

TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD

TDLCB MINUTES

Thursday, August 28, 2008

Building B, conference Room B1-501

1800 27th Street

Vero Beach, FL 32960-3365

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joel Herman

Veteran's Service Office

Cathy Viggiano

FL Dept. of Education, Div. Voc. Rehab.

William Lundy Parden

Rep. for the Handicapped, Vice Chair

Dr. Harry Hurst

Citizen Advocate Representative

Jim Granse

Citizen Advocate Representative

Cindy Barnes

FL Agency for Health Care Administration

Toni Purvis Teresi

Representative for Seniors

Al Davis (Alternate for George Millar)

Public Education Representative

Barbara Patten

Economic Opportunity Council

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Ann Viens

FL Dept. of Elder Affairs

Sandra L. Bowden

IRC Commissioner, Chairman

Carolyn Geck

FL Dept. of Transportation

Ellen Higinbotham

Department of Children and Families

OTHERS PRESENT:

Phil Matson, IRC MPO Director; Karen Deigl, SRA Executive Director; Karen Wood, SRA Transportation Coordinator; Ryan Suarez, TOA and Beth Casano, Recording Secretary/Commissioner Assistant District 5.

(NOTE: The following is a summary with emphasis on motions and decisions requiring action. An audio recording of this meeting can be heard at www.irc.gov/Boards/TDLCB/2008.htm.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Parden at 10:00 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE May 22, 2008 MEETING

ON MOTION BY Mr. Hurst and **SECONDED** by Ms. Patten the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

3. TDLCB Chairman's Report

None

4. Planning Status Report

Phil handed out interesting information called a RETURN ON INVESTMENT STUDY commissioned the by the State of Florida in conjunction with the Florida Business School at Florida State University. It was an economic cost analysis with research showing how society benefits from a TDLCB. According to the study, there is a \$7-\$8 return for each dollar spent with TDLCB's.

5. Community Transportation Coordinator Status Report

SRA CEO, Karen Diegl reported: door to door service decreased by 25% and GoLine increased by 14%, GoLine route in Fellsmere showed consistent improvement in numbers and it is believed that the spike in June is related to students going to North County School. Ms. Diegl discussed the effects of higher gasoline prices, budgetary concerns and proposed reductions. Mr. Matson stated that the reductions were only approx. 2% of their net service and would actually make routes more efficient. Mr. Teresi inquired about cost increases and funding alternatives which led to a discussion about charging fares. Mr. Matson pointed out some of the adversities, such as: the dangers inherent to drivers carrying money, the diminishing cost of return when adding equipment, handling, and time loss.

6. Consideration of FDOT Regional Transit Efficiency Study

Ryan Suarez, TOA, gave information derived from a DOT sponsored, four county study on how best to handle our transit and how efficient we can be working with adjacent counties. Mr. Suarez presented a PowerPoint which included background work, completed assessments and recommended improvements for IRC, St. Lucie, Martin and Palm Beach counties. Mr. Suarez emphasized that the most important parts of the study are transit market assessment and transit efficiency. Mr. Suarez explained that the study identified where the market is located and if there is a system available to them. The study found that Indian River and Palm Beach Counties were providing the best transit for market "hotspots." Mr. Suarez said that they were pleased to have observed a lot of communication between the counties and that everyone is pursuing grants. All counties had branding except for St. Lucie. He said that the study's service recommendation for the region would include offering commuter express, limited stops, expanded local fixed routes, new regional fixed routes, regional transit hubs, and park and rides. After some discussion, Mr. Matson said they would feel out the regional transit suggestion but will be servicing core riders, first.

7. Review of the Draft Annual Operating Report

Ms. Deigl provided highlights of the report.

ON MOTION BY Ms. Patten and **SECONDED** by Ms. Teresi, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Annual Operating Report.

8. Review of Draft Annual Actual Budget Expenditures Report

Ms. Deigl reviewed total expenditures.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Hurst and **SECONDED** by Ms. Patten, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Annual Actual Budget Expenditures Report.

9. Review of Progress Report and Reimbursement Invoice #4 for the 2008 Planning Grant

Mr. Matson informed the board of action taken, re: that the invoice reflected administrative costs for running the board and that they normally take about half the money and give it back into the system in order to provide more trips while other counties just pay for a full time person.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned 10:48 a.m.