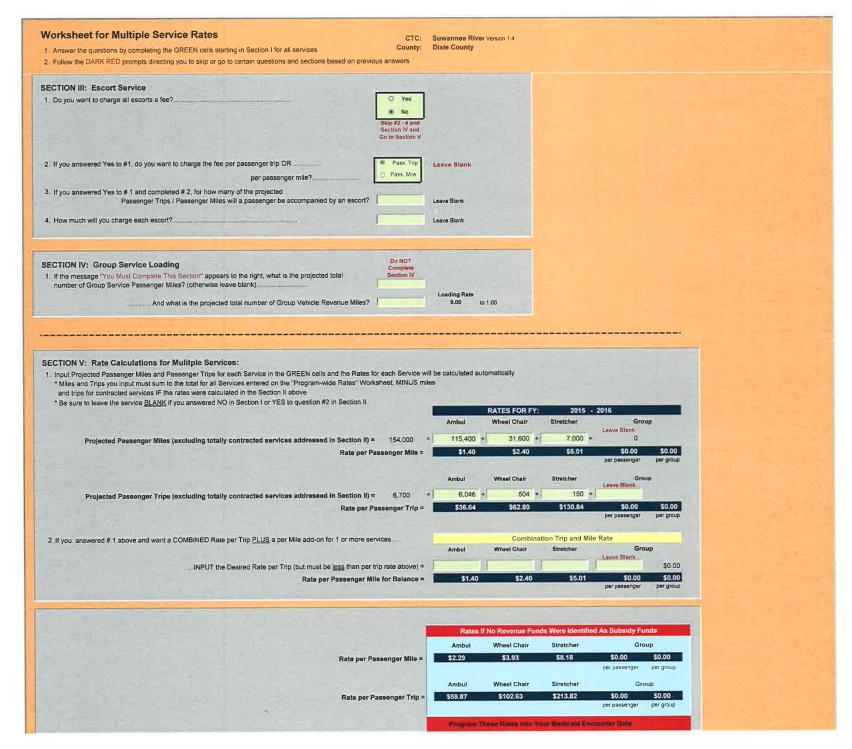
School bus and charter services.

Passenger Miles (PM)

The cumulative sum of the distances ridden by each passenger.



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June 25, 2015

TO:

Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM:

Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT:

Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Bylaws

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Board's Bylaws.

BACKGROUND

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the Board review and approve the Bylaws annually. Attached are the Board's Bylaws for review and approval.

If you have any questions concerning the Bylaws, please contact me at extension 110.

Attachment

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Bylaws

July 2, 2015

Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board







Bylaws

Approved by the

Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

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Jason Holifield, Chair

with Assistance from

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Chapter I: Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Bylaws

A. Preamble

The following sets forth the bylaws which shall serve to guide the proper functioning of the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. The intent is to provide procedures and policies for fulfilling the requirements of Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, and subsequent laws setting forth requirements for the coordination of transportation services to the transportation disadvantaged.

B. Agency Description

The Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board is a public body appointed by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency as authorized by Section 427.015, Florida Statutes.

C. Definitions

Transportation disadvantaged means those persons who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation and are, therefore, dependent upon others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities, or other life-sustaining activities, or children who are handicapped or high-risk or at-risk as defined in Section 411.202, Florida Statutes.

Agency means an official, officer, commission, authority, council, committee, department, division, bureau, board, section, or any other unit or entity of the state or of a city, town, municipality, county, or other local governing body or a private nonprofit transportation service-providing agency.

Community Transportation Coordinator means a transportation entity recommended by a metropolitan planning organization, or by the appropriate designated official planning agency as provided for in Section 427.011, Florida Statutes in an area outside the purview of a metropolitan planning organization, to ensure that coordinated transportation services are provided to the transportation disadvantaged population in a designated service area.

Coordinating Board means an advisory entity in each designated service area composed of representatives appointed by the metropolitan planning organization or designated official planning agency, to provide assistance to the community transportation coordinator relative to the coordination of transportation services.

Coordination means the arrangement for the provision of transportation services to the transportation disadvantaged in a manner that is cost-effective, efficient and reduces fragmentation and duplication of services.

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Designated Official Planning Agency means the official body or agency designated by the Commission to fulfill the functions of transportation disadvantaged planning in areas not covered by a Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Metropolitan Planning Organization shall serve as the designated official planning agency in areas covered by such organizations.

Designated Service Area means a geographical area recommended by a designated official planning agency, subject to approval by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, which defines the community where coordinated transportation services will be provided to the transportation disadvantaged.

Florida Coordinated Transportation System means a transportation system responsible for coordination and service provisions for the transportation disadvantaged as outlined in Chapter 427, Florida Statutes.

Memorandum of Agreement is the state contract for transportation disadvantaged services purchased with federal, state or local government transportation disadvantaged funds. This agreement is between the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and the Community Transportation Coordinator and recognizes the Community Transportation Coordinator as being responsible for the arrangement of the provision of transportation disadvantaged services for a designated service area.

Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan means an annually updated plan jointly developed by the Designated Official Planning Agency and the Community Transportation Coordinator which contains a development plan, service plan and quality assurance components. The plan shall be approved and used by the local Coordinating Board to evaluate the Community Transportation Coordinator.

D. Name and Purpose

- (1) The name of the Coordinating Board shall be the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board.
- The purpose of the Board is to identify local service needs and provide information, advice and direction to the Community Transportation Coordinator on the provision of services to the transportation disadvantaged within the designated service area. In general, the Board is considered an advisory body (Section 427.0157, Florida Statutes).

