



Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Meeting

Marion County Senior Services
1101 SW 20th Ct., Ocala, FL 34471
June 13, 2024
10:00 AM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Matthew McClain (*arrived at 10:48am*)
Jeffrey Askew
Tiffany McKenzie (*arrived at 10:12am*)
Susan Hanley
Jeanette Estes
Andrea Melvin
Steven Neal
Donnie Mitchell
Carlos Colon
Christopher Carlisle

Members Not Present:

Gisela Ruiz
Tracey Sapp
Iris Pozo
Anissa Pieriboni
Angela Juaristic
Elizabeth Alacci

Others Present:

Liz Mitchell, TPO
Rob Balmes, TPO
Shakayla Irby, TPO
Sara Brown, TPO

Tom Duncan, City of Ocala
Clayton Murch, Marion Senior Services
Herman Schultz, Marion Senior Services
Other attendees not signed in.

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice-Chairwoman Melvin called the meeting to order at 10:08am. Secretary Shakayla Irby called the roll and a quorum was present.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairwoman Melvin led the board members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Irby stated that the meeting had been published June 6, 2024 online on the TPO website and Facebook and Twitter pages, the City of Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites. The meeting was also published to the June 6, 2024 edition of the Ocala Star Banner.

Item 4A. Introduction of new Chairperson, Commissioner Matthew McClain

Commissioner Matthew McClain introduced himself as the newest commissioner to the Marion County Commission. He had been in the position for a little over eight months and was appointed by the Governor to fill a vacant position on the commission. He thanked everyone for all that they did as members of the TDLCB.

Item 4B. Housing Finance Authority of Marion County (HFAMC)

Presenter: Mr. Donnie Mitchell, Housing Finance Authority of Marion County (HFAMC)

Presentation Overview:

Mr. Donnie Mitchell provided a comprehensive presentation on the services offered by the Housing Finance Authority of Marion County (HFAMC). *Resources provided to the board by Mr. Mitchell are on pages 8-11 of this set of minutes for reference.*

Key Points:

1. History and Mission:

- **Established:** June 3, 1980
- **Authority:** Chapter 159, Part IV, Florida Statutes
- **Mission:** Increase the availability of essential housing in Marion County
- **Structure:** Separate public body corporate and politic
- **Service Area:** All areas of Marion County
- **Governance:** Five-member board appointed by the Board of County Commissioners

2. **Services and Activities:**

- **Affordable Housing:** Helps families and individuals with affordable housing options
- **Bond Funding:** Provides funding for developing affordable multi-family housing
- **Collaborations:** Works closely with the City of Ocala and Marion County
- **Property Management:** Owns and manages 43 affordable rental units
- **Tenant Support:** Provides basic skills and financial literacy training to tenants

3. **2024 Initiatives:**

- **Central Florida Community Land Trust:** Established to manage vacant land and rental units, ensuring affordability for 99+ years
- **Public and Private Investment:** Uses funds to acquire land for community housing needs

4. **Additional Activities:**

- **Public Education:** Offers education related to Workforce Housing
- **Workforce Housing Study:** Conducted a study with Florida Housing
- **Rental Income Range:** Rents to residents with income between 50-120% of AMI, with income certification by the HFA property manager

Focus:

- **Primary Focus:** To increase the availability of essential and affordable housing in Marion County

Additional Information:

- **Website:** www.hfamc.org

Item 5A. Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP)

Ms. Liz Mitchell presented the TDSP.

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (FCTD) required that each Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) submit a comprehensive TDSP or an annually updated tactical plan that included the following components for the local transportation disadvantaged (TD) program:

- Development Plan
- Service Plan
- Quality Assurance

The CTC was responsible for arranging transportation for TD persons, with approval from the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB). This plan provided a 5-year vision for the local transportation disadvantaged (TD) program and was updated annually. This TDSP updated the TDSP Plan for 2024 and fulfilled the annual requirement of the FCTD.

Ms. Mitchell provided a slideshow presentation to the board that is attached to pages 12-19 of this set of minutes for reference.

Mr. Askew asked Mr. Murch if there were plans within the next couple of years to add more vehicles to the Marion Transit fleet due to the growth in the county.

Mr. Murch responded that Marion Transit had 15 buses scheduled for delivery. At that time, there were 10 buses in the fleet with over 200,000 miles, and the remaining 5 buses could be retained to expand the fleet. In theory, there was the ability to add up to 15 buses. Marion Transit usually took buses that were more than 5 years old or had over 200,000 miles to auction and sold them, but they didn't have to take them to auction as it took a lot to maintain them. However, they could hold on to the 5 buses to increase the fleet. TD trips, including those in the urban area outside of the SunTran route, had been growing at a fast rate, creating challenges with both buses and staffing.

Mr. Askew motioned to approve the TDSP. Mr. Neal seconded, a roll-call vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5B. 2024-2025 Marion Transit Trip Rate Model

Mr. Clayton Murch presented the 2024-25 Trip Rates.

