



AGENDA

SUMTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 - 2 p.m.

**The Villages Sumter County Service Center
7375 Powell Road, Room 102
Wildwood, FL**

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Proper Noticing, Roll-Call, Determination of Quorum

I. AGENDA UPDATE

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items or general comments)

III. PRESENTATION: Richard Cole, Citizens Advocate and Vice Chairman

Mr. Cole will provide information about the Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation also known as The Able Trust and its mission to be a key leader in providing Floridians with disabilities opportunities for successful employment.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of September 13, 2016 Annual Public Hearing Minutes

B. Approval of September 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of 2017 Meeting Schedule

Staff recommends four (4) meeting dates in 2017 during the months of March, June, September and December. The dates are recommended in order to accommodate the due dates for required items to be sent to the TD Commission. Staff recommends the combined meeting between the Sumter and Lake TDCBs be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at the Lake~Sumter MPO. All TDCB meetings begin at 2 pm.

B. Appoint Vice-Chair 2017

The TDCB is requested to elect a Vice-Chairman for 2017. The Vice-Chairman's term of office shall be for one year. The Vice-Chairman may be re-elected to an additional term or terms of office. Richard Cole is currently serving his first one-year term as Vice-Chairman.

- C. Appointment of Technical Advisor
The Bylaws Section 4: Technical Advisors – Non-Voting Members: Upon a majority vote of a quorum of the TDCB, non-voting technical advisors may be approved for the purpose of providing the TDCB with technical advice. Staff recommends the appointment of Bebe Chudeusz, COMS, CVRT, TVI, to serve as a technical advisor on the board.
- D. Annual Review and Approval of Grievance Procedures
The TDCB is required to annually review, update if necessary, and adopt the Grievance Procedures in accordance with the Commission’s most recent Coordinating Board and Planning Agency Operating Guidelines. The Grievance Procedures have been reviewed by the MPO Attorney, the Grievance Subcommittee and staff. Staff recommends updates as presented.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Annual Review of Coordination Contract
The TDCB annually reviews Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) coordination contracts to advise the CTC whether the continuation of said contracts provide the most cost-effective transportation available, consistent with Rule 41-2, F.A.C. Staff will provide an update on the current contract.
- B. Update on Mobility Enhancement Grant Projects and Other Innovative Programs to Reduce Costs of Public Transit
The Legislature authorized the Commission to competitively award \$1,750,000 of non-recurring funds to Community Transportation Coordinators (CTCs) to support projects that 1) enhance the access of older adults, persons with disabilities, and low income individuals to healthcare, shopping, education, employment etc.; 2) assist in the development, improvement, and use of transportation systems in non-urbanized areas; 3) promote the efficient coordination of services; 4) support inter-city bus transportation; or 5) encourage private transportation provider participation. Five projects were awarded during the first round and service began July 1, 2016 for a total of \$693,265. Two projects were awarded for the second round and service will begin on January 1, 2017 for a total of \$137,128.14. Staff will provide an update on the grant projects and lead a discussion on these and other programs to reduce costs of public transit serving the transportation disadvantaged citizens.
- C. Historic Policy and Funding Allocation Process Assessment
The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged has engaged the University of South Florida’s Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) to undertake a study to explore Florida’s historic funding of transportation for the disadvantaged. This includes transportation for persons with disabilities, for older adults, and for people with low incomes so they may access health care, employment, education and other life-sustaining opportunities. The research is focusing on the TD Trip and Equipment allocation methodology and formulas used for the distribution of the state Transportation Disadvantaged Program (TD) funds. CUTR surveyed Community Transportation Coordinators to discover opinions and perspectives on TD program funding, service characteristics, existing funding allocation methodology, and local conditions and issues. Staff will provide an update on the findings of the study.

- D. Sumter County Transit – Operations and Administration (Part 1)
Staff will provide insight into important administrative factors including how reservations are made, how trips are scheduled and allocated, and how eligibility is determined.
- E. 5310 & 5311 Grant Updates
CTC staff will review FY 2017/18: 1) Section 5310 Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program; and 2) Section 5311 Formula Grant for Rural Areas.

VII. REPORTS

- A. FDOT
- B. Ride Right, LLC
- C. Sumter County CTC
- D. Lake~Sumter MPO

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- X. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m., Lake~Sumter MPO Office
(Combined meeting with Lake County TDCB)

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, Section 286.0105, if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. All interested citizens are welcome to attend. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of the proceedings should contact the Lake~Sumter MPO, (352) 315-0170 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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