E. Membership

- (1) Voting Members. In accordance with Section 427.0157, Florida Statutes, all voting members of the Board shall be appointed by the Designated Official Planning Agency. The Designated Official Planning Agency for Dixie County is the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.
 - (a) An elected official from the service area which the Board serves shall be appointed to the Board.
 - (b) A local representative of the Florida Department of Transportation;
 - (c) A local representative of the Florida Department of Children and Family Services;

- (d) A local representative of the Public Education Community which could include, but not be limited to, a representative of the District School Board, School Board Transportation Office or Headstart Program in areas where the School District is responsible;
- (e) In areas where they exist, a local representative of the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or the Division of Blind Services, representing the Department of Education;
- (f) A person recommended by the local Veterans Service Office representing the veterans of the service area;
- (g) A person who is recognized by the Florida Association for Community Action (President), representing the economically disadvantaged in the service area;
- (h) A person over age sixty (60) representing the elderly in the service area;
- (i) A person with a disability representing the disabled in the service area;
- Two citizen advocate representatives in the service area; one who must be a person who
 uses the transportation service(s) of the system as their primary means of
 transportation;
- (k) A local representative for children at risk;
- (I) In areas where they exist, the Chairperson or designee of the local Mass Transit or Public Transit System's Board, except in cases where they are also the Community Transportation Coordinator;
- (m) A local representative of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs;
- (n) An experienced representative of the local private for profit transportation industry. In areas where such representative is not available, a local private non profit representative shall be appointed, except where said representative is also the Community Transportation Coordinator;
- (o) A local representative of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration;
- (p) A representative of the Regional Workforce Development Board established in Chapter 445, Florida Statutes; and
- (q) A representative of the local medical community, which may include, but not be limited to, kidney dialysis centers, long term care facilities, assisted living facilities, hospitals, local health department or other home and community based services, etc.
- (r) No employee of a Community Transportation Coordinator shall serve as a voting member of the Coordinating Board in an area where the Community Transportation Coordinator serves. However, an elected official serving as a member of the Community Transportation Coordinator's Board of Directors, or other governmental employees that are not employed for the purpose of making provisions for transportation and are not directly supervised by the Community Transportation Coordinator, shall not be precluded from serving as voting members of the Coordinating Board.

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It is the intent of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for the membership of the Board to represent to the maximum extent possible a cross section of their local community.

- (2) Alternate Members. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council may appoint one alternate member to represent appointed voting members in their absence. Alternate members may vote only in the absence of the voting member on a one-vote-per-member basis. Alternate members must be a representative of the same interest as the primary member.
- (3) Terms of Appointment. Except for the Chair, non-agency members of the Board shall be appointed for three-year staggered terms with initial membership being appointed equally for one, two and three years. The Chair shall serve until elected term of office has expired or otherwise replaced by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. There are no limits to the number of terms served by any member of the Board.
- (4) Termination of Membership. Any member of the Board may resign at any time. Each member of the Board is expected to demonstrate his/her interest in the Board's activities through attendance of the scheduled meetings, except for reasons of an unavoidable nature. In each instance of an unavoidable absence, the absent member should ensure that his/her alternate will attend.

F. Officers

- (1) Chair. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall appoint an official Chair for all Board meetings. The appointed Chair shall be an elected official from the designated service area that the Board serves (41-2.012(1), Florida Administrative Code). For a multi-county Board, the Chair shall be from one of the counties in the designated service area. The Chair shall serve until their elected term of office has expired or otherwise replaced by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The Chair shall preside at all meetings.
- Vice-Chair. The Board shall hold an organizational meeting each year for the purpose of electing a Vice-Chair (41-2.012(2) Florida Administrative Code). The Vice-Chair shall be elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the members of the Board present and voting at the organizational meeting. The Vice-Chair shall serve a term of one year starting with the first meeting after their election. For a multi-county Board, an elected official not serving as the Chair shall serve as Vice-Chair. In the event of the Chair's absence, the Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chairperson and conduct the meeting. The Vice-Chair may serve more than one term.

G. Meetings

- (1) Regular Meetings. The Board shall meet at least quarterly. The Board may meet as often as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities as set forth in Section 427.0157, Florida Statutes. All meetings will function under the "Government in the Sunshine Law." All meetings will provide opportunity for public comments on the agenda. The Board shall conduct business using parliamentary procedures according to Roberts Rules of Order.
- (2) Emergency Meetings. The Board may hold emergency meetings in order to transact business necessary to ensure the continuation of services to the transportation disadvantaged population. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by writing by 1/3 of the Board's voting membership.

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff shall give the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, Board members and all interested parties one week notice, if possible, of the date, time, location and proposed agenda for the emergency meeting. Meeting materials shall be provided as early as possible. Emergency meetings shall be advertised at a minimum, in the largest general circulation newspaper in the designated service area as soon as possible prior to the meeting.

- (3) Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called for any appropriate purpose by the Chair or by written request of at least seven (7) voting members of the Board.
- (4) Notice of Regular and Special Meetings. Notices and tentative agendas shall be provided to the Florida Commission for the Transportation, Board members and other interested parties at least two weeks prior to each Board meeting. Meeting notices shall include the date, time, location, general nature/subject of the meeting, a contact person and phone number to call for additional information and to request accessible formats.

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall provide the agenda and meeting package to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, Board members and all other interested parties prior to the meeting. The agenda shall include a public participation opportunity.

- (5) Quorum. At all meetings of the Board, the presence in person of 40 percent of the voting members shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, those present may, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting, recess the meeting from time to time, until a quorum shall be present. At any such recessed meeting, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called. In the absence of a quorum, the members present may also elect to either:
 - a) Cancel and reschedule the meeting; or
 - b) Continue to meet and discuss agenda items for informational purposes only. Agenda items that require formal action shall be presented at a future meeting where a quorum is present.

Board members can participate (and vote) in meetings via conference call, however, a physical quorum must be present to vote on agenda items that require formal action.

(6) Voting. At all meetings of the Board at which a quorum is present, all matters, except as otherwise expressly required by law or these Bylaws, shall be decided by the vote of a majority of the members of the Board present. As required by Section 286.012, Florida Statutes, all Board members, including the Chair of the Board, must vote on all official actions taken by the Board except when there appears to be a possible conflict of interest with a member or members of the Board.

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- (7) Conflict of Interest. In accordance with Chapter 112 (Part III), Florida Statutes, "No county, municipal, or other public office shall vote in an official capacity upon any measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss, or which the officer know would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal which he or she is retained, of a relative or of a business associate. The officer must publicly announce the nature of his or her interest before the vote and must file a memorandum of voting conflict on Ethics Commission Form 8B with the meeting's recording officer within 15 days after the vote occurs disclosing the nature of his or her interest in the matter."
- (8) Proxy Voting. Proxy voting is not permitted.
- (9) Parliamentary Procedures. The Board will conduct business using parliamentary procedures according to Robert's Rules of Order, except when in conflict with these Bylaws.
- (10) Attendance. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall review, and consider rescinding, the appointment of any voting member of the Board who fails to attend three consecutive meetings. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall notify the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged if any state agency voting member or their alternate fails to attend three consecutive meetings. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council must maintain an attendance roster for each meeting. Board members can participate (and vote) at meetings via conference call, however, a physical quorum must be present to vote on action items.

H. Administration

- (1) Staff Support. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall provide the Board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the Board to fulfill its responsibilities as set forth in Section 427.0157, Florida Statutes. These responsibilities include providing sufficient staff to manage and oversee the operations of the Board and assist in the scheduling of meetings, preparing meeting agenda packets and other necessary administrative duties as required by the Board within the limits of the resources available.
- (2) Minutes. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is responsible for maintaining an official set of minutes for each Board meeting regardless of the presence of a quorum. The minutes shall be prepared in a reasonable time following the meeting and shall include an attendance roster indicating what agency, organization or position each member represents and reflect a summary of official actions taken by the Board. Meeting minutes shall be provided at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting for approval.

I. Duties

- (1) Board Duties. The following Board duties are set forth in Chapter 427, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.
 - (a) Maintain official meeting minutes, including an attendance roster, reflecting official actions and provide a copy of same to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

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- (b) Review and approve the Memorandum of Agreement and Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan.
- Annually evaluate the Community Transportation Coordinator's performance in general and relative to Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and local standards as referenced in Rule 41-2.006, Florida Administrative Code, and the performance results of the most recent Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. As part of the Community Transportation Coordinator's performance, the Board shall also set an annual percentage goal increase for the number of trips provided within the system for ridership on public transit, where applicable. In areas where the public transit is being utilized, the Board shall set an annual percentage of the number of trips to be provided on public transit. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged shall provide evaluation criteria for the Board to use relative to the performance of the Community Transportation Coordinator. This evaluation shall be submitted to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged upon approval by the Board.
- (d) In cooperation with the Community Transportation Coordinator, review all applications for local, state or federal funds relating to transportation of the transportation disadvantaged in the service area to ensure that any expenditures within the county are provided in the most cost effective and efficient manner.
- (e) Review coordination strategies for service provision to the transportation disadvantaged in the service area to seek innovative ways to improve cost effectiveness, efficiency, safety, working hours and types of service in an effort to increase ridership to a broader population. Such strategies should also encourage multi-county and regional transportation service agreements between area Community Transportation Coordinators and consolidation of adjacent counties when it is appropriate and cost effective to do so.
- (f) Working with the Community Transportation Coordinator, jointly develop applications for funds that may become available.
- (g) Assist the Community Transportation Coordinator in establishing eligibility guidelines and trip priorities for trips that are purchased with Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds.
- (h) Annually review coordination contracts to advise the Community Transportation Coordinator whether the continuation of said contract provides the most cost effective and efficient transportation available.
- (i) Annually review all transportation operator contracts as to the effectiveness and efficiency of the transportation operator and recommend approval or disapproval of such contracts to the Community Transportation Coordinator.
- (j) Annually hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving input on unmet transportation needs or any other areas that relate to the local transportation services.
- (k) Annually review the Annual Operations Report.

J. Committees

The Chair subject to approval by the Board shall appoint a Grievance Committee to process and investigate complaints from agencies, users, transportation operators and potential users of the system in the designated service area. The Grievance Committee shall make recommendations to the Board or to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for improvement of service. The Board shall establish a process and procedures to provide regular opportunities for issues to be brought before the Grievance Committee and to address them in a timely manner. Rider brochures or other documents provided to users or potential users of the system shall provide information about the complaint and grievance process including the publishing of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged's Transportation Disadvantaged Helpline service when local resolution has not occurred. When requested, all materials shall be made available in accessible format. Members appointed to the Grievance Committee shall be voting members of the Board. If a Grievant claims a conflict between the Grievant and a Grievance Committee member, the Grievance Committee member identified as having a conflict shall recues themselves from hearing the grievance.

If the Community Transportation Coordinator provides Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation through a contract with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, the Board's Grievance Committee shall be responsible for responding to grievances and appeals through the Medicaid Grievance System. A Medicaid Expedited Appeal Committee must also be established to address expedited appeals.

Additional committees shall be appointed by the Chair, subject to approval by the Board, as necessary to investigate and report on specific subject areas of interest to the Board and to deal with administrative and legislative procedures.

K. Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of members present at regular meetings.

L. Certification

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is the Chair of the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Bylaws of this Board as adopted by the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board the 2nd day of July 2015.

Jason Holifield, Chair Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

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June 25, 2015

TO:

Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM:

Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT:

Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Grievance Procedures

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Board's Grievance Procedures.

BACKGROUND

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the Board review and approve the Grievance Procedures annually. Attached are the Board's Grievance Procedures for review and approval.

If you have any questions concerning the Grievance Procedures, please contact me at extension 110.

Attachment

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Transportation Disadvantaged Grievance Procedures

July 2, 2015

Dixie County
Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board



Transportation Disadvantaged Grievance Procedures

Approved by the

Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

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Chapter I: Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Grievance Procedures

A. Preamble

The following sets forth the procedures for the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board to address grievances from agencies, users, potential users, sub-contractors, and other interested parties concerning Florida's Coordinated Transportation System.

B. Agency Description

The Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, herein after referred to as the Board, is a public body appointed by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency as authorized by Section 427.015, Florida Statutes.

C. Definitions

Transportation disadvantaged means those persons who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation and are, therefore, dependent upon others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities, or other life-sustaining activities, or children who are handicapped or high-risk or at-risk as defined in Section 411.202, Florida Statutes.

Agency means an official, officer, commission, authority, council, committee, department, division, bureau, board, section, or any other unit or entity of the state or of a city, town, municipality, county, or other local governing body or a private nonprofit transportation service-providing agency.

Community Transportation Coordinator means a transportation entity recommended by a metropolitan planning organization, or by the appropriate designated official planning agency as provided for in Section 427.011, Florida Statutes in an area outside the purview of a metropolitan planning organization, to ensure that coordinated transportation services are provided to the transportation disadvantaged population in a designated service area.

Coordinating Board means an advisory entity in each designated service area composed of representatives appointed by the metropolitan planning organization or designated official planning agency, to provide assistance to the community transportation coordinator relative to the coordination of transportation services.

Coordination means the arrangement for the provision of transportation services to the transportation disadvantaged in a manner that is cost-effective, efficient and reduces fragmentation and duplication of services.

Designated Official Planning Agency means the official body or agency designated by the Commission to fulfill the functions of transportation disadvantaged planning in areas not covered by a Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Metropolitan Planning Organization shall serve as the designated official planning agency in areas covered by such organizations.

Designated Service Area means a geographical area recommended by a designated official planning agency, subject to approval by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, which defines the community where coordinated transportation services will be provided to the transportation disadvantaged.

Florida's Coordinated Transportation System means a transportation system responsible for coordination and service provisions for the transportation disadvantaged as outlined in Chapter 427, Florida Statutes.

Grievance means a written complaint to document any concerns regarding the operation or administration of services provided by Florida's Coordinated Transportation System by the Community Transportation Coordinator, subcontracted transportation operators, the Designated Official Planning Agency, or the Board. A grievance may also be a service complaint that has been left unresolved for more than 45 days.

Memorandum of Agreement is the state contract for transportation disadvantaged services purchased with federal, state or local government transportation disadvantaged funds. This agreement is between the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and the Community Transportation Coordinator and recognizes the Community Transportation Coordinator as being responsible for the arrangement of the provision of transportation disadvantaged services for a designated service area.

Service complaint means routine incidents that occur on a daily basis, are reported to the driver or dispatcher, or to other individuals involved with the daily operations, and are resolved within the course of a reasonable time period suitable to the complainant. All service complaints shall be recorded and a summary of complaints should be provided by the Community Transportation Coordinator on a quarterly basis, to the Board.

Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan means an annually updated plan jointly developed by the Designated Official Planning Agency and the Community Transportation Coordinator which contains a development plan, service plan and quality assurance components. The plan shall be approved and used by the local Coordinating Board to evaluate the Community Transportation Coordinator.

D. Purpose

- (1) The Board shall appoint a Grievance Committee to serve as a mediator to process, and investigate complaints from agencies, users, potential users of the system and the Community Transportation Coordinator in the designated service area, and make recommendations to the Board for the improvement of service.
- (2) The Board shall establish procedures to provide regular opportunities for issues to be brought before the Grievance Committee and to address them in a timely manner. Members appointed to the Grievance Committee shall be voting members of the Board.

The Grievance Committee and the Board shall have the authority to hear and advise on grievances. When an entity makes a determination of the rights, duties, privileges, benefits, or legal relationships of a specified person or persons, it is exercising "adjudicative" or "determinative" powers. Deciding a grievance between two independent parties may fall within these parameters, depending on the nature of the grievance. Chapter 427, Florida Statutes grants no adjudicative powers to anyone.

E. Membership

- (1) The Chair, subject to approval by the Board, shall appoint five (5) voting members to a Grievance Committee. The membership of the Grievance Committee shall include broad geographic representation from members of the local Coordinating Board representing the counties in the service area.
- (2) Term limits on the Grievance Committee may coincide with term limits on the Board.

F. Officers

(1) The Grievance Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair.