Each year, the TDLCB is required to approve Marion Transit's (MT) proposed trip rates. MT, as required, utilizes the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Trip Rate Calculation process. The Trip Rate Calculation process considers numerous costs items including labor, fringe benefits, and insurance as well as, program income to determine the trip rates. This year, MT is proposing a slight increase in the charge for ambulatory and wheelchair patients.

TPO staff has reviewed the Trip Rate Calculation and concurs with the results. The proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Ambulatory	\$ 32.69	\$ 32.90
Wheelchair	\$ 56.04	\$ 56.40

Mr. Carlisle motioned to approve the 2024-2025 Marion Transit Trip Rate Model. Mr. Colon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Colon motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7A. TDLCB Members Chart

Ms. Liz Mitchell presented the TDLCB with a members chart that identified each agency represented on the TDLCB and a person of contact.

The members chart is provided on pages 20-25 of this set of minutes for reference.

Item 7B. Subcommittee’s Future Plans

Ms. Mitchell engaged the board in a discussion about future plans for the subcommittees that were created last year after the brainstorming session. These subcommittees were required to meet separately from the TDLCB meetings, but it became difficult for some members to do so due to busy schedules. Therefore, she asked the board how they would like to proceed.

Mr. Mitchell asked if the subcommittees could meet via Zoom.

Ms. Mitchell said that the committees could meet in any way they chose. However, due to busy schedules, they were not able to meet. She stated that the only subcommittee able to meet was the Education and Communication subcommittee, headed by Ms. Lauren Debick.

The board concluded that they would think of some ideas on how to proceed with the subcommittees and get back to Ms. Mitchell with their responses.

Item 8. Comments by TDLCB Members

Mr. Steven Neal introduced Mr. Tom Duncan as the new Transit Administrator with the City of Ocala. Mr. Neal informed the board that he and Mr. Duncan would be alternating in attending the TDLCB meetings. Mr. Duncan then introduced himself to the board members.

Mr. Neal also shared with the board that the City of Ocala was waiting on a grant for the microtransit electric buses and was expecting approval within the next week or so. Additionally, they were anticipating another grant to come soon. The City of Ocala was preparing to branch off into the Transit Development Plan (TDP) and was pleased to have Tom aboard to help.

Mr. Christopher Carlisle, Director of Governmental and Community Relations with Marion County Public Schools introduced himself to the board. Mr. Carlisle would be replacing Ms. Lauren Debick on the TDLCB.

Ms. Jeanette Estes reintroduced herself to the board as the Regional Operations Manager for the State of Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Central Region.

Item 9. Comments by TPO Staff

Mr. Rob Balmes shared with the board that on April 23, 2024, the TPO had hosted a formal kick-off meeting for Navigating the Future, the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, at the Marion County Commission Auditorium. Attached to this memo was a one-page fact sheet outlining the project timeline.

A project website had been published and could be found on the TPO’s website under Plans and Programs, 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The address was: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/c88b20f1d8e74c5f96dd7fdc9f98a5c3>.

On the website, citizens and partners had opportunities for ongoing involvement through a web-based survey and public comment map. Additionally, the first community open house was

scheduled for September 2024. An introductory video for the project had also been developed and posted on the website. Regular updates would be provided on the website throughout the entire plan development process.

Item 10. Comments by Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)

Mr. Murch gave the following comments:

- Marion Transit was 41 days accident free.
 - The last accident happened on May 3, 2024, when a newer Marion Transit driver went into a McDonald's parking lot and hit a parked car. The damage was minimal. The driver was retrained and understood not to go into the parking lot during busy times of the day.
- Marion Transit was 76 days injury free.
 - The last injury occurred on March 29, 2024, when a Marion Transit driver's knee went out. The driver had since had surgery and was still out but was expected to return any day.
- The Transit Star Program recognized outstanding driver of the quarter and six-year employee Mr. Jeff Porter. He was recognized for his dedication to ADA and transportation disadvantaged trips, and the clients had nothing but great reviews.
- Mr. Murch spoke on the subcommittees and mentioned that the subcommittees may not have progressed as they would have liked due to the ongoing topic of funding. He emphasized that obtaining more funding would be one of the main goals before moving forward.
 - The TD grant was \$18,000 more than last year; however, Marion Transit was on pace for over 2,000 more trips.
 - Marion Transit was trying to tap into the 5310 grant, which provided funding for transportation for the elderly and the disadvantaged. The difference between 5310 and the TD grant was that TD also provided funding for low-income trips. Therefore, 5310 covered 2/3 of what TD would cover.
- Marion Transit had 46 buses in their fleet, with 10 having over 200,000 miles. Additionally, 5 buses were on their way, and they expected 5 more new buses by the end of the year, despite manufacturing delays.
- On May 7, 2024, Marion Transit met with FDOT to discuss the 2020 Census. It was noted that the urban area in Summerfield and Belleview technically belonged to the Villages-Lady Lake TPO. Therefore, Marion Transit would have had to become a subrecipient of Lake County to gain access to their 5307 funding, which creates a different stream of funding.
- Deviated fixed routes held steady with about 200 trips a month on the Blue Line in Dunnellon and just under 400 trips a month on the Gold Line in Marion Oaks. Marion Transit anticipated starting around August 5 the Green Line, which would be in the Forest Corners area once the fleet was ready to service the area.

Ms. Hanley mentioned that she noticed an issue with a lot of senior citizens, as many doctors had been moving to Citrus County.

Mr. Murch said the problem that Marion Transit had was that their funding stopped at the county line. There would need to be a coordinated system with another county or Medicaid, as they can cross county lines. He said that this had continued to be a challenge.

Item 11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 12. Adjournment

Chairman McClain adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant

HOUSEHOLD BUDGET

			Hours Yearly	80% AMI Annual Gross Income for family of 4	Monthly Income Gross Income	Hourly rate	Net Pay	
Client: Family Size 3			2080	\$ 52,100.00	\$ 4,341.67	\$ 25.05		
Due Date	Expenses	Monthly Amount	Interest Rate	Due Date	Expenses	Monthly Amount	Gross Pay	Net Pay
RENT/MORTGAGE		\$ 1,320.00		PERSONAL EXPENSES		\$ 50.00		
	Rent/Mortgage	\$ 1,300.00			Saving/Reserves			
	Insurance	\$ 20.00			Home Repair			
	Taxes				Cigarettes			
HOME UTILITIES		\$ 400.00			Self Insurances			
	House Gas				HOA Fees			
	Electric	\$ 150.00			Medical/RX	\$ 50.00		
	Phone				Life Insurance			
	Cable/TV/Internet	\$ 150.00			Medical Bills			
	Water /Sewer	\$ 50.00		FOOD & SUPPLIES		\$ 745.00		
	Cell Phone	\$ 50.00			Grocery	\$ 700.00		
CREDIT CARDS / LOANS		\$ -			Cleaning supplies	\$ 20.00		
	Credit Card 1				Health products	\$ 25.00		
	Credit Card 2				Eat Out			
	Student Loans							
	Bank Fees			PERSONAL EXPENSES		\$ -		
AUTO EXPENSES		\$ 505.00			Allowance/Fun			
	Car 1	\$ 400.00			Offering			
	Car 2				Donations			
	Bus Fare				Clothing			
	Auto Insurance	\$ 80.00			Lotto			
	Auto Gas Total				Cash Advance			
	Oil Changes				Alarm System			
	Car Maintenance	\$ 25.00						
Total Monthly net expenses						\$ 4,120.00		
<i>Adjusted</i>								
CHILDREN EXPENSES		\$ 1,000.00			Est. Hourly Income	\$ 30.39		\$2,430.80
	Child Care			Current Total Net Income				
	Tuition			Types: _____ Types: _____ Types: _____ Types: _____				
	Exr. Curric. Activities							
	Reoccurring Medical	\$ 100.00						
	Clothing/Care Product	\$ 100.00						
	Allowance/Fun	\$ 100.00						
	Daycare	\$ 700.00		Money Left Over				\$ 221.67
LUXURIES		\$ 100.00		Adjusted Amount				
	Gym Membership			MONTHLY PRIORITY				Mthly Income:
	Hair/nail							
	Mag Subscriptions							
	Animal Care							
	Travel	\$ 100.00						
	Investment							
Comment:								
						Remaining Amount:	\$ 221.67	\$(382.07)

