

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

Held on December 2, 2016 after Public Hearing Meeting

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.	Jessica Cosden (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	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	Gladys Gonzalez (Present)	
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 (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.	(Vacant)		(Vacant)	
J. A local representative for children at risk	Lorena Rodriguez (Present)	Lee Memorial-Children's Hospital	Sally Kreuzcher (Absent)	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 and Jill Brown (Present)	LeeTran
L. A local representative of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Becky MacKenzie (Present)	Area Agency on Aging	Chris Gorgon	Area Agency on Agint
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 (Absent)	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: Lee Combs- LeeTran, Alan Mandel- Good Wheels and Don Scott and Brian Raimondo – Lee MPO.

The pledge was recited.

The members of the committee and others present introduced themselves.

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of the Minutes from the September 2, 2016 Meeting

Michael Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes. Nicole Negrón seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 - Public Comments

Alan Mandel mentioned that one of his vehicles caught fire two days ago with passengers onboard. The driver immediately got all nine adult passengers off the bus. The vehicle totally burned to the ground. They are still waiting to determine the cause of the fire.

Joe Martinez asked for a letter of commendation be sent to the driver. Staff will draft the letter with the help of the Chair.

Agenda Item #3 – Election of Vice-Chair

Nicole Negron would like to be the vice chair.

There was a motion by Debra Stephens to confirm Nicole Negron as Vice-Chair. It was seconded by Peter Gajdjis. It passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 – Appointment of Annual CTC Evaluation Committee

Heidi Shoriak and Michael Griffin will sit on the evaluation committee which will be held on February 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item #5 – Endorsement of FTA Grant Applications for Operating and Capital Assistance

Lee Combs commented that December 20th is the BOCC meeting to receive this application, that's why it is draft. The total for the 5311 FTA grant is \$524,251. There are only three rural routes in Lee County and this would help with those routes.

Michael Griffin made the motion. A second was made by Flora Gonzalez to endorse the application. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 – Program Updates and Distribution Items

The committee discussed calendar and TDSP eligibility updates.

Agenda Item #7 – Good Wheels Updates and Reports

Alan Mandel made a comment about the ridership. The state awarded Good Wheels additional funding to take non-medicaid passengers to medical trips. They get about 76,000 a month and use it all. They are actually over that. The \$1.1 million they receive annually is not enough. Access to Care, a broker, seems to be diminishing, but Logisticare is taking over for them. Every month there seems to be more. Heidi Shoriak asked if most of the trips are dialysis and Alan Mandel said yes it's mostly dialysis.

Joe Martinez asked if Mr. Mandel has a surplus in Glades and Hendry and he said yes.

Peter Gajdjis asked Alan Mandel regarding the ridership graphs, the TD trips are higher than the Medicaid trips, but the bar isn't as long as the Medicaid bar. Alan Mandel said it was an artistic mistake.

Peter Gajdjis asked if the 5310 trips should have its own bar on the bar graph? Alan Mandel wasn't sure what Peter Gajdjis was asking. Mr. Mandel said they could identify the 5310 trips out of the TD Trips if needed.

Agenda Item #8 – Member Comments

Debra Stephens mentioned FTA grants are due to FDOT on January 13th.

Joe Martinez discussed the school bus that hit a tree that resulted in six deaths. He discussed the need for seatbelts on school buses. Lorena Rodriguez said buses over 10,000 pounds don't need seatbelts due to crash dynamics. The smaller buses need them. All buses in Lee County have seatbelts. They can't force the kids to wear them, but can ask. Don Scott asked what is the percentage of kids wearing them. She said 90% of the elementary kids wear them, but it's more challenging with middle and high schoolers. Nicole Negron said she wouldn't let her kid go on a school trip without seatbelts.

Lorena Rodriguez said her department are all CPS certified and partner with SWFL Transportation. They have limited car seats and aren't staffed 24/7. They piloted a program where they instructed nine SWFL Transportation drivers on how to be experts on the child seats they purchased to help transport newborns from the hospital.

Lorena Rodriguez said the Golisano focus is children. Four kids were lost during the Thanksgiving Holiday. They were all preventable through either a bike light, helmet or door alarm. They are taking donations for child safety items and more info will be forwarded.

Debra Stephens said Burlington Coat Factory offers a discounted child seat program.

Alan Mandel said Good Wheels has several car seats. They run about three trips a day for those who need car seats.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO at 239-330-2243 or by email at cbarraco@leempo.com at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired call (800) 955-8770 Voice / (800) 955-8771 TDD. The MPO's planning process is conducted in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. Any person or beneficiary who believes they have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or familial status may file a complaint with the Lee County MPO Title VI Coordinator, Calandra Barraco, at 239-330-2243, or in writing at P.O. Box 150045, Cape Coral, Florida 33915-0045.