



**GADSDEN COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED
COORDINATING BOARD**

Thursday, September 17th, 2026

2:00 PM Eastern Time

**Gadsden Governmental Complex – Commission Chambers
9-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32351**



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Members and Interested Parties

FROM: Austin Britt, Staff to the Local Coordinating Board

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Meeting, September 17th, 2026

The Gadsden County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet at the above referenced time and location for the first quarter meeting of FY 2026-2027. If there are any questions, please contact Austin Britt at 850-312-1862, or by email at abritt@arpc.org.

BOARD AGENDA

Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge, Introductions	Eric Hinson
Public Comment/Pick up Speaker's card	Chairperson
 Roll Call & Welcome New Members	 Austin Britt
	ARPC Staff
 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 2026	 Chairperson
a. Approval of Minutes	Mr. Britt
* <u>Action Item</u>	
 2. Old Business:	
 3. New Business:	
a. Election of Vice-Chairperson	Mr. Britt
* <u>Action Item</u>	

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| b. Bylaws | Mr. Britt |
| * <u>Action Item</u> | |
| c. Selection of Administrative Committee | Mr. Britt |
| * <u>Action Item</u> | |
| d. Selection of Grievance Committee | Mr. Britt |
| * <u>Action Item</u> | |
| e. Complaint & Grievance Procedures | Mr. Britt |
| * <u>Action Item</u> | |
| f. Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Report | CTC Staff |
| <u>Information Only</u> | |
| g. ARPC Staff Quarterly Report | Mr. Britt |
| <u>Information Only</u> | |
| h. Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Update | Mr. Britt |
| <u>Information Only</u> | |
| i. Grant Review (if applicable) | Mr. Britt |
| <u>Information Only</u> | |
4. Other Business
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|---|-----------|
| a. Records Update | Mr. Britt |
| <u>Information Only</u> | |
| b. New Member Training/Public Workshop Announcement | Mr. Britt |
| <u>Information Only – November 19th</u> | |
5. **Public Comments:** Any individual who wishes to address the board is requested to fill out a Speaker Request Form obtained from ARPC staff.
6. Board Member Comments
7. Adjourn

The next LCB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th, 2026 at 2:00PM Eastern Time

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 FOR AGENDA PACKETS, MEETING CALENDARS,
 TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICE PLANS, AND
 OTHER TRANSPORTATION PLANNING INFORMATION

TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DECODER

ABE	Annual Budget Estimate
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AER	Actual Expenditure Report
AHCA	Agency for Health Care Administration
AOR	Annual Operating Report
APR	Annual Performance Report
ARPC	Apalachee Regional Planning Council
BOCC	Board of County Commissioners
CTC	Community Transportation Coordinator
CTD	Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (Commission)
CTS	Coordinated Transportation System
DCF	Department of Children & Families
DEA	Department of Elder Affairs
DOE/VR	Department of Education/Vocational Rehabilitation
DOPA	Designated Official Planning Agency
DOT	Department of Transportation
DVA	Department of Veteran Affairs
FAC	Florida Administrative Code
FS	Florida Statutes
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
LCB	Local Coordinating Board
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
PE	Public Education
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFQ	Request for Qualifications
SSPP	Safety System Program Plan
TD	Transportation Disadvantaged
TDCB	Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
TDSP	Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan
TDTF	Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund

AGENDA ITEM: 1a

SUBJECT: Approval of the minutes from the last quarter's Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Meeting.

BACKGROUND: The Board shall... Maintain official meeting minutes, including an attendance roster, reflecting official actions and provide a copy of same to the Commission and the Chairperson of the designated official planning agency.
Florida Administrative Code Rule 41-2.012(5)(a).

ATTACHMENTS: Minutes from the June 2026 LCB meeting

REQUESTED ACTION: A motion and vote to approve the June 2026 Board Meeting minutes.

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:



**GADSDEN COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED
COORDINATING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 18th, 2026

2:00 PM Eastern Time

Gadsden County Governmental Complex
9-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32351



Call to Order

Chairperson Eric Hinson called the meeting to order. Austin Britt, staff to the Board, called the roll.

Roll Call & Welcome New Members

Representation	Member's Name Alternate's Name	Sept. 2025	Nov. 2025	Mar. 2026	June 2026
Chairperson	Eric Hinson Alonzetta Simpkins, alt. 1	A	A	P	P
Elderly	Sarah Fields	A	A	A	A
Disabled	(Vacant)	(Vacant)	(Vacant)	(Vacant)	(Vacant)
Citizen Advocate	James Hinson	P	P	A	P
Citizen Advocate/User	Bernice Collins	A	A	A	A
Veterans	Mike Jackson Sonya Solis, alt. 1	P	P	P	P
Community Action	Angela Hicks	P	A	A	A
Public Education	Andy Gay	A	A	A	A
Children at Risk	Joy Anderson Carmita McCall, alt. 1 Adrienne Saintilus, alt. 2	ALT 1	ALT 2	ALT 1	ALT 2
Workforce Dvp Bd	Kevin Harrington	P	P	P	A
Medical	Adrian Cooksey Wilson Robert "Miley" Kilts, alt. 1	P	A	A	P
FDOT	Debbie "Toni" Prough Zach Balassone, alt. 1	A	ALT 1	ALT 1	A
FDCF	Byron Wade Terrence Watts, alt. 1	A	A	P	P
FDOE/VR	Travis Green	A	A	P	P
FDEA	(Vacant)	(Vacant)	(Vacant)	(Vacant)	(Vacant)
AHCA	Ashlee Barton Latarsha Hampton, alt. 1	P	P	P	P
APD	Mariah Evans Dwayne Jones, alt. 1	P	A	A	P

P=Present, A=Absent, ALT=Alternate attended, R=Resigned

Others Present

Big Bend Transit	Shawn Mitchell
Apalachee Regional Planning Council	Austin Britt

The Chairperson requested that the minutes show a quorum was present.

1. Approval of March 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes

As required by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) and Florida Administrative Code, Rule 41-2.012(5)(a), the minutes from the March 2026 TD Coordinating Board (LCB) meeting were submitted for approval by the TD board.

Action: A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as presented.
(Motion: Wade, Second: J. Hinson)

2. Old Business

Mr. Britt informed the board that there was no old business for discussion.

3. New Business

a. Membership Certification

Mr. Britt presented the draft membership certification of the LCB and petitioned recommendations to fill any vacant positions. He also made note of board members that have missed three or more consecutive meetings and requested what action the board would like him to take. The board instructed Mr. Britt to reach out and fill any vacant positions, offering suggestions if they had any. Furthermore, contact any board member who hasn't been to at least 3 consecutive meetings, identify if they are still willing and able to serve on the board, and if not, find a suitable replacement and appoint them to the board.

Mr. Britt also informed board members that they could assign alternates to attend meetings in their stead so long as the alternate was a representative of the same entity as the primary board member.

Mr. Britt took note of suggested updates to the draft membership certification.

Action: A motion was made to approve the draft membership certification with amendments, for ARPC staff to fill vacant positions, contact board members with 3 consecutive absences, and update replacements as necessary. The motion was passed unanimously.
(Motion: J. Hinson, Second: Wade)

b. Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP)

Mr. Britt presented the annual update to the TDSP. He reviewed the TDSP page by page making note of any changes that were made to the previous adoption/revision. He presented the rate model and subsequent new rates for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. With no further questions he informed the LCB that the TDSP must be adopted by a roll call vote.

Action: A motion was made to adopt the TDSP by Roll Call Vote. The motion was passed and the LCB held a Roll Call Vote to adopt the TDSP.
(Motion: Wade, Second: J. Hinson)

The TDSP was unanimously adopted by those in attendance.

c. Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Report

Mr. Mitchell presented the report from January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026. He reported that they had 5,266 total trips during this reporting period, 2,608 of these were CTD/TDTF trips, 1,170 trips were for the general public, 521 APD passengers, 832 from other sources, and 135 were no shows. Mr. Mitchell further stated that of the 2,608 CTD/TDTF funded trips, 61% were for employment, 15% for medical appointments, 0% for education, 0% for nutritional and life sustaining activities, and 24% for social/recreational trips.