**2024 Income Limits and Rent Limits
Florida Housing Finance Corporation
SHIP and HHRP Programs**

County (Metro)	Percentage Category	Income Limit by Number of Persons in Household										Rent Limit by Number of Bedrooms in Unit					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0	1	2	3	4	5
Leon County (Tallahassee HMFA; Tallahassee MSA) Median: 88,700	30%	18,650	21,300	25,820	31,200	36,580	41,960	47,340	52,720	Refer to HUD		466	499	645	847	1,049	1,250
	50%	31,050	35,500	39,950	44,350	47,900	51,450	55,000	58,550	62,090	65,638	776	831	998	1,153	1,286	1,419
	80%	49,700	56,800	63,900	70,950	76,650	82,350	88,000	93,700	99,344	105,021	1,242	1,331	1,597	1,845	2,058	2,271
	120%	74,520	85,200	95,880	106,440	114,960	123,480	132,000	140,520	149,016	157,531	1,863	1,996	2,397	2,767	3,087	3,406
	140%	86,940	99,400	111,860	124,180	134,120	144,060	154,000	163,940	173,852	183,786	2,173	2,329	2,796	3,228	3,601	3,974
Levy County Median: 64,700	30%	15,060	20,440	25,820	31,200	35,250	37,850	40,450	43,050	Refer to HUD		376	443	645	830	946	1,043
	50%	22,850	26,100	29,350	32,600	35,250	37,850	40,450	43,050	45,640	48,248	571	611	733	848	946	1,043
	80%	36,550	41,750	46,950	52,150	56,350	60,500	64,700	68,850	73,024	77,197	913	978	1,173	1,356	1,512	1,669
	120%	54,840	62,640	70,440	78,240	84,600	90,840	97,080	103,320	109,536	115,795	1,371	1,468	1,761	2,035	2,271	2,505
	140%	63,980	73,080	82,180	91,280	98,700	105,980	113,260	120,540	127,792	135,094	1,599	1,713	2,054	2,374	2,649	2,922
Liberty County Median: 64,800	30%	15,060	20,440	25,820	31,200	35,250	37,850	40,450	43,050	Refer to HUD		376	443	645	830	946	1,043
	50%	22,850	26,100	29,350	32,600	35,250	37,850	40,450	43,050	45,640	48,248	571	611	733	848	946	1,043
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	140%	63,980	73,080	82,180	91,280	98,700	105,980	113,260	120,540	127,792	135,094	1,599	1,713	2,054	2,374	2,649	2,922
Madison County Median: 60,100	30%	15,060	20,440	25,820	31,200	35,250	37,850	40,450	43,050	Refer to HUD		376	443	645	830	946	1,043
	50%	22,850	26,100	29,350	32,600	35,250	37,850	40,450	43,050	45,640	48,248	571	611	733	848	946	1,043
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Manatee County (North Port-Sarasota- Bradenton MSA) Median: 97,000	30%	21,150	24,150	27,150	31,200	36,580	41,960	47,340	52,720	Refer to HUD		528	566	678	847	1,049	1,250
	50%	35,200	40,200	45,250	50,250	54,300	58,300	62,350	66,350	70,350	74,370	880	942	1,131	1,306	1,457	1,608
	80%	56,300	64,350	72,350	80,400	86,800	93,250	99,700	106,150	112,560	118,992	1,407	1,508	1,808	2,090	2,331	2,573
	120%	84,480	96,480	108,600	120,600	130,320	139,920	149,640	159,240	168,840	178,488	2,112	2,262	2,715	3,136	3,498	3,861
	140%	98,560	112,560	126,700	140,700	152,040	163,240	174,580	185,780	196,980	208,236	2,464	2,639	3,167	3,659	4,081	4,504
Marion County (Ocala MSA) Median: 73,700	30%	15,200	20,440	25,820	31,200	36,580	41,950	44,850	47,750	Refer to HUD		380	445	645	847	1,048	1,157
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	120%	60,840	69,480	78,120	86,760	93,720	100,680	107,640	114,600	121,464	128,405	1,521	1,629	1,953	2,256	2,517	2,778
	140%	70,980	81,060	91,140	101,220	109,340	117,460	125,580	133,700	141,708	149,806	1,774	1,900	2,278	2,632	2,936	3,241

Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) income and rent limits are based upon figures provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are subject to change. Updated schedules will be provided when changes occur.

Housing Finance Authority of Marion County

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Who is The Housing Finance Authority?

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The ("HFA") serves low-moderate income rental households collaborating with multifamily developers to create or preserve affordable units for eligible renters in Marion County.

- HFA works very closely with both City of Ocala and Marion County.
- Own and manager forty-three (43) affordable rental units
- Provide basic skills and financial literacy to HFA tenants.
- In 2024, the HFA established the Central Florida Community Land Trust for vacant land and rental units within Marion County to ensure rental units will stay affordable for 99+ years.
- CLTs use public and private investment funds and land to acquire land on behalf of a specific community housing needs.
- Provide education to the public related to Workforce Housing
- Created Workforce housing study with Florida Housing.
- The HFA rents to residents with income between 50 – 120% AMI, all tenants are income certified by HFA property manager.

The HFA focus "To Increase the Availability of Essential and Affordable Housing in Marion County."

For more information: www.hfamc.org





2024 Updates Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP)

What is the TDSP?

- A tactical plan
- Mandated by the Commission
- 5 Years

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Marion County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) 2020 - 2025

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Prepared by:
Ocala Marion Transportation
Planning Organization and
Marion Transit Services