G. Meetings

- (1) The Grievance Committee may meet as often as necessary to fulfill their responsibilities. The Grievance Committee may meet following Board meetings to hear complaints and grievances. All meetings will function under the "Government in the Sunshine Law." All meetings will provide opportunity for public comments on the agenda.
- Notice of Meetings. Notices and tentative agendas shall be provided to the Florida Commission for the Transportation, Committee members and other interested parties at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Meeting notices shall include the date, time, location, general nature/subject of the meeting, a contact person and phone number to call for additional information and to request accessible formats.
- Quorum. At all meetings of the Grievance Committee, the presence in person of a majority of the voting members shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, those present may, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting, recess the meeting from time to time, until a quorum shall be present. At any such recessed meeting, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.
- (4) Voting. A majority vote is required for actions by the Grievance Committee. As required by Section 286.012, Florida Statutes, all Grievance Committee members, including the Chair, must vote on all official actions taken by the Grievance Committee except when there appears to be a possible conflict of interest with a member or members of the Grievance Committee.

(5) Conflict of Interest. In accordance with Chapter 112 (Part III), Florida Statutes, "No county, municipal, or other public office shall vote in an official capacity upon any measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss, or which the officer know would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal which he or she is retained, of a relative or of a business associate. The officer must publicly announce the nature of his or her interest before the vote and must file a memorandum of voting conflict on Ethics Commission Form 8B with the meeting's recording officer within 15 days after the vote occurs disclosing the nature of his or her interest in the matter."

In cases where a grievance involves the private or personal interests of a member of the Grievance Committee, such member shall be disqualified from hearing such grievance. If a Grievant claims a conflict between the Grievant and a Grievance Committee member, the Grievance Committee member identified as having a conflict shall recues themselves from hearing the grievance. No member of the Grievance Committee shall appear before the Grievance Committee as an agent or attorney for any person.

- (6) Proxy Voting. Proxy voting is not permitted.
- (7) Parliamentary Procedures. The Grievance Committee will conduct business using parliamentary procedures according to Robert's Rules of Order, except when in conflict with these Grievance Procedures.

H. Administration

- (1) Staff Support. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall provide the Grievance Committee with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the Grievance Committee to fulfill their responsibilities.
- (2) Minutes. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is responsible for maintaining an official set of minutes for each Grievance Committee meeting.

I. Duties

The Grievance Committee shall make recommendations to the Board, the Community Transportation Coordinator, and/or to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for improvement of service.

J. Procedures

(1) The grievance procedures shall be open to addressing concerns by any person or agency including but not limited to: purchasing agencies, users, potential users, private-for-profit operators, private-nonprofit operators, Community Transportation Coordinators, Designated Official Planning Agencies, elected officials, and drivers. The grievant, in their formal complaint, should demonstrate or establish their concerns as clearly as possible.

- (2) The Board must make a written copy of the grievance procedures available to anyone, upon request. All documents pertaining to the grievance process will be made available, upon request, in accessible format. The following procedures are established to provide regular opportunities for grievances to be brought before the Grievance Committee.
- (3) Should an interested party wish to file a grievance with the Board, that grievance must be filed in writing within ninety (90) days after the occurrence of the event giving rise to the grievance. The grievance shall be sent to:

Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Grievance Committee 2009 N.W. 67th Place Gainesville, FL 32653-1603

- (4) If requested, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff will provide assistance to individuals in preparing written grievances.
- (5) The grievance should try to demonstrate or establish a clear violation of a specific law, regulation, or contractual arrangement. Copies of pertinent laws and regulations may be obtained from North Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff.
- (6) The grievance shall include:
 - a. the name, address and telephone number of the Complainant;
 - b. a statement of the grounds for the grievance and be supplemented by supporting documentation, made in a clear and concise manner; and
 - c. an explanation by the Complainant of the improvements needed to address the complaint.
- (7) If the Board receives a grievance pertaining to the operation of services by the Community Transportation Coordinator, that grievance shall be forwarded to the Community Transportation Coordinator for a written response. The Community Transportation Coordinator's written response shall be provided to the Grievance Committee at least one week prior to the Grievance Committee meeting to hear such grievance.
- (8) If the Complainant does not want to be contacted by the Community Transportation Coordinator concerning the grievance before the grievance is heard, the Community Transportation Coordinator is prohibited from contacting the Complainant.
- (9) Within fifteen (15) working days following the date of receipt of the formal grievance, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff shall advise the Grievance Committee of the grievance to schedule a hearing on the grievance and inform the Complainant of the hearing date.
- (10) The Grievance Committee shall meet to hear the grievance within forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of receipt of the grievance.
- (11) North Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff shall send notice of the Grievance Committee's scheduled hearing in writing to the local newspaper of greatest circulation, the Complainant and other interested parties.

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- (12) All involved parties have a right to present their views to the Grievance Committee, either orally or in writing. In addition, all parties may present evidence. The Community Transportation Coordinator shall provide transportation to and from Grievance Committee meetings at no charge to complainants who cannot transport themselves to the meetings.
- (13) A written report and any recommendations of the Grievance Committee shall be provided to the Board. A copy of this report shall be provided to the concerned parties within ten (10) working days after the hearing on the grievance and no more than sixty (60) calendar days from the date of receipt of the formal grievance. The Grievance Committee's recommendation will stand unless the recommendation is changed by the Board.
- (14) A written report shall also be provided to the Community Transportation Coordinator's Governing Board.

K. Appeals

(1) Appeals of recommendations by the Grievance Committee to the Board shall be made within twenty (20) working days from the date when the Grievance Committee makes a recommendation regarding a grievance. The appeal shall be mailed to:

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- (2) The Complainant will be notified in writing of the date, time and place of the Board meeting where the appeal will be heard. This written notice will be mailed at least ten (10) calendar days in advance of the meeting.
- (3) The Board will meet to hear the appeal and render its recommendation within thirty (30) calendar days of the date the appeal was filed. A written copy of the recommendation will be mailed to all parties involved within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the recommendation.
- (4) Should a Complainant remain dissatisfied with the Board's decision, he or she may contact the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged at the following address:

Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged 605 Suwannee Street, MS-49 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

(5) The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged also has an Ombudsman Program to assist individuals with complaints. The toll-free Ombudsman Hotline is 1-800-983-2435. Chapter 427, Florida Statutes does not expressly confer the power or authority for the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged to "hear and determine" a grievance between two (2) third parties. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged may choose to listen to grievances and it can investigate them from a fact-finding perspective. It cannot be the "judge" or "arbiter" of the grievance in the sense of determining that one party's version of the facts is right and the other is wrong, and order the wrong party to somehow compensate the right party. On the other hand, the grievance may bring to light a problem within "the system."

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- (6) If the grievance showed that one (1) of the parties with whom the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged contracts was acting so aberrantly as to not be in compliance with its contract, the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged could exercise whatever contractual rights it has to correct the problem.
- (7) The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged may take part in the grievance process, if it wants to, for purposes of listening to the grieving parties and gathering the facts of the matter. It may not decide the grievance, where doing so would amount to an exercise of adjudicative powers.

L. Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Program Grievance-System

- (1) If the Community Transportation Coordinator provides Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation through a contract with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, the Board's Grievance Committee shall be responsible for responding to grievances and appeals through the Medicaid Grievance System. A Medicaid Expedited Appeal Committee must also be established to address expedited appeals.
- (2) The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Medicaid Grievance System is attached as Appendix A.

M. Suspension Reconsideration

- (1) If a rider has been issued a notice of suspension of service by the Community Transportation Coordinator, they have ten (10) calendar days from the date of issuance of suspension notice to request a reconsideration hearing on the suspension. If a reconsideration hearing is requested, the hearing will be held by the Grievance Committee if the suspension involves transportation provided under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program.
- The written request must include the name, address and telephone number of the person who is requesting the hearing and a statement as to why his or her riding privileges should not be suspended. If the request is not received within ten (10) calendar days from the issue date of the suspension, then the suspension becomes effective ten (10) calendar days from the date of issue.
- (3) Upon receipt of letter requesting the reconsideration hearing, a hearing shall be held within ten (10) working days. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will advise the person requesting the reconsideration hearing by return correspondence of the date, time and location of the hearing.
- (4) The person will be given the opportunity to present the reasons why they believe the suspension should not take place. The Grievance Committee will make a recommendation whether or not to uphold the suspension. A written statement of the recommendation shall be forwarded to the person requesting the hearing within two (2) working days after the hearing by the Grievance Committee. A written statement of the decision whether or not to uphold the suspension shall be forwarded by certified mail within two (2) working days by the Community Transportation Coordinator to the person requesting the hearing.

N. Prohibition Against Retaliation

The Community Transportation Coordinator shall not take any punitive action against an individual who files a grievance. No individual shall be denied Transportation Disadvantaged Program services because such individual has filed a grievance related to Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program or has testified or is about to testify in any such proceeding or investigation related to Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program.

O. Alternative Recourse

Apart from these grievance processes, aggrieved parties with proper standing may also have recourse through Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, administrative hearings process or the judicial court system.

P. Certification

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is the Chair of the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Grievance Procedures of this Board as adopted by the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board the 2nd day of July 2015.

Jason Holifield, Chair Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

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June 25, 2015

TO: Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Multi-County Designated Service Area and the Establishment of a Multi-

County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the designation of a multi-county designated service area under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program and the establishment of a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for Dixie and Gilchrist Counties.

BACKGROUND

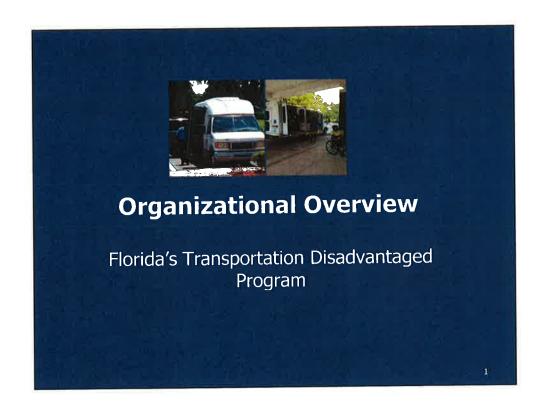
Dixie and Gilchrist Counties have the ability operate as a multi-county designated service area under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program. If a multi-county designated service area is created for Dixie and Gilchrist Counties, the Florida Commission for the Transportation will establish a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for Dixie and Gilchrist Counties.

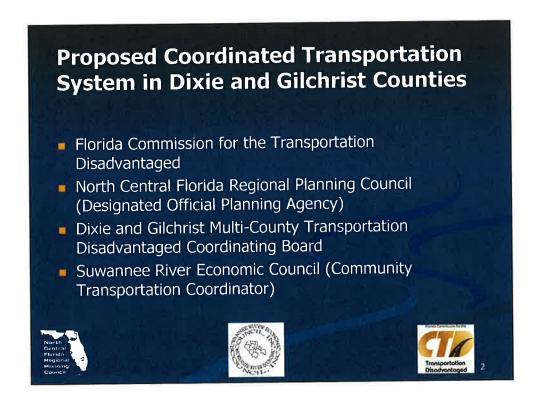
Attached is information regarding the establishment of a multi-county designated service area under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program and the establishment of a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for Dixie and Gilchrist Counties.

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

Attachment

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Forming a Combined Designated Service Area

- Individual Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards support the designation of Dixie and Gilchrist Counties as a combined designated service area.
- Dixie and Gilchrist Boards of County Commissions recommend the creation of a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.
- North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends the designation of Dixie and Gilchrist Counties as a combined designated service area
- Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designates Dixie and Gilchrist Counties as a combined designated service area.



Upon Approval of a Combined Designated Service Area

- Florida Commission for the Transportation
 Disadvantaged will enter into a new Memorandum of Agreement with Suwannee River Economic Council.
- Florida Commission for the Transportation
 Disadvantaged will approve the creation of a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.





Upon Approval of a Combined Designated Service Area - Continued

- Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged will enter into an agreement with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council to provide staff support and resources to the multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.
- North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will appoint members to serve on the multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board in accordance with Rule 41-2.012(3)(a) through (p), Florida Administrative Code.

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Transitioning to a Combined Service Area

- Develop a Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan for the combined designated service area.
- Develop service rates for the combined designated service area.
- Continue to submit Annual Operating Report data by county as currently practiced.
- Continue to submit Medicaid Program encounter data by county as currently practiced.
- Create Bylaws for the multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.





Creating a Multi-County Transportation Disadvantaged Program Service Area

- Resolution required from each county's Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board supporting the designation of a multi-county service area.
- Resolution required from Suwannee River Economic Council supporting the designation of a multi-county service area.
- Resolution required from each Board of County Commissions supporting the designation of a multi-county service area.
- Resolution required from the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommending the designation of a multi-county service area.
- Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged will create a multi-county service area based on recommendations.
- The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Suwannee River Economic Council designating the new multi-county service area.
- The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged will establish a multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for Dixie and Gilchrist Counties.
- Suwannee River Economic Council will enter into a Transportation Disadvantaged Program Trip and Equipment Grant for the combined service area.
- Suwannee River Economic Council will develop service rates for the multi-county service area.
- The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and Suwannee River Economic Council will develop a Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan for the multi-county service area.
- Suwannee River Economic Council will submit Annual Operations Report data by county as currently practiced.
- The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will enter into a Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant for the multi-county service area.
- The multi-county Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will adopt Bylaws and Grievance Procedures for the combined service area.



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June 25, 2015

TO: Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

FROM: Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: 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. Suwannee River Economic Council Operations Report;
- 2. Fiscal Year 2014/15 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Status Report;
- 3. Suwannee River Economic Council Complaint/Commendation Report; and
- 4. Suwannee River Economic Council 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 DIXIE COUNTY JANUARY - MARCH 2015

OPERATOR Suwannee River TOTAL **Economic Council** Dixie County **OPERATING DATA** 1,680 11 1,691 NUMBER OF INVOICED TRIPS 0 ol Medicaid FCTD ol 84 Title III-B Aging Program 84 Transportation Disadvantaged Program 873 11 884 0 723 723 Managed Medical Assistance Program 0 25,546 25,546 TOTAL VEHICLE MILES 284 23,020 22,736 TOTAL REVENUE VEHICLE MILES ol 1,460 TOTAL VEHICLE HOURS 1,460 TOTAL DOLLARS INVOICED \$113,259.75 \$1,417,16 \$114,676.91 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 Medicaid FCTD \$1,213.80 \$0.00 \$1,213.80 Title III-B Aging Program \$58,156.95 \$1,417.16 \$59,574.11 Transportation Disadvantaged Program \$53,889.00 \$53,889.00 \$0.00 Managed Medical Assistance Program \$67.82 AVERAGE COST PER TRIP \$67.42 \$128.83 #DIV/0! #DIV/0! #DIV/0! Medicaid FCTD \$14.45 \$14.45 \$0.00 Title III-B Aging Program \$66.62 \$128.83 \$67.39 Transportation Disadvantaged Program \$74.54 \$0.00 \$74.54 Managed Medical Assistance Program \$4.43 #DIV/0! \$4.49 AVG. COST PER VEHICLE MILE \$4.98 \$4.98 \$4.99 AVG. COST PER REVENUE VEHICLE MILE AVG. COST PER VEHICLE HOUR \$77.58 #DIV/0! \$78.55 TRIP PURPOSE* 11 1,607 1,596 Medical 0 0 **Employment** ol 0 Education/Training ol 0 Shopping 84 0 Meal Site 84 ol O Recreation ol ol Other ol ol NUMBER OF TRIPS DENIED NUMBER OF SINGLE PASSENGER 59 70 TRIPS PROVIDED 11 4% 4% 100% PERCENT OF SINGLE PASSENGER TRIPS 0 0 0 NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS 9 2 NUMBER OF VEHICLES 11 154 **AVERAGE TRIPS PER VEHICLE** 187 6 15 0 15 AVERAGE MILES PER TRIP 0 0 0 NUMBER OF ROADCALLS

