

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

Held on May 1, 2015 @ 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 (Present)	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 (Present)	DCF	Nathan Santos (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 (Present)	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 (Absent)	DOE
E. A person recommended by the local Veterans Service Office, representing Veterans of the county	Jerry Conway (Present)		Frank Greulich (Absent)	
F. A person recognized by the Florida Association for Community Action representing the economically disadvantaged	Kim Hustad (Present)	Lee County Human Services	Robin Jewett (Absent)	
G. A person representing the Elderly in the county	Linda Carter (Present)		(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.	David Lane (Present)		(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/ Jill Brown (Present)	LeeTran
L. A local representative of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant		Vacant	
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	Priscilla Hardaway (Absent)	Creative Resources
N. A local representative of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Joe Martinez (Present)	AHCA	Karen Brooks (Absent)	AHCA
O. A representative of the Regional Workforce Development Board established in Chapter 445, <i>Florida Statutes</i> .	Jim Wall (Absent)	Career Source SWFL	Deb Reardon (Present)	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 (Absent)	Lee Memorial Health Systems	Vacant	Lee Memorial Health Systems

Also in attendance: Alan Mandel- Good Wheels, Rosalie Berlin – Citizen, Mike Ulrich- Citizen and Don Scott and Brian Raimondo – Lee MPO.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams at 10:00am. There was a quorum. The Pledge was recited and introductions were made.

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of the Minutes from the March 6, 2015 Public Hearing

Motion by Ms. Carter and seconded by Mr. Pierce to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2015 Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of the Minutes from the March 6, 2015 Meeting

Motion by Ms. Carter and seconded by Mr. Santos to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2015 Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 – Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

Mr. Ulrich said he has gone to the Lee BoCC many times to get more money for paratransit. He says only one beach is accessible using the Passport, but he can't get to other beaches he would like to go to. Ms. Carter says she researched that the ¾ distance from existing bus stop locations can be extended to 1.5 miles if they choose.

Mr. Pierce said at a past BoCC, Mr. Myers did a rate fair increase proposal that would assist paratransit trips. He suggested Mr. Myers propose this again to the BoCC. Mr. Ulrich said it was the Passport Premium service, but it was not approved.

Mr. Gajdjis said transportation is very important to LeeTran. He said this Board is only for reviewing the CTC and a meeting could be set up with LeeTran. The passport budget is currently \$4 million. He said paratransit was never meant to deal with all the needs, but an additional service is needed. Mr. Gajdjis said contact the BoCC Chair or a Commissioner to set up a meeting to discuss this, and he will pass the word on.

Mr. Mandel said Good Wheels can go outside the ¾ mile radius, but the funding doesn't allow them to do more than the chemo and dialysis. Good Wheels is working with LeeTran on a New Freedom Grant that is \$88,000 and would provide 4,500 trips, but needs a match of \$88,000. Ms. Stephens asked if The United Way could assist, but Mr. Mandel said they are already providing funds for something.

Mr. Pierce wanted to thank LeeTran and Passport for improving the service the past year.

Agenda Item #4 – Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

None

Agenda Item #5 - Program Updates and Distribution Items

Mr. Raimondo discussed the calendar of events.

Agenda Item #6 – Good Wheels' Updates

Ms. Carter asked if the added info for the 5310 info was submitted, but Ms. Stephens said the tax form wasn't necessary.

Mr. Mandel said they are working on doing Medicaid trips in addition to the TD sponsored trips.

Mr. Mandel mentioned they just submitted the rate model for next year.

Mr. Martinez asked if he knows how many trips he has done for Medicaid. Mr. Mandel said in March it was 3,400, and they are almost to the point where they were in the past. The Medicaid trips are increasing each month.

Mr. Mandel said the rate model is only for TD Commission trips and not Medicaid.

**Motion by Ms. Carter and second by Mr. Pierce to approve the 2015/16 rate model.
Approved unanimously.**

Mr. Gajdjis said he doesn't like the difficult to understand rate model sheet and how they ignore paying the CTC what they ask for in the rate model. For example, if Good Wheels says a trip is \$17 a trip, but only gets reimbursed \$12 a trip. Mr. Mandel said this is an issue, because they don't break even and lose doing more trips. Mr. Pierce said this committee has no teeth on what they get reimbursed with and Mr. Mandel said communication with other agencies is necessary.

Mr. Mandel said sixth months into the new FY they are just above breaking even.

After discussion, no action will be taken on the unfilled TD grant application. If needed, the LCB will meet in June to approve. From what the program manual says, no action is needed unless the grant is used for capital.

Mr. Mandel went over the complaint numbers. Ms. Stephens asked about the ridership numbers, but Mr. Raimondo mentioned he didn't receive them to send them out. There was discussion on speculation of ridership numbers.

Mr. Raimondo asked for an update on Operator Payments. None was provided

Adjourn 10:56am.