Action: Information Only

d. ARPC Quarterly Report

Mr. Britt presented the quarterly report and stated that the reports have been submitted to the CTC. Major tasks completed this quarter included conducting the annual CTC evaluation, conducting the quarterly TD LCB Board meeting, and drafting minutes from that meeting.

Action: Information Only

e. FY 2026-2027 TDCB Meeting Calendar

Mr. Britt presented the draft calendar for FY 26-27 meetings and asked the board to review the dates for conflicts. Staff wants to make sure that each TDCB meeting will have a quorum present, and to provide the board members with meeting dates as early as possible.

Action: A motion was made to approve the FY 2026 – 2026 TDCB Meeting Calendar. The motion was passed and the meeting calendar was approved.
(Motion: Barton, Second: Green)

f. Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Update

Mr. Britt provided a short summary of the previous CTD business meeting on April 8, 2026, and informed the LCB of the new FY 26-27 Innovative Service Development grant allocations and FY 26-27 Trip and Equipment grant allocations.

Action: Information Only

g. Grant Review

There were no grants to review at this time.

Action: Information Only

4. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

5. Public Comments

There were no members of the public present.

6. Board Member Comments

Commissioner Hinson announced the community resource fair the Sunday before school starts (August 10th) in partnership with One Gadsden Foundation to get students ready for school, including toiletries, haircuts, backpacks, etc. Mr. Hinson asked for the Board and others in the local area to attend the event and bring donations, such as toiletries for the kids. He informed the Board that over fifty vendors were at last year's event, and they will be there again this year to provide information for students and parents, as well as food and drinks for all the attendees. He said the event is currently planned to be in Midway, FL at Eugene Lamb Park, but it is subject to change and he will make sure the public is kept up to date.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was passed unanimously.
(Consensus adjournment)

Approved by majority vote of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board on the 17th day of September 2026.

Signed:

Attest:

Eric Hinson, Chairperson
James Hinson, Vice Chairperson

Austin Britt,
TD Program Coordinator, ARPC

AGENDA ITEM: 3a

SUBJECT: Election of a Vice-Chairperson.

BACKGROUND: The Coordinating Board shall hold an organizational meeting each year for the purpose of electing a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the members of the Coordinating Board present and voting at the organizational meeting. The Vice-Chairperson shall serve a term of one year starting with the next meeting. In the event of the Chairperson's absence, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson and conduct the meeting.
Florida Administrative Code, Rule 41-2.012(2)

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

REQUESTED ACTION: A motion and vote to elect a Vice-Chairperson.

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:

AGENDA ITEM: 3b

SUBJECT: Review, update, and adoption of the Bylaws.

BACKGROUND: The planning agency's contract with the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires an annual review of the bylaws for any necessary changes. The September Board meeting is considered the organizational meeting, as it is the first meeting of the new fiscal (grant) year. As part of the organizational meeting the Draft Bylaws are presented to the board for review and approval.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Bylaws
(provided as a separate handout document)

REQUESTED ACTION: A motion and vote to approve the Bylaws.

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:

AGENDA ITEM: 3c

SUBJECT: Selection of an Administrative Committee

BACKGROUND: The Board will appoint the following committees:
Administrative Committee – The Administrative Committee shall be composed of three members. This committee will assist the Planning Agency staff in any requested assistance with administrative duties of the Board or staff.
Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) Bylaws: (II.H.Committees)

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

REQUESTED ACTION: A motion and appointment of three TDCB members to the Administrative Committee.