QUARTERLY OPERATING REPORT DIXIE COUNTY JANUARY - MARCH 2014

OPERATING DATA	TOTAL
NUMBER OF INVOICED TRIPS	1,589
Medicaid FCTD	540
Title III-B	145
Transportation Disadvantaged Program	904
Managed Medical Assistance Program	0
TOTAL VEHICLE MILES	25,792
TOTAL REVENUE VEHICLE MILES	22,985
TOTAL VEHICLE HOURS	1,391
TOTAL DOLLARS INVOICED	\$129,227.93
Medicaid	\$69,207.37
Title III-B	\$2,095.25
TD Trust Fund	\$57,925.31
Managed Medical Assistance Program	\$0.00
AVERAGE COST PER TRIP	\$81.33
Medicaid	\$128.16
Title III-B	\$14.45
TD Trust Fund	\$64.08
Managed Medical Assistance Program	#DIV/0!
AVG. COST PER VEHICLE MILE	\$5.01
AVG. COST PER REVENUE VEHICLE MILE	\$5.62
AVG. COST PER VEHICLE HOUR	\$92.90
TRIP PURPOSE*	:: * :
Medical	1,444
Employment	
Education/Training	
Shopping	
Meal Site	145
Recreation	(
Other	(
NUMBER OF TRIPS DENIED	C
NUMBER OF SINGLE PASSENGER	
TRIPS PROVIDED	91
PERCENT OF SINGLE PASSENGER TRIPS	6%
NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS	
NUMBER OF VEHICLES	11
AVERAGE TRIPS PER VEHICLE	144
AVERAGE MILES PER TRIP	16
NUMBER OF ROADCALLS	2

CTC: Suwannee River Economic Council

Transportation Disadvantaged Program Service Rates:

Ambulatory: \$1.40 per passenger mile Wheelchair: \$2.39 per passenger mile Stretcher: \$4.99 per passenger mile

2014-2015 TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED TRUST FUND SUMMARY DIXIE COUNTY

	CONTRACT	TOTAL DOLLARS	STATE FUNDS	LOCAL MATCH	TOTAL AMOUNT	NUMBER OF	AVERAGE COST
MONTH/YEAR	AMOUNT	SPENT	SPENT 90%	10%	REMAINING	TRIPS	PER TRIP
Jul-13	\$210,482.00	\$17,526.33	\$15,773.70	\$1,752.63	\$192,955.67	345	\$50.80
Aug-13	-	\$17,555.79	\$15,800.21	\$1,755.58	\$175,399.88	342	\$51.33
Sep-13	=	\$17,239.04	\$15,515.14	\$1,723.90	\$158,160.84	341	\$50.55
Oct-13	5.	\$17,836.54	\$16,052.89	\$1,783.65	\$140,324.30	309	\$57.72
Nov-13	=:	\$14,161.38	\$12,745.24	\$1,416.14	\$126,162.92	206	\$68.74
Dec-13	=0	\$18,546.39	\$16,691.75	\$1,854.64	\$107,616.53	230	\$80.64
Jan-14	2 0	\$19,667.33	\$17,700.60	\$1,966.73	\$87,949.20	258	\$76.23
Feb-14	#0	\$17,771.88	\$15,994.69	\$1,777.19	\$70,177.32	273	\$65.10
Mar-14	14 1	\$17,389.41	\$15,650.47	\$1,738.94	\$52,787.91	267	\$65.13
Apr-14	≔ ₹				\$52,787.91		#DIV/0!
May-14	: ■3				\$52,787.91		#DIV/0!
Jun-14	*			S	\$52,787.91		#DIV/0!
TOTAL	-	\$157,694.09	\$141,924.69	\$15,769.40	-	2,571	\$61.34

DIXIE COUNTY QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF SERVICE COMPLAINTS/COMMENDATIONS JANUARY - MARCH 2015

	Suwannee River Economic		
TYPE OF COMPLAINT	Council	Dixie County EMS	Resolved
Vehicle Condition	0	0	<u> </u>
Driver's Behavior	0	0	7#1
Client Behavior	0	0	•
No Show by Client	0	0	S#7
Early pickup	0	0	(2 4 4)
Tardiness - Late dropoff	0	0	
No Show by Operator	0	0	-
Dispatch/Scheduling	0	0	-
Other (manager behavior)	0	0	
TOTALS	0	0	
COMMENDATIONS	0	0	

DIXIE COUNTY UNMET TRANSPORTATION NEEDS JANUARY - MARCH 2015

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

Are You Interested in Public Transportation Services in Dixie County?



Volunteer positions are available on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

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ATTENDANCE RECORD

DIXIE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

	NAME	9-2-14	10-2-14	1-8-15	4-2-15
MEMBER/ORGANIZATION	Commissioner Jason Holifield	9-2-14 P	A A	A	Melissa Long
Chair			A	P P	P
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	A		•	A
Alternate Member	Janell Damato	Α	A	Α	A
Florida Department of Children and Families	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Florida Department of Education	(Vacant)		1		
Alternate Member	Jeffrey Aboumrad	P	Angie White	Р	Р
Public Education	Tim Alexander	Α	Α	Р	Α
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Citizen Advocate	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Citizen Advocate-User	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Elderly	(Vacant)				
Citizen Advocate	(Vacant)				
Veterans	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Persons with Disabilities	(Vacant)		1 1		
Alternate Rep.	(Vacant)				
Florida Department of Edler Affairs	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Children at Risk	Tonya Hiers	Р	Р	Α	Α
Alternate Member	Brooke Ward	Α	A	Α	Α
Local Medical Community	(Vacant)				
Alternate Member	(Vacant)				
Regional Workforce Board	Jeannie Carr				į.
Alternate Member	Sifoa Nunu				

LEGEND KEY: P-Present A-Absent - Not Applicable (newly appointed member)

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 of the Board who fails to attend three consecutive meetings."