Updated:
June 13th, 2024

Website: Ocalamariontpo.org

COMBINED EFFORT



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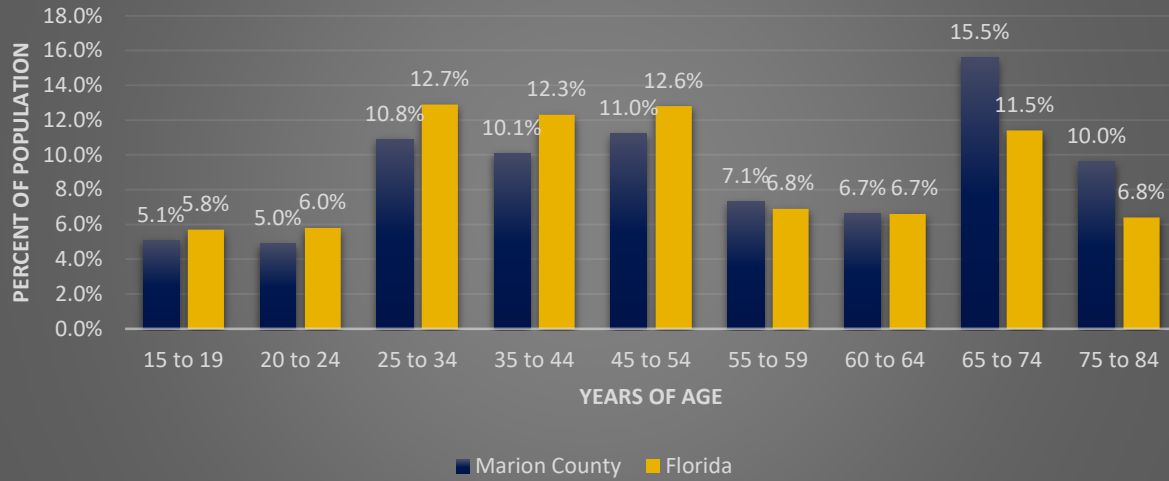
**Sara Brown, TPO
Transportation
Planner**

The Plan contains three main components.

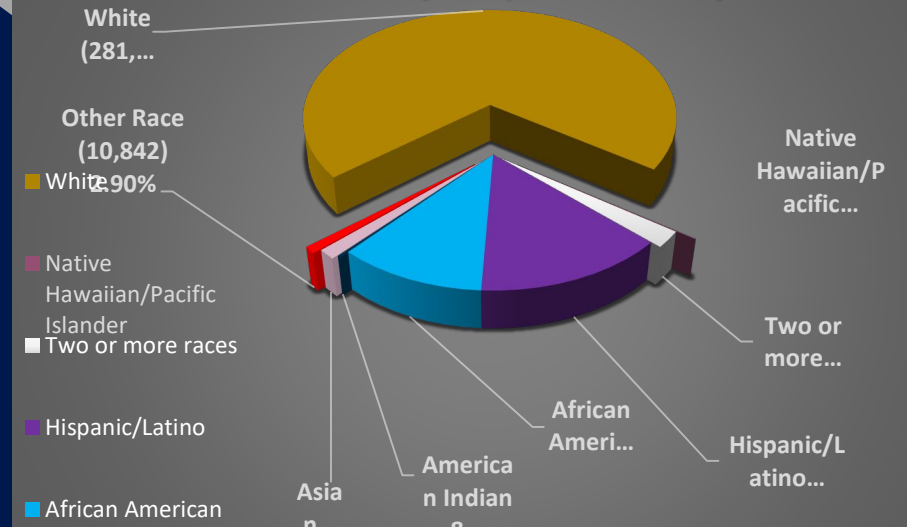
- 1. Development Section**
- 2. Service Plan**
- 3. Quality Assurance**

What are the 2024 Updates?

