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Lake~Sumter Transportation Task Force

Introductory Comments:

- The Public Transportation Taskforce has experienced changes in leadership and as a result has not convened in some time. The role of the MPO is to be a policy body for the county's transportation and the committee provides guidance.
- Current for Lake County Express, there are 2 major circulators which have the busiest service but not the best headways. The MPO is looking to see what LYNX is doing to address similar situations with the use of flex service.
 - Route 4 for Lake County Express has a substantial paratransit population and this is the route which meets with LYNX route 44. The headways are every two hours.
- Lake County is about to conduct a TDP Major Update. This has been done by the MPO the last two updates but this time Lake County is going to do inhouse with the help of a consultant.
 - No new service is being proposed for this, just want to improve current service including headways, shelters, etc.

How can LYNX better support your organization as an employer, destination, and also in regard to the residents served?

- a. There are 3 routes in Lake County which connect to LYNX service:
 - i. Route 105
 1. Connects to Lake Express 50 and enters into Orange County inyo Winter Garden. This is a good feeder for LYNX ridership.
 - ii. Route 55
 1. This is the four corners route and the densest part of Lake County. Current, Lake County is funding this for LYNX and every year the MPO requests funding assistance, (Lake County's portion), of the FTA funds which LYNX receives to support the service.
 - a. Each year it is a challenge to work with them in requesting these funds. They seem unaware or uninformed on the service each time the MPO makes the request.
 - b. Due to the rerouting of the LYNX system, this is not a well performing route for them but still very much needed for Lake County. Lake County would rather just take over the service and have LYNX support other areas.
 - iii. Route 44 – this connects with Lake Express at the Anthony House and Lake County would like the transfer connection to be the Publix shopping center on 441

1. Analysis was done a few years ago that indicated this route would be more economical for the region. This is a growth area for LYNX and a good connection for Lake County residents.
- iv. Also interested in what LYNX is doing with flex services like Neighborlink
 1. Lake County considering this as a solution to make service more efficient.
 2. Recognize that LYNX service is different but what can they learn or use to consider for their area. Only have 9 buses so flex service may help.
 3. Main concerns would be shelf-life and ridership – this is not for high ridership areas
- v. There used to be a successful Clermont service and park and ride
 1. Lake County had to fund and once the grant funds went away, then the service did as well due to the cost. This is a strong service they would like to see revisited.
- vi. Disney Service – there is a substantial population of Disney workers in Lake County that could benefit from a Lake County Express, Disney, and LYNX connection. Or partnership.
 1. Lake County could take over the Four Corners service and then LYNX could support the Disney employees.
- vii. SunRail Service is another area Lake County is interested in working with LYNX on. If there was a good connection, then this could transform some of our areas and cities. Lake County realizes they need to do better on their end with transit services in order to get FTA funding. However, this could be an area of potential partnership.
- viii. Shelters - Zellwood shelters need attention. They are not very friendly right now. Apopka as well; if you are going to have a transfer from service to service then maybe have a good shelter for the exchange.
- ix. Flex service – Lake County is interested in what LYNX is doing with flex service. They are considering the same to build better connections to places like Mount Dora for workers.