



Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Public Workshop

Marion County Growth Services, Training Room
2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470
Cisco WebEx
June 17, 2021
3:45 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Jeffrey Askew
Tamyika Young (*via WebEx*)
Tracey Alesiani
Andrea Melvin

Members Not Present:

Michelle Stone
Charmaine Anderson
Tracey Sapp
Susan Hanley
Carlos Colon
Iris Pozo
Anissa Pieriboni
Carissa Hutchinson
Steven Neal
Jeff Aboumrad
James Haynes

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, TPO
Shakayla Irby, TPO
Elizabeth Mitchell, TPO
Tom Wilder, Marion Transit

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice-Chairman Askew called the meeting to order at 4:05pm. Secretary Shakayla Irby called the roll and a special quorum was present with 4 voting members in attendance.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairman Askew 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 10, 2021 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 11, 2021 edition of the Star Banner.

Item 4A. Transportation Disadvantaged Survey Questions

Ms. Mitchell provided the board with a list of survey questions for the general public to provide feedback on the Marion Transit (Paratransit system) that provided transportation service “specialized” meaning it provided service to persons with disabilities comparable to that provided to persons without disabilities. Upon qualifying, the service would be provided by “Marion Transit” available to help the disadvantaged that cannot physically, mentally, or economically, and lack access to ride the regular transit system. But “disadvantaged” doesn’t just mean blind, or person in a wheelchair, it also included low income, person(s) that had no access to transportation, or person(s) dependent upon others for health care, education, employment, social activities, and groceries to name a few.

The survey was 10 questions and would serve to capture real-world data and focus on areas of need within the Transportation Disadvantaged system. Whether it was a citizen utilizing the service or a loved one that rode, it would allow for good feedback.

Survey can be referenced on page 2 of the June 17, 2021 TDLCB Meeting Agenda Packet.

Mr. Askew inquired if the survey results would be posted on the TPO website.

Ms. Mitchell responded that the survey results would be posted for the public to see the outcome of responses.

Mr. Wilder mentioned that Marion Transit also conducts their own survey for public feedback on the services provided by the transit system.

Ms. Mitchell said that the public survey would help to assist in the updating Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP).

Ms. Melvin said she could share the survey at the Centers for Independent Living to capture as much feedback from citizens utilizing the transit services.

Mr. Balmes said that staff would determine a timeframe for the survey and also partner with the agencies of the TDLCB to make sure the survey is accessible.

Mr. Askew said the board would like an update on the survey at the next quarterly meeting.

Item 5A. Rate Model Calculation Approval

Ms. Mitchell addressed the board and said that each year, the TDLCB was required to approve Marion Transit's (MT) proposed trip rates. MT, as required, utilizes the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Trip Rate Calculation process.

For the current year, MT had proposed a slight increase in the charge for ambulatory and wheelchair patients. TPO staff had reviewed the Trip Rate Calculation and concurred with the results.

The proposed rates were are as follows:

Ambulatory **Current Rate: \$28.13 Proposed Rate: \$30.01**
Wheelchair **Current Rate: \$48.23 Proposed Rate: \$51.44**

The Trip Rate Calculation was provided to the board for review.

Ms. Melvin made a motion to approve the Proposed Trip Rates for FY 2021. Ms. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6A. Consent Agenda

Ms. Melvin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 7. Comments by TDLCB Members

There were no comments by TDLCB Members.

Item 8. Comments by TPO Staff

There were no comments by TPO Staff.

Item 9. Comments by Transportation Coordinator (CTC)

Mr. Wilder announced to the board that it would be his last time meeting with the TDLCB as he was due to retire on Friday, July 30, 2021.

Mr. Askew wished Mr. Wilder the best and thanked him for his many years of dedicated service to Marion County.

Item 10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 12. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Askew adjourned the meeting at 4:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant