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**FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED
PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into by and between the STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED, created pursuant to Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, hereinafter called the Commission, and Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization, 2710 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34471, hereinafter called the Grantee.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Grantee has the authority to enter into this Agreement and to undertake the Project hereinafter described, and the Commission has been granted the authority to carry out responsibilities of the Commission which includes the function of the Designated Official Planning Agency and other responsibilities identified in Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, or rules thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and representations herein, the parties agree as follows:

1.00 Purpose of Agreement: The purpose of this Agreement is to provide financial assistance to accomplish the duties and responsibilities of the Official Planning Agency as set forth in Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, Commission policies, and the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Program Manual and Instructions for the Planning Grant, and as further described in this Agreement and in Exhibit(s) A, B, C, D attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, hereinafter called the Project; and, for the Commission to provide financial assistance to the Grantee and state the terms and conditions upon which such assistance will be provided and the understandings as to the manner in which the Project will be undertaken and completed.

2.00 Accomplishment of the Project: The Grantee shall commence, and complete the Project as described in Exhibit "A" with all practical dispatch, in a sound, economical, and efficient manner, and in accordance with the provisions herein, and all applicable laws.

2.10 Pursuant to Federal, State, and Local Law: In the event that any election, referendum, approval, permit, notice, or other proceeding or authorization is requisite under applicable law to enable the Grantee to enter into this Agreement or to undertake the Project hereunder, or to observe, assume or carry out any of the provisions of the Agreement, the Grantee will initiate and consummate, as provided by law, all actions necessary with respect to any such matters so requisite.

2.20 Funds of the Grantee: The Grantee will provide the initial funds necessary for the completion of the project.

2.30 Funds of the Commission: The Commission will compensate the Grantee upon receipt and approval of said deliverables, not to exceed the estimated project cost as further defined herein.

2.40 Submission of Proceedings, Contracts and Other Documents and Products: The Grantee shall submit to the Commission such data, reports, records, contracts, certifications and other financial and operational documents or products relating to the Project as the Commission may require as provided by law, rule or under this agreement. Failure by the Grantee to provide such documents, or provide documents or products required by previous agreements between the Commission and the Grantee, may, at the Commission's discretion, result in refusal to reimburse project funds or other permissible sanctions against the Grantee, including termination.

2.50 Incorporation by Reference: The Grantee and Commission agree that by entering into this Agreement, the parties explicitly incorporate by reference into this Agreement the applicable law and provisions of Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, and the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Program Manual and Instructions for the Planning Grant.

3.00 Total Project Cost: The total estimated cost of the Project is \$ 30,735.00. This amount is based upon the budget summarized in Exhibit "B" and by this reference made a part hereof. The Grantee agrees to bear all expenses in excess of the total estimated cost of the Project and any deficits involved, including any deficits revealed by an audit performed in accordance with Section 6.00 hereof after completion of the project.

4.00 Commission Participation: The Commission agrees to maximum participation in the Project in the amount of \$ 30,735.00 as detailed in Exhibit "B".

4.10 Eligible Costs: Planning Grant Funds, derived exclusively from the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund, may only be used by the Commission and the Grantee to undertake planning activities.

4.20 Eligible Project Expenditures: Project expenditures eligible for State participation will be allowed only from the date of this Agreement. It is understood that State participation in eligible project costs is subject to:

- a) The understanding that disbursement of funds will be made in accordance with the Commission's cash forecast;
- b) Availability of funds as stated in Section 13.00 of this Agreement;
- c) Commission approval of the project scope and budget (Exhibits A & B) at the time appropriation authority becomes available; and
- d) Submission of all certifications, invoices, detailed supporting documents or other obligating documents and all other terms of this agreement.

4.30 Front End Funding and Retainage: Front end funding and retainage are not applicable.

5.00 Project Budget and Disbursement Schedule:

5.10 The Project Budget: The Grantee shall maintain the Commission approved Project Budget, as set forth in Exhibit B, carry out the Project, and shall incur obligations against and make disbursements of Project funds only in conformity with the latest approved budget for the Project. This is a lump sum – percent complete grant to accomplish the tasks identified in the law, rule, and the grant. It is not subject to adjustment due to the actual cost experience of the Grantee in the performance of the grant agreement. The amount paid is based on the weighted value of the tasks and deliverables listed in Exhibits A and B that have been accomplished for the invoiced period. Prior to payment, the tasks performed and deliverables are subject to review and acceptance by the Commission. The criteria for acceptance of completed tasks and deliverables are based on the most recent regulations, guidelines or directives related to the particular task and deliverable.

5.20 Schedule of Disbursements: The Grantee shall be paid on a quarterly basis based on the satisfactory performance of each task detailed in Exhibit A.

6.00 Accounting Records and Audits:

6.10 Establishment and Maintenance of Accounting Records: The Grantee shall establish for the Project, in conformity with the latest current uniform requirements established by the Commission to facilitate the administration of the financing program, either separate accounts to be maintained within its existing accounting system, or establish independent accounts. Such financing accounts are referred to herein collectively as the "Project Account". The Project Account, and detailed documentation supporting the Project Account, must be made available upon request, without cost, to the Commission any time during the period of the Agreement and for five years after final payment is made or if any audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of five years, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings.

6.20 Funds Received or Made Available for The Project: The Grantee shall appropriately record in the Project Account, and deposit in a bank or trust company which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, all payments received by it from the Commission pursuant to this Agreement and all other funds provided for, accruing to, or otherwise received on account of the Project, which Commission payments and other funds are herein collectively referred to as "Project Funds". The Grantee shall require depositories of Project Funds to secure continuously and fully all Project Funds in excess of the amounts insured under Federal plans, or under State plans which have been approved for the deposit of Project funds by the Commission, by the deposit or setting aside of collateral of the types and in the manner as prescribed by State law for the security of public funds, or as approved by the Commission.

6.30 Costs Incurred for the Project: The Grantee shall charge to the Project Account all eligible costs of the Project. Costs in excess of the latest approved budget, costs which are not within the statutory criteria for the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund, or attributable to actions which have not met the other requirements of this Agreement, shall not be considered eligible costs.

6.40 Documentation of Project Deliverables: The Grantee shall provide sufficient detailed documentation for each deliverable to allow an audit trail to ensure that the tasks accomplished or deliverables completed in acceptable form to the Commission were those which were promised. The documentation must be sufficiently detailed to comply with the laws and policies of the Department of Financial Services.

6.50 Checks, Orders, and Vouchers: Any check or order drawn by the Grantee with respect to any item which is or will be chargeable against the Project Account will be drawn only in accordance with a properly signed voucher then on file in the office of the Grantee stating in proper detail the purpose for which such check or order is drawn. All checks, payrolls, invoices, contracts, vouchers, orders, or other accounting documents pertaining in whole or in part to the Project shall be clearly identified, readily accessible, within the Grantees existing accounting system, and, to the extent feasible, kept separate and apart from all other such documents.

6.60 Audits:

1. The administration of resources awarded through the Commission to the Grantee by this Agreement may be subject to audits and/or monitoring by the Commission and the Department of Transportation (Department). The following requirements do not limit the authority of the Commission or the Department to conduct or arrange for the conduct of additional audits or evaluations of state financial assistance or limit the authority of any state agency inspector general, the Auditor General, or any other state official. The Grantee shall comply with all audit and audit reporting requirements as specified below.

- a. In addition to reviews of audits conducted in accordance with Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, monitoring procedures to monitor the Grantee's use of state financial assistance may include but not be limited to on-site visits by Commission and/or Department staff and/or other procedures including, reviewing any required performance and financial reports, following up, ensuring corrective action, and issuing management decisions on weaknesses found through audits when those findings pertain to state financial assistance awarded through the Commission by this Agreement. By entering into this Agreement, the Grantee agrees to comply and cooperate fully with any monitoring procedures/processes deemed appropriate by the Commission and/or the Department. The Grantee further agrees to comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by the Commission, the Department, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Department of Financial Services the State Auditor General and, the State Inspector General.
- b. The Grantee a nonstate entity as defined by Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, as a recipient of state financial assistance awarded by the Commission through this Agreement is subject to the following requirements:
 - i. In the event the Grantee meets the audit threshold requirements established by Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, the Grantee must have a State single or project-specific audit conducted for such fiscal year in accordance with Section 215.97, Florida Statutes; applicable rules of the Department of Financial Services; and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the

Auditor General. Exhibit D to this Agreement indicates state financial assistance awarded through the Commission by this Agreement needed by the Grantee to further comply with the requirements of Section 215.97, Florida Statutes. In determining the state financial assistance expended in a fiscal year, the Grantee shall consider all sources of state financial assistance, including state financial assistance received from the Commission by this Agreement, other state agencies and other nonstate entities. State financial assistance does not include Federal direct or pass-through awards and resources received by a nonstate entity for Federal program matching requirements.

- ii. In connection with the audit requirements, the Grantee shall ensure that the audit complies with the requirements of Section 215.97, Florida Statutes. This includes submission of a financial reporting package as defined by Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General.
- iii. In the event the Grantee does not meet the audit threshold requirements established by Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, the Grantee is exempt for such fiscal year from the state single audit requirements of Section 215.97, Florida Statutes. However, the Grantee must provide a single audit exemption statement to the Department at FDOTSingleAudit@dot.state.fl.us no later than nine months after the end of the Grantee's audit period for each applicable audit year. In the event the Grantee does not meet the audit threshold requirements established by Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, in a fiscal year and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, the cost of the audit must be paid from the Grantee's resources (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be paid from the Grantee's resources obtained from other than State entities).
- iv. In accordance with Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, copies of financial reporting packages required by this Agreement shall be submitted to both:

Florida Department of Transportation
Office of Comptroller, MS 24
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0405
Email: FDOTSingleAudit@dot.state.fl.us

State of Florida Auditor General
Local Government Audits/342
111 West Madison Street, Room 401
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1450
Email: flaudgen_localgovt@aud.state.fl.us

- v. Any copies of financial reporting packages, reports or other information required to be submitted to the Department shall be submitted timely in accordance with Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, as applicable.
- vi. The Grantee, when submitting financial reporting packages to the Department for audits done in accordance with Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, should indicate the date the reporting package was delivered to the Grantee in correspondence accompanying the reporting package.

- vii. Upon receipt, and within six months, the Department will review the Grantee's financial reporting package, including corrective action plans and management letters, to the extent necessary to determine whether timely and appropriate corrective action on all deficiencies has been taken pertaining to the state financial assistance provided through the Commission by this Agreement. If the Grantee fails to have an audit conducted consistent with Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, the Commission and/or the Department may take appropriate corrective action to enforce compliance.
 - viii. As a condition of receiving state financial assistance, the Grantee shall permit the Commission, the Department, or its designee, the State's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or the Auditor General access to the Grantee's records including financial statements, the independent auditor's working papers and project records as necessary. Records related to unresolved audit findings, appeals or litigation shall be retained until the action is complete or the dispute is resolved.
- c. The Grantee shall retain sufficient records demonstrating its compliance with the terms of this Agreement for a period of five years from the date the audit report is issued and shall allow the Commission, the Department, or its designee, the State's CFO, or the Auditor General access to such records upon request. The Grantee shall ensure that the audit working papers are made available to the Commission, the Department, or its designee, the State's CFO or the Auditor General upon request for a period of five years from the date the audit report is issued unless extended in writing by the Commission and/or the Department.

6.70 Inspection: The Grantee shall permit, and shall require its contractors to permit, the Commission's authorized representatives to inspect all work, materials, deliverables, records; and to audit the books, records and accounts pertaining to the financing and development of the Project at all reasonable times including upon completion of the Project, and without notice.

7.00 Compensation and Payments: In order to obtain any Commission funds, the Grantee shall:

7.10 File with the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, FLCTDinvoice@dot.state.fl.us, its invoice on form or forms prescribed by the Commission, and such other data and deliverables pertaining to the Project as listed in Exhibit "A" hereof, as the Commission may require, to justify and support the invoices as specified in the Commission's Grant Agreement/Contract Invoicing Procedures.

7.11 Grantee certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the Grantee will comply with the provisions of the Agreement and that all invoices and support documentation will be true and correct.

7.12 Financial Consequence: Payment shall not be made to the Grantee unless tasks have been completed and back up documentation as requested is provided to the Commission. The project must be completed no later than June 30, 2025.

7.20 The Commission's Obligations: Subject to other provisions hereof, the Commission will honor such invoices in amounts and at times deemed by the Commission to be proper and in accordance with this agreement to ensure the completion of the Project and payment of the

eligible costs. However, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Commission may give written notice to the Grantee that it will refuse to make a payment to the Grantee on the Project if:

7.21 Misrepresentation: The Grantee has made misrepresentation of a material nature in its application, or any supplement thereto or amendment thereof, with respect to any document of data or certification furnished therewith or pursuant hereto;

7.22 Litigation: There is pending litigation with respect to the performance by the Grantee of any of its duties or obligations which may jeopardize or adversely affect the Project, the Agreement, or payments to the Project;

7.23 Required Submittals/Certifications: The Grantee has failed or refused to provide to the Commission detailed documentation of requisitions or certifications of actions taken;

7.24 Conflict of Interests: There has been any violation of the conflict of interest provisions, prohibited interests, or lobbying restrictions, contained herein;

7.25 Default: The Grantee has been determined by the Commission to be in default under any of the provisions of this Agreement and has been unable to resolve compliance issues once notified by the Commission; or

7.26 Supplanting of Funds: The Grantee has used Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds to replace or supplant available and appropriate funds for the same purposes, in violation of Chapter 427, Florida Statutes.

7.30 Invoices for Deliverables: Invoices for deliverables pursuant to this Agreement shall be submitted in detail sufficient for a proper preaudit and postaudit thereof. Failure to submit to the Commission detailed supporting documentation with the invoice or request for project funds will be cause for the Commission to refuse to pay the amount claimed by the Grantee until the Commission is satisfied that the criteria set out in Chapters 287 and 427, Florida Statutes, Rules 3A-24, 41-2, and 60A-1, Florida Administrative Code, and the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Program Manual and Instructions for the Planning Grant is met. The Commission shall pay the Grantee for the satisfactory performance of each task as outlined in Exhibit "A" on a quarterly basis.

7.40 Commission Claims: If, after project completion, any claim is made by the Commission resulting from an audit or for work or services performed pursuant to this agreement, the Commission may offset such amount from payments due for work or services done under any grant agreement which it has with the Grantee owing such amount if, upon demand, payment of the amount is not made within sixty (60) days to the Commission. Offsetting any amount pursuant to this section shall not be considered a breach of contract by the Commission.

8.00 Termination or Suspension of Project:

8.10 Termination or Suspension Generally: If the Grantee abandons or, before completion, finally discontinues the Project; or if, by reason of any of the events or conditions set forth in Section 7.20 hereof, or for any other reason, the commencement, prosecution, or timely completion of the Project by the Grantee is rendered improbable, infeasible, impossible, or illegal, the Commission may, by written notice to the Grantee, suspend any or all of its obligations under this Agreement until such time as the event or condition resulting in such suspension has ceased or been corrected, or the Commission may terminate any or all of its obligations under this Agreement.

8.20 Action Subsequent to Notice of Termination or Suspension. Upon receipt of any final termination or suspension notice under this Section, the Grantee shall proceed promptly to carry out the actions required therein which may include any or all of the following: (1) necessary action to terminate or suspend, as the case may be, Project activities and contracts and such other action as may be required or desirable to keep to the minimum the costs upon the basis of which the financing is to be computed; (2) furnish a statement of the project activities and contracts, and other undertakings the cost of which are otherwise includable as Project costs; and (3) remit to the Commission such portion of the financing and any advance payment previously received as is determined by the Commission to be due under the provisions of the Agreement. The termination or suspension shall be carried out in conformity with the latest schedule, plan, and budget as approved by the Commission or upon the basis of terms and conditions imposed by the Commission upon the failure of the Grantee to furnish the schedule, plan, and budget within a reasonable time. The acceptance of a remittance by the Grantee shall not constitute a waiver of any claim which the Commission may otherwise have arising out of this Agreement.

8.30 Public Records: IF THE GRANTEE HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE GRANTEE'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

850/410-5700
CTDOmbudsman@dot.state.fl.us
605 Suwannee Street, MS 49
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

The Grantee shall keep and maintain public records required by the Commission to perform the service of this agreement.

Upon request from the Commission's custodian of public records, provide the Commission with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.

Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the agreement term and following completion of the agreement if the Grantee does not transfer the records to the Commission.

Upon completion of the agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the Commission all public records in possession of the Grantee or keep and maintain public records required by the Commission to perform the service. If the Grantee transfers all public records to the Commission upon completion of the contract, the Grantee shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Grantee keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the Grantee shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the Commission, upon request from the Commission's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the Commission.

Failure by the Grantee to comply with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, shall be grounds for immediate unilateral cancellation of this Agreement by the Commission.

9.00 Contracts of the Grantee:

9.10 Third Party Agreements: The Grantee shall not execute any contract or obligate itself in any manner requiring the disbursement of Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund moneys, including contracts or amendments thereto, with any third party with respect to the Project without being able to provide a written certification by the Grantee that the contract or obligation was executed in accordance with the competitive procurement requirements of Chapter 287, Florida Statutes, Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and the rules promulgated by the Department of Management Services. Failure to provide such certification, upon the Commission's request, shall be sufficient cause for nonpayment by the Commission as provided in Section 7.23. The Grantee agrees, that by entering into this Agreement, it explicitly certifies that all its third-party contracts will be executed in compliance with this section.

9.20 Compliance with Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act: It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that participation by the Commission in a project with the Grantee, where said project involves a consultant contract for any services, is contingent on the Grantee complying in full with the provisions of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act. The Grantee shall certify compliance with this law to the Commission for each consultant contract it enters.

9.30 Competitive Procurement: Procurement of all services or other commodities shall comply with the provisions of Section 287.057, Florida Statutes.

10.00 Restrictions, Prohibitions, Controls, and Labor Provisions:

10.10 Equal Employment Opportunity: In connection with the carrying out of any Project, the Grantee shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, age, disability, creed, color, sex or national origin. The Grantee will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, age, disability, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Grantee shall insert the foregoing provision modified only to show the particular contractual relationship in all its contracts in connection with the development of operation of the Project, except contracts for the standard commercial supplies or raw materials, and shall require all such contractors to insert a similar provision in all subcontracts, except subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials. The Grantee shall post, in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment for Project work, notices setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause.

10.20 Title VI - Civil Rights Act of 1964: The Grantee will comply with all the requirements imposed by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Statute 252), the Regulations of the Federal Department of Transportation, the Regulations of the Federal Department of Justice, and the assurance by the Agency pursuant thereto.

10.30 Prohibited Interests:

10.31 Contracts or Purchases: Unless authorized in writing by the Commission, no officer of the Grantee, or employee acting in his or her official capacity as a purchasing agent, shall either directly or indirectly purchase, rent, or lease any realty, goods, or services for the Grantee from any business entity of which the officer or employee or the officer's or employee's business associate or spouse or child is an officer, partner, director, or proprietor or in which such officer or employee or the officer's or employee's spouse or child, or any combination of them, has a material interest.

10.32 Business Conflicts: Unless authorized in writing by the Commission, it is unlawful for an officer or employee of the Grantee, or for any company, corporation, or firm in which an officer or employee of the Grantee has a financial interest, to bid on, enter into, or be personally interested in the purchase or the furnishing of any materials, services or supplies to be used in the work of this agreement or in the performance of any other work for which the Grantee is responsible.

10.33 Solicitations: No officer or employee of the Grantee shall directly or indirectly solicit or accept funds from any person who has, maintains, or seeks business relations with the Grantee.

10.34 Former Employees - Contractual Services: Unless authorized in writing by the Commission, no employee of the Grantee shall, within 1 year after retirement or termination, have or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity about any contract for contractual services which was within his or her responsibility while an employee.

10.35 Former Employees - Consulting Services: The sum of money paid to a former employee of the Grantee during the first year after the cessation of his or her responsibilities, by the Grantee, for contractual services provided to the Grantee, shall not exceed the annual salary received on the date of cessation of his or her responsibilities. The provisions of this section may be waived by the Grantee for a particular contract if the Grantee determines, and the Commission approves, that such waiver will result in significant time or cost savings for the Grantee and the project.

The Grantee shall insert in all contracts entered into in connection with this Agreement and shall require its contractors to insert in each of their subcontracts, the following provision:

"No member, officer, or employee of the Grantee during his tenure or for one year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof."

The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to any agreement between the Grantee and its fiscal depositories, or to any agreement for utility services the rates for which are fixed or controlled by a Governmental agency.

10.40 Non-discrimination of Persons With Disabilities: The Grantee and any of its contractors or their sub-contractors shall not discriminate against anyone on the basis of a disability (physical, mental or emotional impairment). The Grantee agrees that no funds shall be used to rent, lease or barter any real property that is not accessible to persons with disabilities nor shall any meeting be held in any facility unless the facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. The Grantee shall also assure compliance with The Americans with Disabilities Act, as it may be amended from time to time.

10.50 Lobbying Prohibition: No Grantee may use any funds received pursuant to this Agreement for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch, or a state agency. No Grantee may employ any person or organization with funds received pursuant to this Agreement for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch, or a state agency. The "purpose of lobbying" includes, but is not limited to, salaries, travel expenses and per diem, the cost for publication and distribution of each publication used in lobbying; other printing; media; advertising, including production costs; postage; entertainment; telephone; and association dues. The provisions of this paragraph supplement the provisions of Section 11.062, Florida Statutes, which is incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

10.60 Public Entity Crimes: No Grantee shall accept any bid from, award any contract to, or transact any business with any person or affiliate on the convicted vendor list for a period of 36 months from the date that person or affiliate was placed on the convicted vendor list unless that person or affiliate has been removed from the list pursuant to Section 287.133, Florida Statutes.

The Grantee may not allow such a person or affiliate to perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with the Grantee. If the Grantee was transacting business with a person at the time of the commission of a public entity crime which resulted in that person being placed on the convicted vendor list, the Grantee may also not accept any bid from, award any contract to, or transact any business with any other person who is under the same, or substantially the same, control as the person whose name appears on the convicted vendor list so long as that person's name appears on the convicted vendor list.

10.70 Homeland Security: Grantee shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, in accordance with the terms governing use of the system, to confirm the employment eligibility of:

1. all new persons employed by the grantee during the term of the grant agreement to perform employment duties within Florida; and
2. all new persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the grantee to perform work pursuant to the contract with the Commission.

The Commission shall consider the employment by any vendor of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the vendor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this agreement. Refer to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's website at www.dhs.gov to learn more about E-Verify.

11.00 Miscellaneous Provisions:

11.10 Environmental Pollution: Not applicable.

11.20 Commission Not Obligated to Third Parties: The Commission shall not be obligated or liable hereunder to any party other than the Grantee.

11.30 When Rights and Remedies Not Waived: In no event shall the making by the Commission of any payment to the Grantee constitute or be construed as a waiver by the Commission of any breach of covenant or any default which may then exist, on the part of the Grantee, and the making of such payment by the Commission while any such breach or default shall exist shall in no way impair or prejudice any right or remedy available to the Commission for such breach or default.

11.40 How Contract Affected by Provisions Being Held Invalid: If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the provision shall be severable and the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected. In such an instance, the remainder would then continue to conform to the terms and requirements of applicable law.

11.50 Bonus and Commissions: By execution of the Grant, the Grantee represents that it has not paid and, also, agrees not to pay, any bonus or commission for the purpose of obtaining an approval of its financing hereunder.

11.60 State or Territorial Law: Nothing in the Agreement shall require the Grantee to observe or enforce compliance with any provision thereof, perform any other act or do any other thing in contravention of any applicable State law: Provided, that if any of the provisions of the Agreement violate any applicable State law, the Grantee will at once notify the Commission in writing in order that appropriate changes and modifications may be made by the Commission and the Agency to the end that the Grantee may proceed as soon as possible with the Project.

11.70 Venue: This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. In the event of a conflict between any portion of the contract and the Florida law, the laws of Florida shall prevail. The Grantee agrees to waive forum and venue and that the Commission shall determine the forum and venue in which any dispute under this Agreement is decided.

12.00 Contractual Indemnity: It is not intended by any of the provision of this Agreement to create in the public or any member thereof, a third-party beneficiary under this Agreement, or to authorize anyone not a party to this Agreement to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damage pursuant to the terms or provisions of this Agreement. The Grantee guaranties the payment of all just claims for materials, supplies, tools, or labor and other just claims against the Grantee or any subcontractor, in connection with this Agreement. Additionally, to the extent permitted by law and as limited by and pursuant to the provisions of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, the Grantee agrees to indemnify, and hold harmless the Commission, including the Commission's officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Grantee and persons employed or utilized by the Grantee in the performance of this Agreement. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this agreement. Nothing contained in this paragraph is intended to nor shall it constitute a waiver of the State of Florida and the Grantee's sovereign immunity. Additionally, the Grantee agrees to include the following indemnification in all contracts with contractors/subcontractors and consultants/subconsultants who perform work in connection with this agreement.

"To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Grantee's contractor/consultant shall indemnify, and hold harmless the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, including the Commission's officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Contractor/consultant and persons employed or utilized by the contractor/consultant in the performance of this Agreement.

This indemnification shall survive the termination of this agreement. Nothing contained in this paragraph is intended to nor shall it constitute a waiver of the State of Florida and the Grantee's sovereign immunity."

13.00 Appropriation of Funds: The State of Florida's performance and obligation to pay under this agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature. If applicable, Grantee's performance of its obligations under this Agreement is subject to an appropriation by the Grantee's Board of County Commissioners for the purposes set forth hereunder. The Commission acknowledges where the Grantee is a political subdivision of the State of Florida it is authorized to act in accordance with the Grantee's purchasing ordinance(s), laws, rules and regulations.

14.00 Period of Agreement: The Grantee agrees to begin providing services on July 1, 2024, and to complete the Project on or before June 30, 2025. If the Grantee does not complete the Project within this time period, this agreement will expire. Expiration of this agreement will be considered termination of the Project and the procedure established in Section 8.00 of this agreement shall be initiated. For the purpose of this Section, completion of project is defined as the latest date by which all required tasks have been completed, as provided in the project description (Exhibit "A"). Unless otherwise extended by the Commission, all reimbursement invoices must be received by the Commission no later than August 15, 2025.

15.00 Agreement Format: All words used herein in the singular form shall extend to and include the plural. All words used in the plural form shall extend to and include the singular. All words used in any gender shall extend to and include all genders.

16.00 Execution of Agreement: This agreement may be simultaneously executed in a minimum of two counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute one in the same instrument.

17.00 Vendors and Subcontractors Rights: Vendors (in this document identified as Grantee) providing goods and services to the Commission will receive payments in accordance with Section 215.422, Florida Statutes. The parties hereto acknowledge Section 215.422, Florida Statutes, and hereby agree that the time in which the Commission is required to approve and inspect goods and services shall be for a period not to exceed eleven (11) working days upon receipt of a proper invoice. The Florida Department of Transportation has 20 days to deliver a request for payment (voucher) to the Department of Financial Services. The twenty (20) days are measured from the latter of the date the invoice is received or the goods or services are received, inspected, and approved.

If a payment is not available within forty (40) days after receipt of the invoice and receipt, inspection and approval of goods and services, a separate interest penalty at a rate as established pursuant to Section 55.03(1), Florida Statutes will be due and payable, in addition to the invoice amount to the Grantee. Interest penalties of less than one (1) dollar will not be enforced unless the Grantee requests payment. Invoices that have to be returned to a Grantee because of Grantee preparation errors will result in a delay in the payment. The invoice payment requirements do not start until a properly completed invoice is provided to the Commission.

A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within the Department of Management Services. The duties of this individual include acting as an advocate for vendors who may be experiencing problems in obtaining timely payment(s) from the Commission. The Vendor Ombudsman may be contacted at (850) 413-5516.

18.00 Payment to Subcontractors: Payment by the Grantee to all subcontractors with approved third-party contracts shall be in compliance with Section 287.0585, Florida Statutes. Each third-party contract from the Grantee to a subcontractor for goods or services to be performed in whole or in part with Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund moneys, must contain the following statement:

When a contractor receives from a state agency any payment for contractual services, commodities, supplies, or construction contracts, except those construction contracts subject to the provisions of chapter 339, the contractor shall pay such moneys received to each subcontractor and supplier in proportion to the percentage of work completed by each subcontractor and supplier at the time of receipt of the payment. If the contractor receives less than full payment, then the contractor shall be required to disburse only the funds received on a pro rata basis with the contractor, subcontractors, and suppliers, each receiving a prorated portion based on the amount due on the payment. If the contractor without reasonable cause fails to make payments required by this section to subcontractors and suppliers within 7 working days after the receipt by the contractor of full or partial payment, the contractor shall pay to the subcontractors and suppliers a penalty in the amount of one-half of 1 percent of the amount due, per day, from the expiration of the period allowed herein for payment. Such penalty shall be in addition to actual payments owed and shall not exceed 15 percent of the outstanding balance due. In addition to other fines or penalties, a person found not in compliance with any provision of this subsection may be ordered by the court to make restitution for attorney's fees and all related costs to the aggrieved party or the Department of Legal Affairs when it provides legal assistance pursuant to this section. The Department of Legal Affairs may provide legal assistance to subcontractors or vendors in proceedings brought against contractors under the provisions of this section.

19.00 Modification: This Agreement may not be changed or modified unless authorized in writing by both parties.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed and delivered this agreement as of the date set forth below:

**GRANTEE: OCALA/MARION COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
ORGANIZATION**

**COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION
DISADVANTAGED**

BY: 

BY: 

TITLE: Director

TITLE: fr **Executive Director (Commission Designee)**

DATE: June 25, 2024

DATE: 7/30/2024

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EXHIBIT "A"
PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
PLANNING

This exhibit forms an integral part of that Grant Agreement, between the State of Florida, Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization, 2710 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34471.

I. PROJECT LOCATION: Marion County(ies)

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project provides for the accomplishment of the duties and responsibilities of the Designated Official Planning Agency as set forth in Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, Commission policies and the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Program Manual and Instructions for the Planning Grant. The project period will begin and end on the dates as indicated in Section 14.00 hereof. Specific required tasks are as follows:

TASK 1: **Weighted value = 17%**
 Jointly develop and annually update the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) with the community transportation coordinator (CTC) and the Local Coordinating Board (LCB).

Deliverable: Complete initial TDSP or annual updates. Must be approved by the LCB no later than June 30th of the current grant cycle.

TASK 2 A: **Weighted value = 15%**
 When necessary and in cooperation with the LCB, solicit and recommend a CTC. The selection will be accomplished, to the maximum extent feasible, through public competitive bidding or proposals in accordance with applicable laws and rules. Such recommendation shall be presented to the Commission by planning agency staff or their designee as needed.

Deliverable:
 Planning agency's letter of recommendation and signed resolution.

OR

TASK 2 B:
 Provide staff support to the LCB in conducting an annual evaluation of the CTC, including local developed standards as delineated in the adopted TDSP. Assist the Commission in joint reviews of the CTC.

Deliverable:
 LCB and planning agency selected CTC evaluation worksheets pursuant to the most recent version of the Commission's CTC Evaluation Workbook.

TASK 3:**Weighted value = 40%**

Organize and provide staff support and related resources for at least four (4) LCB meetings per year, holding one meeting during each quarter. Exceptions to reschedule meeting(s) outside of a quarter due to the imminent threat of a natural disaster may be granted by the Commission.

Provide staff support for committees of the LCB.

Provide program orientation and training for newly appointed LCB members.

Provide public notice of LCB meetings in accordance with the most recent LCB and Planning Agency Operating Guidelines.

LCB meetings will be held in accordance with the Commission's most recent LCB and Planning Agency Operating Guidelines and will include at least the following:

1. Agendas for LCB meetings. Agenda should include action items, informational items and an opportunity for public comment.
2. Official minutes of LCB meetings and committee meetings (regardless of a quorum). A copy will be submitted along with the quarterly report to the Commission. Minutes will at least be in the form of a brief summary of basic points, discussions, decisions, and recommendations. Records of all meetings shall be kept for at least five years.
3. A current full and active membership of voting and non-voting members to the LCB. Any time there is a change in the membership, provide the Commission with a current membership roster and mailing list of LCB members.
4. A report of the LCB membership's attendance at the LCB meeting held during this grant period. This would not include committee meetings.

Deliverable: LCB Meeting agendas; minutes; membership roster; attendance report; copy of public notice of meetings.

TASK 4:**Weighted value = 4%**

Provide at least one public workshop annually by each LCB, and assist the Commission, as requested, in co-sponsoring public workshops. This public workshop must be held separately from the LCB meeting. It may, however, be held on the same day as the scheduled LCB meeting. It could be held immediately following or prior to the LCB meeting.

Deliverable: Public workshop agenda, minutes of related workshop, and a copy of the public notice of the workshop. The agenda and minutes must be separate documents and cannot be included in the LCB meeting agenda and minutes, if held on the same day. Minutes may reflect "no comments received" if none were made.

TASK 5:**Weighted value = 4%**

Develop and annually update by-laws for LCB approval.

Deliverable: Copy of LCB approved by-laws with date of update noted on cover page.

TASK 6:

Weighted value = 4%

Develop, annually update, and implement LCB grievance procedures in accordance with the Commission's most recent LCB and Planning Agency Operating Guidelines. Procedures shall include a step within the local complaint and/or grievance procedure that advises a dissatisfied person about the Commission's Ombudsman Program.

Deliverable: Copy of LCB approved Grievance Procedures with date of update noted on cover page.

TASK 7:

Weighted value = 4%

Review and comment on the Annual Operating Report (AOR) for submittal to the LCB, and forward comments/concerns to the Commission.

Deliverable: CTC Organization and Certification Page of AOR signed by CTC representative and LCB Chair.

TASK 8:

Weighted value = 4%

Research and complete the Actual Expenditures Report (AER) for direct federal and local government transportation funds to the Commission no later than September 15th. Complete the AER, using the Commission approved form.

Deliverable: Completed AER in accordance with the most recent Commission's AER instructions.

TASK 9:

Weighted value = 4%

Complete quarterly progress reports addressing planning accomplishments for the local transportation disadvantaged program as well as planning grant deliverables; including but not limited to, consultant contracts, special studies, and marketing efforts.

Deliverable: Complete Quarterly Progress Reports submitted with invoices. Quarterly Report must be signed by planning agency representative. Electronic signatures are acceptable.

TASK 10:

Weighted value = 4%

Planning agency staff shall attend at least one Commission sponsored training, including but not limited to, the Commission's regional meetings or annual training workshop.

Deliverable: Documentation related to attendance at such event(s); including but not limited to sign in sheets.

III. Special Considerations by Planning Agency:

Not Applicable

IV. Special Considerations by Commission:

Not Applicable

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**EXHIBIT "B"
PROJECT BUDGET AND CASHFLOW**

This exhibit forms an integral part of that certain Grant Agreement between the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization, 2710 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34471.

I. PROJECT COST:

Estimated Project Cost shall conform to those eligible deliverables as indicated by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, Commission policies, and the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Program Manual and Instructions for the Planning Grant. For the required services, compensation shall be the total maximum limiting amount of \$30,735.00 for related planning services in Marion County(ies).

Task 1	17%	\$5,224.95
Task 2	15%	\$4,610.25
Task 3	40%	\$12,294.00
Task 4	4%	\$1,229.40
Task 5	4%	\$1,229.40
Task 6	4%	\$1,229.40
Task 7	4%	\$1,229.40
Task 8	4%	\$1,229.40
Task 9	4%	\$1,229.40
Task 10	4%	\$1,229.40
TOTAL:	100%	\$30,735.00

II. SOURCE OF FUNDS

Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged State Funds (100%)	<u>\$30,735.00</u>
Total Project Cost	<u>\$30,735.00</u>

III. CASH FLOW – Not applicable. Grantee will be paid based on satisfactory performance of each task detailed in Exhibit A.

FY 24/25 Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May June

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EXHIBIT "C" PLANNING

This exhibit forms an integral part of that certain Grant Agreement between the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization, 2710 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34471.

THE GRANTEE SHALL SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS:

DOCUMENTS:

1. Submit progress reports to the Commission quarterly. Finished products such as, but not limited to, the Coordinating Board minutes, by-laws, grievance procedures, and the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan, shall be submitted to the Commission. Progress reports and finished products are required to accompany all reimbursement invoices. Invoices and deliverables shall be submitted electronically to:

Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
FLCTDInvoice@dot.state.fl.us

THIRD PARTY CONTRACTS: The Grantee must certify to all third party contracts pursuant to Section 9.10 except that written approval is hereby granted for:

1. Contracts furnishing contractual services or commodities from a valid State or inter-governmental contract as set forth in Section 287.042(2), Florida Statutes.
2. Contracts furnishing contractual services or commodities for an amount less than Category II as set forth in Section 287.107(1)(b), Florida Statutes.
3. Contracts for consultant services for an amount less than Category I as set forth in Section 287.017(1)(a), Florida Statutes.

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EXHIBIT "D"

STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (FLORIDA SINGLE AUDIT ACT)

THE STATE RESOURCES AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

SUBJECT TO SECTION 215.97, FLORIDA STATUTES:

Awarding Agency: Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged/Florida Department of Transportation
State Project Title: COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (CTD) PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM
CSFA Number: 55.002
***Award Amount:** \$30,735.00

*The state award amount may change with supplemental agreements

Specific project information for CSFA Number 55.002 is provided at:
<https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa/searchCatalog.aspx>

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO STATE RESOURCES AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT:

State Project Compliance Requirements for CSFA Number 55.002 are provided at:
<https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa/searchCompliance.aspx>

The State Projects Compliance Supplement is provided at:
<https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa/compliance.aspx>



June 26, 2024

Mr. Kyle Mills
Area 4 Project Manager
Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
605 Suwannee Street, MS 49
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

Dear Mr. Mills:

Please find enclosed the 2024-25 Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant Agreement and application form, along with a corresponding resolution from the TPO Board on May 28, 2024.

The TPO has greatly appreciated the opportunity to receive this grant and to help serve the transportation needs of the disadvantaged in Marion County. If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Liz Mitchell, Grants Coordinator/Fiscal Planner at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rob Balmes'.

Rob Balmes, AICP CTP
Director
Ocala/Marion County TPO

cc: TPO Chair Kristen Dreyer, Councilmember, City of Ocala
Liz Mitchell, Grants Coordinator/Fiscal Planner



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July 31, 2024

Phillip W. Stevens, Ph.D.
Chairperson

Ms. Elizabeth Mitchell
Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization
2710 E Silver Springs Blvd
Ocala, FL 34471

David Darm
Executive Director

Re: 2024-25 Planning Grant Agreement

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Enclosed is your copy of the fully executed grant agreement. Thank you for your continued support of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinated System. Please contact me at (850) 410-5713 if you have any questions concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Kyle Mills

Kyle Mills
Project Manager

Enclosure: Executed Agreement