Age Distribution

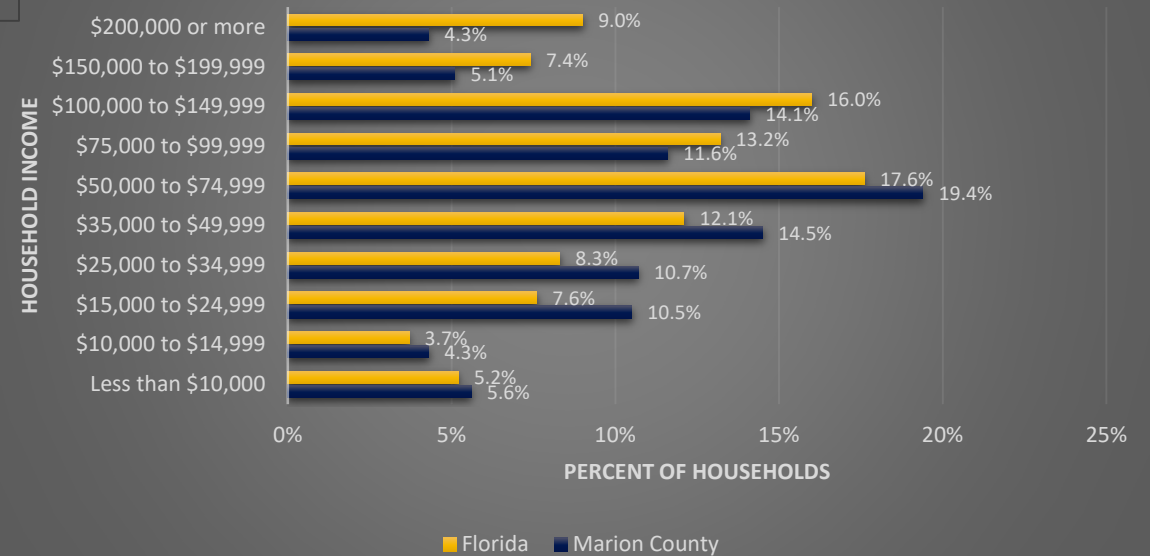


Marion County Population by Race

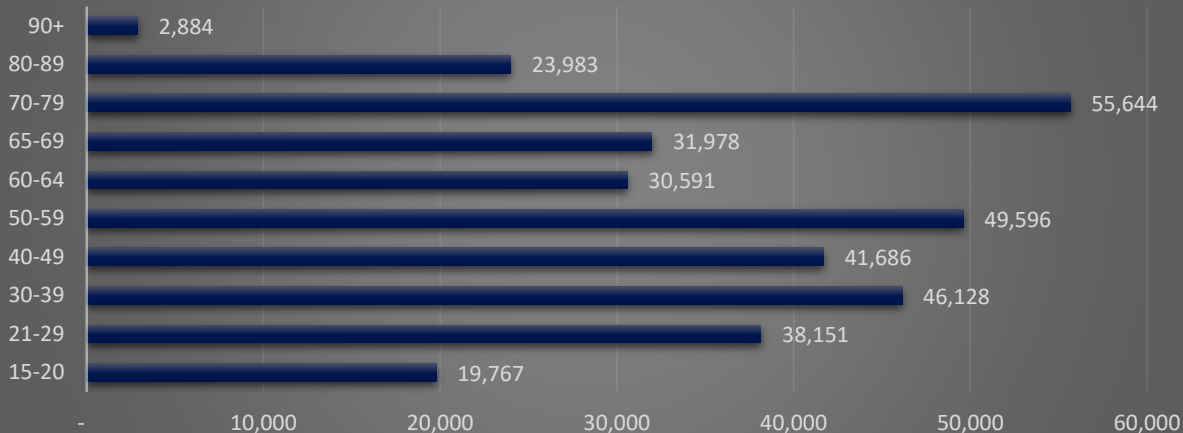


Source: 2022 ACS 5-Yr. Estimates

Household Income (In 2022 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)

