

**MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MEETING FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED**

**Held on May 6, 2016 @ 10:00 am**

City of Cape Coral Annex Building, Conference Room A200, 815 Nicholas Pkwy E, Cape Coral, FL

A Representative of:	Voting Members	Agency	Alternates to Voting Members	Agency
An elected official from the MPO Board to serve as the official Chairpersons.	Rick Williams (Absent)	City of Cape Coral	No alternate	
A. A local representative of the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT)	Debi Stephens (Present)	FDOT	Richard Shine (Absent)	FDOT
B. A local representative of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF)	Donna Torres (Absent)	DCF	Nicole Negron (Present)	DCF
C. 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	Roger Lloyd (Absent)	Lee County School Board	Vacant	
D. In areas where they exist, a local representative of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services or the Division of Blind Services, representing the Department of Education	Mary Watford (Absent)	DOE	Flora Gonzalez (Present)	DOE
E. A person recommended by the local Veterans Service Office, representing Veterans of the county	Vacant		Vacant	
F. A person recognized by the Florida Association for Community Action representing the economically disadvantaged	Kim Hustad (Absent)	Lee County Human Services	Robin Jewett (Absent)	
G. A person representing the Elderly in the county	Linda Carter (Absent)		(Vacant)	
H. A person with a disability representing the disabled in the county	(Vacant)		(Vacant)	
I-1. [One of Two] Citizen Advocates in the County	Michael Pierce (Present)		(Vacant)	
I-2. [One of two] Citizen Advocates this one must be a person who uses the transportation service(s) of the system as their primary means of transportation.	(Vacant)		(Vacant)	
J. A local representative for children at risk	Lorena Rodriguez (Absent)	Lee Memorial-Children's Hospital	Mark Tesoro (Present)	Lee Memorial-Children's Hospital

K. In areas where they exist, the Chairperson or designee of the local Mass Transit or Public Transit Systems Board, except in cases where they are also the Community Transportation Coordinator.	Steve Myers (Absent)	LeeTran	Peter Gajdjis (Present)	LeeTran
L. A local representative of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Beth Severo (Present)	FDEA	Chris Gorgon (Absent)	FDEA
M. 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 will be appointed, except where said representative is also the CTC.	Michael Griffin (Present)	SWFL Transportation	Anna Callwood (Absent)	Creative Resources
N. A local representative of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Joe Martinez (Present)	AHCA	Patricia Brooks (Absent)	AHCA
O. A representative of the Regional Workforce Development Board established in Chapter 445, <i>Florida Statutes</i> .	Deb Reardon (Present)	Career Source SWFL	Jim Wall (Absent)	Career Source SWFL
P. A representative of the local medical community, which may include, but not be limited to, kidney dialysis centers, long term care facilities, hospitals, local health department or other home and community based services, etc.	Heidi Shoriak (Present)	Lee Memorial Health Systems	Vacant	Lee Memorial Health Systems

Also in attendance: Alan Mandel- Good Wheels and Don Scott and Brian Raimondo – Lee MPO.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am. The Pledge was recited and then introductions were made.

Vice-Chair Pierce asked if there was any public input since this was a Public Hearing.

Ms. Stephens mentioned the passing of Rosalie Berlin. Mr. Mandel noted that she was a Good Wheels' Board member and Vice-Chair Pierce said she was on the ADA Advisory Board.

Ms. Stephens said the Title VI information on the Agenda was out of date. Mr. Scott said Johnny Limbaugh's contact information would be used for future agendas.

**Agenda Item #1 – CTC Evaluation**

Mr. Raimondo mentioned annually we review the CTC using the evaluation workbook that is provided. The subcommittee, composed of Linda Carter, Deb Reardon, Brian Raimondo and Good Wheels staff, met in January at Good Wheels and worked on the evaluation. The ride along was done by Linda Carter the same day. For further evaluation the LCB uses the Service Standards from the TDSP.

Ms. Stephens asked if there were any findings or concerns, but there were none.

Ms. Reardon helped in making phone calls to verify passenger trips. She said that if someone is in an assisted living facility the person answering the phone wouldn't identify if the rider was at the facility or

not. This made the process difficult to fill out the ridership forms. Vice-Chair Pierce said that would be due to HIPPA.

**Motion by Ms. Reardon and second by Ms. Shoriak to approve the CTC Evaluation. Unanimously approved.**

**Agenda Item #2 – Minor Update to the TDSP**

Mr. Raimondo said annually the TDSP is updated and it is a combined effort between the LCB, Good Wheels and MPO staff. He said the document is currently in draft form using strike-through and underline, the page numbers aren't exact and the staff report lists everything that was updated. He mentioned additions from LeeTran that were also added.

Mr. Mandel said there are still a number of people they can't serve due to funding, but with the increased funding from the TD Trust Fund it will help for next year. The Senate and House allowed the excess money in the TD Trust Fund to be redistributed. Good Wheels will receive a permanent \$20,000 in addition to what they receive annually. Mr. Mandel said this should allow another five to six thousand rides per year. Mr. Raimondo mentioned what was discussed at the last TD Commission meeting regarding the Proviso funds. Ms. Stephens questioned how the extra money will be spent and Mr. Mandel replied it will be done through the trip hierarchy and will continue to be mostly medical trips.

Vice-Chair Pierce asked if there is something we can do to advocate for more money and Mr. Mandel said to attend the annual TD Day.

Mr. Raimondo said the TDSP was taken to the MPO's TAC/CAC meetings yesterday and they had no changes. He said the only addition he had so far would be to update the square miles for the incorporated/unincorporated areas.

Mr. Gajdjis discussed the numbers regarding ADA trips that was added to the TDSP and LeeTran's address would need to be updated.

Mr. Gajdjis said he would like the TD trips listed in the TDSP in a different format to show how they change each year, but no suggestion was provided. Currently, there are two tables and a graph showing trips by purpose/funding for current and past years.

Ms. Stephens said the coordination contractors need corrected. Mr. Mandel said they are currently Dr. Piper, UCP, Hope Hospice and Light House. Discussion on whether LeeTran should be a coordination contractor so Good Wheels could show their trip numbers and use this for leverage to get additional funding. Ms. Stephens said she didn't believe they should be. Mr. Mandel said he will ask the TD Commission for their input.

In regards to a table on page 55, Mr. Gajdjis said the box needed to be checked to show that LeeTran goes 'Door to Door'.

Mr. Raimondo said as part of the TDSP review, the LCB needed to review and approve the Grievance Procedures since the Grievance Procedures are part of the TDSP. He mentioned one motion would be sufficient for both items.

**Ms. Stephens made a motion to approve the TDSP, with changes, and the Grievance Procedures which was second by Mr. Griffin. A Roll Call was performed and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #3 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

None

The Public Hearing closed at 10:34.