



TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (TDLCB)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday - February 25, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.

Building B, Conference Room B1-501, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

NOTE: Audio/Video Records of the meeting can be found at <http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/TDLCB/2010.htm>

Also, reports referenced are on file at the Board of County Commissioners and are available upon request.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Bob Solari, Chairman | IRC Commissioner District 5 |
| Joel Herman | Veteran's Service Office |
| William Lundy Parden, Vice Chairman | Rep. for the Handicapped |
| Cindy Barnes | FL Agency for Health Care Administration |
| Catherine Viggiano | FL Dept. of Education, Div. Voc. Rehab. |
| Dr. Harry Hurst | Citizen Advocate Representative |
| Sue Rux | Economic Opportunities Council |
| Kathleen Hiro (alternate for Laurie Sang) | Early Childhood Services |
| Hylan Bryan | Florida Department of Elder Affairs |
| George Millar | Public education Representative |
| Ellen Higinbotham | Department of Children and Families |
| Toni Purvis Teresi | Representative for Seniors |
| Tracy Dean | FL Dept. of Transportation |

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Phil Matson | IRC Metropolitan Planning Organization |
| Karen Wood | Senior Resource Association |
| Beth Casano | Recording Secretary |
| April Hargett | IRC Volunteer Ambulance Squad |
| Stephen MacNamee | IRC Volunteer Ambulance Squad |

1. The Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Solari at 10:00 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION BY Dr. Hurst and **SECONDED BY** Ms. Viggiano, the Board unanimously accepted, as presented the minutes of November 19, 2010 TDLCB meeting.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR/CONFIRMATION OF YEARLY CALENDAR MEETINGS

On Motion by Ms. Barns and **Seconded by** Dr. Hurst, the Board voted unanimously for Mr. Parden to be the TDLCB's Vice-Chairman for 2010 and to confirm the yearly calendar with the following meeting dated scheduled for 2010: Feb. 25th, May 27th, and Nov. 18th.

4. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE TRESURE COAST TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (TCTC) REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC.)

Mr. Matson described the program history of the RAC position explaining that its original purpose was for funding that has since dried up over the last couple of years. He noted that RAC did not meet last year and added that the RAC appointment was a part of the TDLCB's bylaws.

Commissioner Solari suggested that the Board nominate a temporary liaison but consider doing away with the appointment if it no longer seemed to be necessary.

On Motion by Dr. Hurst and **Seconded by** Ms. Rux, the Board voted unanimously for Ms. Wood to be the temporary RAC Liaison.

Mr. Matson believed that was important Indian River County remain involved with cross County transportation needs but agreed that the County's interest in participating regionally may not need to be at this level of involvement. Board members discussed other appointments with other boards that dealt with similar issues.

On Motion by Ms. Higinbotham and **Seconded by** Ms. Barnes, the Board agreed unanimously to direct staff to research if there are any legal and/or procedural ramifications that could be associated with dissolving TCTC/RAC and to present recommendations at the next TDLCB meeting.

Dr. Hurst hoped that if staff finds that dissolving isn't an option then they will find a way to combine it with another group to make it more functional.

NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. NO TDLCB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

6. PLANNING STATUS REPORT

Mr. Matson alluded to the discussion coming up under Agenda Item 10 and also announced that March 25, 2010 is TDLCB Legislative Day in Tallahassee. Mr. Matson acknowledged guests from the public and opened the meeting to any comments or concerns they may have.

There were no comments.

7. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR STATUS REPORT

Ms. Wood reviewed the quarterly report. Overall, she said, they were pleased to see the decrease of ridership in door to door service and increase in Public Transportation as it is the most cost effective for the program. Ms. Wood said that after looking at the routes as a whole, they are trying to readjust some of the existing routes and new routes including a North County Hub. She explained that there were some complaints about the changes and they are trying to address concerns. Ms. Wood described the new Transportation HUB being developed across from the South side of the IRC Administration Building.

Board members discussed the route changes and inquired about the process for determining where changes are needed. Mr. Matson explained that there are performance indicators established in-house encouraged by State Feds. Every route and every route segment is monitored for meeting those performance indicators. Mr. Matson emphasized that the minimum service standard is .25 riders per revenue mile which took Sebastian routes years to achieve. In order to do something about the underperformance of those routes they reevaluated them and adjusted accordingly.

Ms. Wood continued her review and detailed the effects of businesses going out/in, as well as type of business, and their effect upon the routes.

As Ms. Wood completed her report, Ms. Dean arrived and asked about the GoLine connection through Grace Landing for Route 5. She said that FDOT received a call in regards to the route stop being changed after 12 years of being in the same place. Ms. Wood acknowledged the concern saying that the manager of Grace Landing had alerted her. She explained that the change with this route was based on multiple factors; for Public transportation to be cost efficient it should strive to be a roadside service; that going in and out of parking lots/developments increases the chance of accidents; and, that streamlining time efficiency was a priority. Ms. Dean emphasized the distress of the residents. Mr. Matson explained the difficulties of transitioning from a door-to-door into a more urbanized service pointing out that the directive of our transit planning process is to get the transit system to provide more service to everybody, more bang for the buck and more net riders. He concluded that there is a limited amount of time that a bus can circulate and if you give more time to one area, you take away from another.

Board members discussed the concern. Ms. Dean felt that GoLine could have done more than just a public notice in informing the residents of the change. Commissioner Solari mentioned how the County has been addressing more personalized resident notification by terms of communities and suggested that GoLine might create some other way. Mr. Matson said they always try to accommodate residents and situations come up that are new and they do their best to work with everyone. Ms. Wood said the route change was posted inside the bus for at least a month prior. Ms. Dean said she visited the area and didn't see the change making that much a difference. Ms. Wood said they now save almost two minutes. Mr. Herman asked how many riders were picked up at the stop and Ms. Wood said she'd have to check. Mr. Herman asked whether gaining two minutes was

worth putting people out who have been using the stop for so long and emphasized the importance of factoring people's needs into the equation. Ms. Wood reassured Board Members that having recently been made aware of the situation she would be addressing it.

8. REVIEW OF PROGRESS REPORT AND REIMBURSEMENT INVOICE#2 FOR 2010 PLANNING GRANT

On motion by Ms. Higinbotham and **Seconded by** Mr. Parden, the Board voted unanimously to approve the report and invoice with directions for staff to forward and submit.

9. DESIGNATION OF CTC EVALUATION SUB-COMMITTEE

On Motion by Mr. Parden and **Seconded by** Mr. Herman, the Board voted unanimously to assign the following members to the sub-committee: Dr. Hurst, Ms. Dean, Ms. Bryan and Ms. Viggiano.

10. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF ITS REGIONAL ARCHITECTURE BY INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Mr. Matson explained the need for system efficiency in terms of the use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) that include the latest computing, communications, and video technologies. With so much high tech gadgetry it is important to invest in universal equipment of standard technical specifications to ensure interoperability. He said that FDOT published a series of these standards in 2007 known as, ITS Regional Architecture. He closed by saying that the County has never formally adopted the Regional Architecture although it has already been applied to traffic management equipment. In light of the prospect to promote safety, efficiency and security, he recommended that the TDLCB adopt, for incorporation into future Indian river County Transit ITS projects, the ITS Regional Architecture.

On Motion by Ms. Bryan and **Seconded by** Mr. Parden, the Board voted unanimously to adopt FDOT's ITS Regional Architecture for incorporation into future Indian River County Transit ITS projects.

In light of the County's efforts to be more time efficient and cost effective with committee meetings, Commissioner Solari asked Board members to consider cutting TDLCB's from 4 times a year to 3. He would like the consideration to be addressed at the next meeting.

Ms. Dean announced a webinar would be taking place on March 10th in reference to the FDOT's 2060 Transportation Plan. She provided pamphlets with information.

As there was no further business, the meeting was **ADJOUNED** at 10:45 a.m.