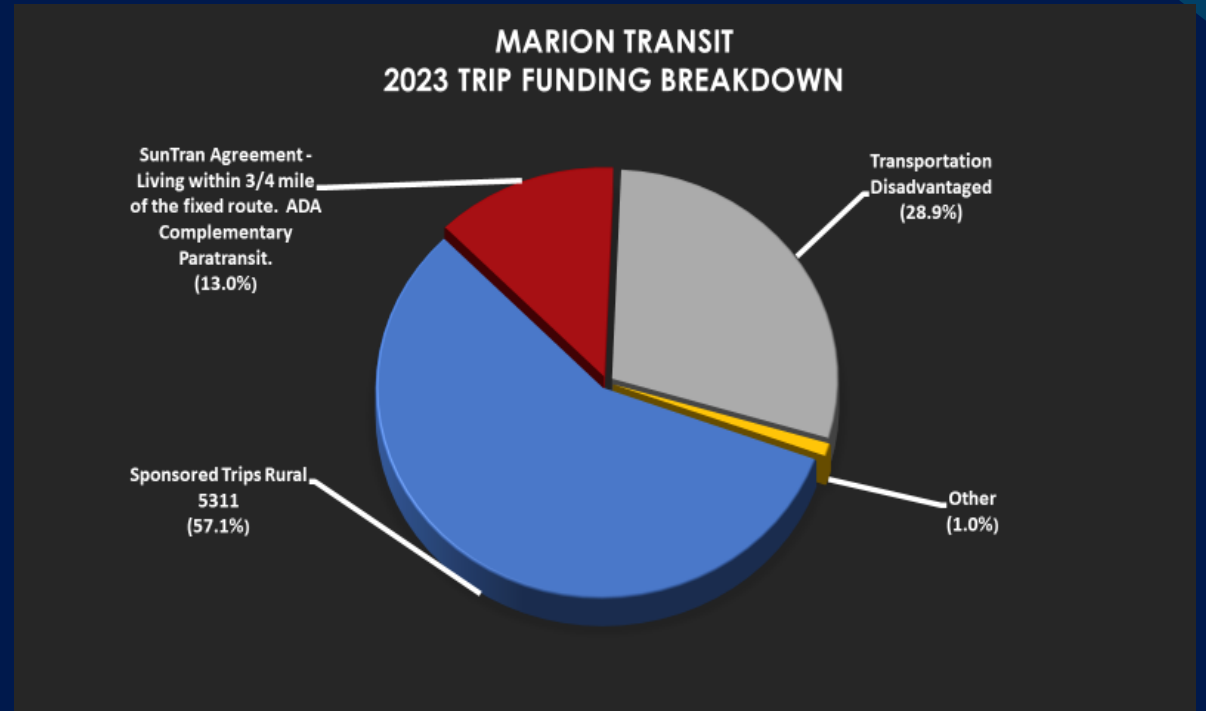
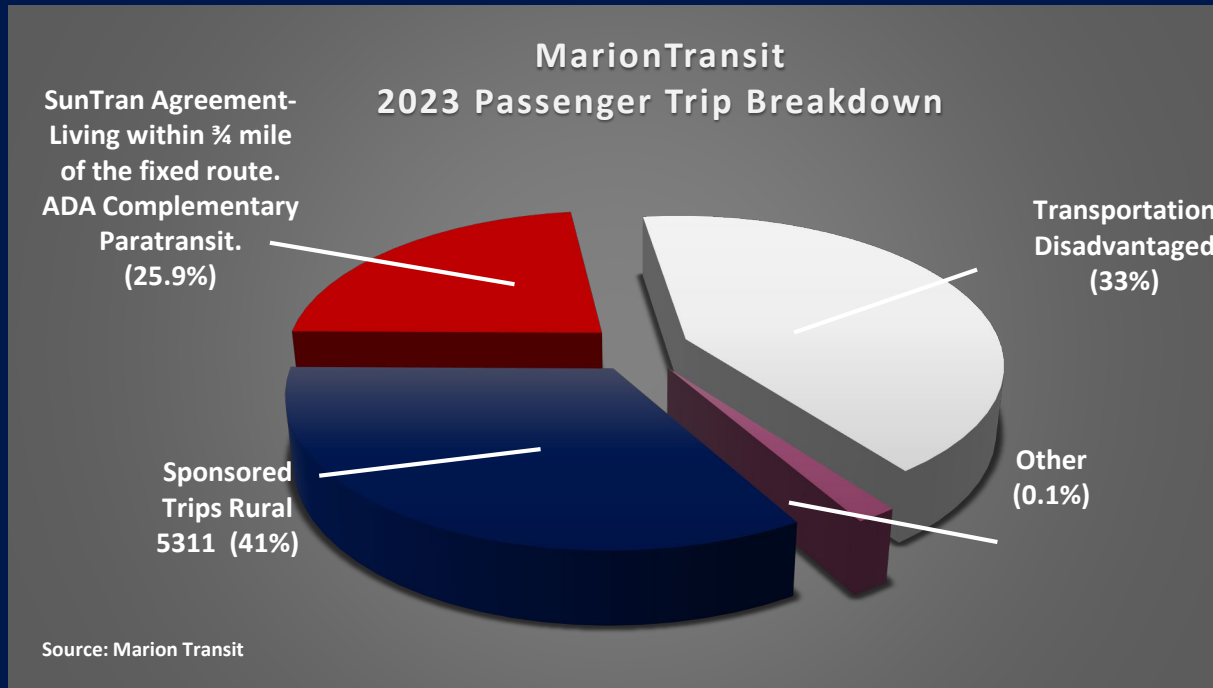


Marion County Automobile Ownership by Age Group



General TD Population Forecast	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Overlapping Circle Component							
E - Estimate non-elderly/disabled/ low income	6,191	6,329	6,469	6,613	6,760	6,911	7,064
B - Estimate non-elderly/ disabled/not low income	25,925	26,501	27,091	27,693	28,309	28,938	29,582
G - Estimate elderly/disabled/low income	3,991	4,080	4,170	4,263	4,358	4,455	4,554
D - Estimate elderly/ disabled/not low income	30,258	30,931	31,619	32,322	33,040	33,775	34,526
F - Estimate elderly/non-disabled/low income	5,007	5,118	5,232	5,348	5,467	5,589	5,713
A - Estimate elderly/non-disabled/not low income	73,694	75,333	77,008	78,720	80,470	82,259	84,088
C - Estimate low income/not elderly/not disabled	36,655	37,470	38,303	39,155	40,025	40,915	41,825
TOTAL GENERAL TD POPULATION	181,721	185,761	189,892	194,114	198,430	202,842	207,352
TOTAL POPULATION	384,996	393,556	402,307	411,252	420,396	429,743	439,299

Source: CUTR, Paratransit Service Demand Estimation Tool. Based on paratransit service operating 265 days annually.



Goals and Objectives

- Goals, objectives and Strategies
- Implementation Plan

Appendix

- Local Government Comprehensive Plans
- Vehicle Inventory
- Rate Model Calculation Spreadsheets



To maintain compliance, this plan was updated and submitted for public participation, input and comments for 15 days.

Any questions?

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Thank You!

Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Members

<p><i>Marion Transit Services i.e. Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)</i> Clayton Murch, Transportation Director</p>	<p><i>Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)</i> Carlos M. Colon, Transit Project Coordinator</p>	<p><i>Ocala Marion Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)</i> Robert Balmes, TPO Director</p>	<p><i>Marion County Board of County Commissioners</i> Mathew McClain, Commissioner - TDLCB Chair</p>	
<p><i>Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)</i> Gisela Ruiz, Sr. Human Services Program Specialist</p>	<p><i>Agency for Persons with Disabilities</i> Jeannette Estes, Regional Operations Manager</p>	<p><i>CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion</i> Iris Pozo, Human Resources Manager/EO Officer</p>	<p><i>Central Florida Community Action Agency</i> Tiffany McKenzie, Compliance & Reporting Officer</p>	<p><i>Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida (CILNCF)</i> Andrea Melvin, Office Manager – TDLCB Vice Chair</p>
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<p><i>Marion County Public Schools (MCPS)</i> Christopher Carlisle, Director</p>	<p><i>Marion County Veterans Services Department</i> Jeffrey Askew, Director</p>	<p><i>Ocala Housing Authority</i> Angela Juaristic, Resident Services Manager</p>	<p><i>SunTran Bus Services</i> Steven Neal, Transit Manager</p>	

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Marion Senior Services, Inc. dba Marion Transit, i.e. Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)

Supporting the elderly, disadvantaged residents of Marion County to maintain independent living status by providing para-transit transportation, meals, and in-home support services.

Clayton Murch, Transit Director
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Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Funding Source. Provide descriptions and budgets for the development of Public Transit Grant agreements. Monitor and report project activity, and process invoices for Transit/Intermodal projects. Review Transportation Improvement Plans (TIP), and Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP).

Carlos M. Colon, Transit Project Coordinator
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Ocala Marion Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)

A federally mandated agency responsible for coordinating transportation projects, including highway, transit, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, aviation and paratransit, throughout the county. The TPO allocates federal transportation funds and works to improve the region's transportation system by developing a variety of plans and programs.

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Marion County Board of County Commissioners (MCBCC)

The primary legislative & policy-making body for Marion County. Commissioners are responsible for providing the safety and welfare of all County residents and visitors.

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Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)

Insures providers maintain proper function and compliance with State approval license/certifications, documentation, location and operations at appropriate settings for Medicaid recipients and contractors.

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Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities supports persons with unique abilities in living, learning, and working within their communities, by creating multiple pathways to possibilities. They oversee program operations and administration for 12 counties that comprise the Central Region of the State of Florida. This is the agency's Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver Program.

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CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion

Service provider for Welfare Transition participants, work registrations, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act participants. Provide services for job seekers and businesses, job posting, job events, youth events and re-employment assistance.

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Central Florida Community Action Agency (CFCAA)

Provides services and programs that provides residents the opportunity to move towards self-sufficiency and financial independence through various programs in Alachua, Levy and Marion Counties. Programs are: raising and improving self-sufficiency, weatherization assistance, and low income home energy assistance.

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Centers for Independent Living of North Central Florida (CILNCF)

Provide information, referral, advocacy, transition out of institutions or after high school, peer support, ADA paratransit, employment services, assistive technology and durable medical equipment, independent living skills for people with all types of disabilities in a 16-county area.

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Department of Children and Families - Adult Protective Services (DCF)

Adult Protective Services investigates reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation against vulnerable adults. Assesses service needs and refers services as identified.

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Florida Center for the Blind

Rehabilitative training for individuals, ages birth to end of life, who are blind and or visually-impaired to 8 North Central Florida counties.

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Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOE)

Determines medical level of care eligibility for individuals applying for nursing facility, Medicaid and home community-based Medicaid programs. Staff also participates in disaster recovery efforts throughout the state as needed.

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Florida Department of Health (DOH)

Works to protect and improve the health of people in their communities. This is achieved by promoting healthy lifestyles, researching diseases, injury prevention, and detecting, preventing, and responding to infectious diseases.

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Housing Finance Authority of Marion County (HFAMC)

A separate public body corporate and polite, helps families and individuals in Marion County with affordable housing options. The HFAMC works with developers to assist in bond funding to create affordable housing within the County.

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Marion County Public Schools (MCPS)

The school district is the area's largest employer with almost 6,300 team members. It serves nearly 45,000 students and is responsible for 49 traditional schools, 5 charter schools, 1 special needs school, 1 adult education, and 1 virtual school. MCPS has 254 bus routes that cover an average of 31,806 miles every day.

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Marion County Veterans Services Department

Provide services to veterans and their families when submitting for Veterans Benefits. This includes service/non-service connected claims, widows, education, healthcare, dental, burial and memorial, nursing home and long-term, special claims, and miscellaneous benefits. Host events & programs in the Veterans Park. Give tours of the Veterans Exhibit and Education Center.

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Ocala Housing Authority (OHA)

Administers and oversees 186 public housing units 1511 housing vouchers and 46 open market properties. Providing the housing needs to low-income families while also offering programs for self-sufficiency and homeownership.

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SunTran Bus Services

Provides fixed-route service to provide safe, comfortable, and accessible transit services as a viable means of mobility to the citizens and visitors of Ocala and Marion County. Currently, there are seven fixed routes providing service throughout the City and County operating on weekdays and Saturdays.

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