



Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Workshop

Marion County Growth Services Training Room
2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470
June 8, 2023

MINUTES

Members Present:

Michelle Stone
Glorybee Perez
Lauren Debick
Susan Hanley
Carlos Colon
Andrea Melvin
Anissa Pieriboni
Steven Neal
Keith Fair

Members Not Present:

Jeffrey Askew
Tracey Sapp
Iris Pozo
Elizabeth Watson
Carressa Hutchinson
Jeff Aboumrad
Ronald Graham

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, TPO
Shakayla Irby, TPO
Elizabeth Mitchell, TPO
Clayton Murch, Marion Senior Services
Herman Schultz, Marion Senior Services
Ken McKelvy, Marion Senior Services

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairwoman Michelle Stone called the workshop to order at 11:08am. Secretary Shakayla Irby called the roll and a quorum was present.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Keith Fair led the board members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Proof of Publication

Secretary Shakayla Irby stated that the workshop had been published June 1, 2023 online on the TPO website and Facebook and Twitter pages, the City of Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites. The workshop was also published to the June 1, 2023 edition of the Ocala Star Banner.

Item 4A. Brainstorming Session and Discussion on: What improvements do you want to see in place to better serve the transportation disadvantaged community?

At the workshop everyone was asked to think of two or three ideas and write them down on a small sheet of paper. Later they were paired with another person and together they combined their thoughts and ideas. That information was then placed on a sticky board in order to see where the commonalities and differences were. The information was then categorized into four (4) main categories as follows:

1. FUNDING

- Acquire Needs Assessment
- Better Support from TD Community
- Training Dollars to Attend Workshops
- Understand Revenue Streams
- Additional Funding Streams
- Challenge
- More Funding

2. EDUCATION/COMMUNICATION

- Raise awareness of Services

- Improve Communication
 - Awareness of rider access to information (public hearings, public comments)
 - Changes (bus routes, funding services available-paratransit)
- Educate the Public
- Need to spread the message
 - Church Websites
 - Maybe a welcome packet
- Improved Education-so individuals know what services are available (i.e. where to see bus routes, what is paratransit, etc.)
- Advanced notice of changes due to funding limitation, route changes, etc.
- Improve Public Notices – not all disadvantaged persons may know of public comment, hearings, meetings, etc.
- Acquire Critical Input from Riders/Potential Riders for future planning, expansions, improvements.
- Create Info Sheets on TDLCB Services
- Improve Connectivity between SunTran and MT
- Longer Term Fee Waivers
- Create a TDLCB Resource Map
- Opportunity
- Refresher of Community Services within our TDLCB Board
- Challenge
- Accessibility
- Getting the Word Out

3. FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Bus Shelters
- Additional Benches and Shelters at Bus Stops
- Weather/Rain Cover at Bus Stops
- More Sidewalks on Busy Roads
- Better Lighting along Roads
- Challenge
- Infrastructure Funding

4. FUTURE SERVICE/ROAD EXPANSION

- Added Route Service in the areas identified in TD Study
- Provide Service Areas in Belleview and Summerfield
- Expand Services to Neighboring Counties
- More Service in Rural Areas
- More Transportation Options in low-income areas (HS Students do not have access to work after school)
- After School Trips (helps working parents)
- Add Weekend Service
- Challenge
- More Staff - (Drivers)

At the meeting everyone chose a category to be a part of a committee to find a solution for each of the listed issues. All members of the TDLCB Board were to select a category and let Liz Mitchell know what category they chose.

Below is a list of the committee's and the members that have selected a committee so far.

1. Funding

- Michelle Stone
- Steven Neal
- Carlos Colon
- Clayton Murch

2. Education/Communication

- Anissa Pieriboni
- Lauren Debick
- Andrea Melvin
- Susan Hanley
- Keith Fair
- Herman Schulz

3. Future Infrastructure

- Glorybee Perez
- Ken McKelvy

4. Future Service/Road Expansion

- Karen Williams

Each of the four committee's would meet during the quarter prior to the quarterly meeting and report at our quarterly meeting to update everyone on what has been resolved or the ideas created to attempt a resolution.

Item 5. Comments by TDLCB Members

Chairwoman Stone thanked the TPO for guiding the board through the workshop session and gave thanks to the board for their attention and input.

Ms. Pieriboni said she enjoyed the workshop and felt that there was more purpose for the TDLCB and excited about the future.

Item 6. Comments by TPO Staff

There were no comments by the TPO Staff.

Item 7. Comments by CTC

There were no comments by the CTC.

Item 8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 9. Adjournment

Chairwoman Stone adjourned the meeting at 11:58am.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant