



## TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD

### TDLCB MINUTES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Building A, conference Room A1-102

1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street

Vero Beach, FL 32960-3365

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bob Solari, Chairman

Joel Herman

William Lundy Parden, Vice-Chairman

Cindy Barnes

Catherine Viggiano

Dr. Harry Hurst

Sue Rux

Kathleen Hiro (alternate for Laurie Sang)

Hylan Bryan

George Millar

IRC Commissioner District 5

Veteran's Service Office

Rep. for the Handicapped

FL Agency for Health Care Administration

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

Citizen Advocate Representative

Economic Opportunities Council

Early Childhood Services

Florida Department of Elder Affairs

Public Education Representative

#### **MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Ellen Higinbotham

Toni Purvis Teresi

Tracy Dean

Department of Children and Families

Representative for Senior's

FL Dept. of Transportation

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Phil Matson

Karen Wood

Beth Casano

IRC Metropolitan Planning Organization

Senior Resource Association

Recording Secretary

*(NOTE: The following is a summary with emphasis on motions and decisions requiring action. An audio recording of the meeting can be heard at [www.irc.gov/Boards/TDLCB/2009.htm](http://www.irc.gov/Boards/TDLCB/2009.htm).)*

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## REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

1. Chairman Solari called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes

**ON MOTION BY** Mr. Millar and **SECONDED BY** Ms. Barnes the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of August 27, 2009.

Unfinished Business  
None

3. TDLCB Chairman's Report  
None
4. Planning Status Report  
None
5. Community Transportation Coordinator Status Report

As Ms. Wood was running a few minutes late, Mr. Matson began the review of the quarterly report. (July, August, September) Mr. Matson was pleased to announce: GoLine Route #13 will be operational by January 4, 2010 providing general public and students the opportunity to be transported between the Outlet Mall, Indian River State College and the Meuller Campus; new vans arrived and new buses will be delivered sometime in December; ground breaking for the new main hub which will be relocated from Pocahontas Park to the area/loop where the former IRC administration building stood. Ms Wood arrived and added that their newest team member, Paul Klubek, was proving to be an asset.

Commissioner Solari stated he was very pleased with the entire system and thanked everyone for doing such an impressive job.

Mr. Herman inquired as to the number of people projected to ride GoLine Route #13 and Ms. Wood replied that IRSC is conducting a survey showing positive numbers and responses, especially from parents of students. Discussion ensued with Ms. Wood giving the following answers to questions that arose: trips should run from seven in the morning until three in the afternoon and if ridership numbers show steady increase then IRSC will seek to fund longer hours with matching dollars; one bus will just be a shuttle; trips will be approx. an hour each way.

6. Annual CTC Evaluation Report.

Mr. Matson reminded the Board that the Community Transportation Coordinator's (CTC) evaluation was the single most important responsibility of TDLCB. Annually, the Board evaluates the Senior Resource Association (SRA) and decides whether to recommend continuance or seek an alternative agency to coordinate. During the year, a subcommittee meets with the coordinator and evaluates their performance using the criteria established by the TDLCB as well as the State Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

New Board Member Ms. Bryan was unanimously volunteered to serve on the 2010 subcommittee and after a few questions graciously accepted. Ms. Bryan will serve along with Dr. Hurst, Ms. Viggiano, Mr. Millar and Ms. Dean. Mr. Matson continued with the results of the evaluation which reflected: excellent maintenance of equipment, high levels of positive morale and professionalism among employees and volunteers; innovative solutions to problems like partnering with the volunteer ambulance squad to assist dialysis patients and raising funds by applying for support from all municipalities. Discussion ensued with praises for Sebastian and Fellsmere for their financial commitments.

Dr. Hurst stated that through hard work and good management the CTC has created an excellent program which shows the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest cost per trip in the State. He believes the fact that there have only been a small handful of complaints in eight years speaks for itself to the quality of service provided by the CTC.

After a brief discussion of other CTC accomplishments, Mr. Matson concluded by telling the Board that their decision would go from here to the Metropolitan Planning Organization and then forwarded to the State.

**ON MOTION BY** Ms. Barnes and **SECONDED** by Mr. Viggiano, the Board voted unanimously to accept the CTC Evaluation Report and to retain the services of the Senior Resource Association for another year.

7. Review of Progress Report and Reimbursement Invoice #1 for the 2009/10 Planning Grant

**ON MOTION BY** Mr. Millar and **SECONDED BY** Dr. Hurst the Board unanimously voted to approve the Progress Report and Reimbursement Invoice #1 for the 2009/10 Planning Grant .

8. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

#### **OPENED ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING**

1. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Solari at 10:25 a.m.

2. None
3. Mr. Matson presented a PowerPoint which gave a state and local overview of the transportation disadvantaged population and system in relation to the following key points: Who is considered transportation disadvantaged, the history of the system, and the future growth and challenges that will be faced. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be found on file in the BCC office.
4. Mr. Matson praised the efforts of local elected officials for being proactive in learning and understanding the system and both he and Ms. Wood emphasized challenges facing the system, such as: prediction that statewide TD riders will become almost 50% of population; supply and demand; incorporating software with formulae that can assist with statistical data relative to funding as well as dispatch; Medicaid contracts; avoiding overloads. Discussion ensued with Board agreeing that best approach would be to concentrate on core ridership.

Mr. Matson then provided a display board comparing and contrasting Bus, Light Rail and Commuter Rail and gave an overview of the basic criteria involved when looking into choosing a community's transit system. He concluded by saying that the bottom line to choice is density, capital expenses and a community's desires for growth or no growth. He believes that IRC is evolving as it should be for what it is (bus) with the most "bang for the buck."

Commissioner Solari stated that the Greenway Route ought to be included as a part of the "evolution" of all our County transportation plans.

Dr. Hurst made a general inquiry as to where "we see ourselves a year from now" and discussion ensued concerning new routes, Amtrak, price of fuel, bus shelters and observing what happens with subdivisions over the next five years. Mr. Millar said that the school system is seeing a strong upward trend in their school bus ridership and Ms. Wood added that GoLine is also seeing increased student usage with the GoLine.

5. Public Input - None
6. Commissioner Solari closed the Public Hearing at 10:50 a.m.