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:

AGENDA ITEM: 3d

SUBJECT: Selection of a Grievance Committee

BACKGROUND: The Board shall... Appoint a Grievance Committee to process and investigate complaints, from agencies, users, transportation operators, potential users of the system and the Community Transportation Coordinator in the designated service area, and make recommendations to the Coordinating Board or to the Commission, when local resolution cannot be found, for improvement of service.
Florida Administrative Code Rule 41-2.012(5)(c).

The Board will appoint the following committees:
Grievance Committee – The Grievance Committee shall be composed of three members, include a minimum of one minority representative. The Board's Grievance Procedures shall complement the Community Transportation Coordinator's Grievance Procedures. This committee is further explained in Section VI, Local Coordinating Board Duties.
Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) Bylaws: (II.H.Committees)

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

REQUESTED ACTION: A motion and appointment of three TDCB members to the Grievance Committee.

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:

AGENDA ITEM: 3e

SUBJECT: Review, update, and adoption of the Grievance Procedures.

BACKGROUND: The planning agency's contract with the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires an annual review of the Grievance Procedures for any necessary changes. The September Board meeting is considered the organizational meeting, as it is the first meeting of the new fiscal (grant) year. As part of the organizational meeting the Draft Complaint and Grievance Procedures are presented to the board for review and approval.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Grievance Procedures
(provided as a separate handout document)

REQUESTED ACTION: A motion and vote to approve the Grievance Procedures.

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:

AGENDA ITEM: 3f

SUBJECT: Community Transportation Coordinator Report

BACKGROUND: The Local Coordinating Board serves as an advisory Board to the CTC and evaluates their services and seeks innovative ways to improve cost-effectiveness, efficiency, and safety. To fulfill this requirement the CTC provides a quarterly summary of coordination activities and a financial report of sponsored and non-sponsored trip costs.

ATTACHMENTS: CTC Quarterly Report

REQUESTED ACTION: Information Only

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:



GADSDEN COUNTY RIDERSHIP REPORT

QUARTERLY REPORT

APRIL 2026 - JUNE 2026

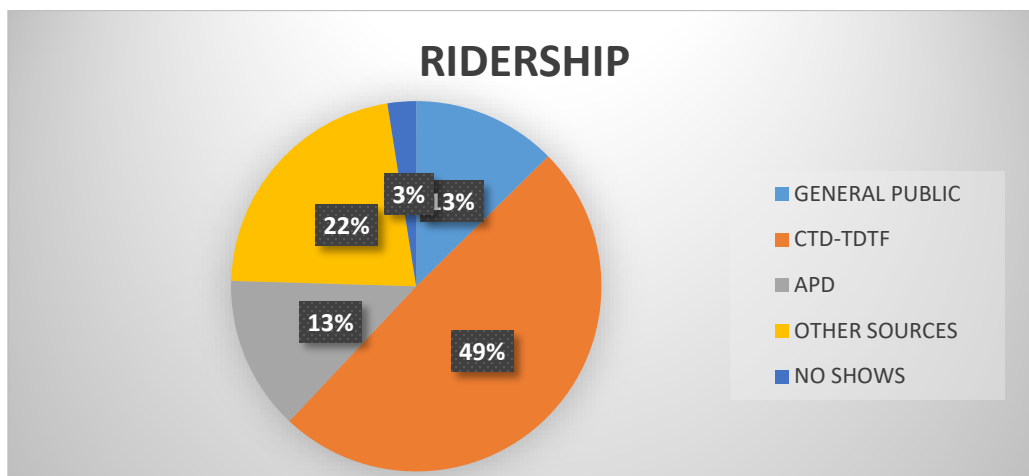
COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION QUARTERLY REPORT

(APRIL 2026 – JUNE 2026)

Number of Trips Provided from All Funding Sources

During this reporting period BBT provided a total of 5,686 trips. Approximately 49 percent of the trips provided were CTD-TDTF funded trips, 13 percent of the trips were GENERAL PUBLIC, 13 percent APD passengers, 22 percent were from OTHER SOURCES and 3 percent of the total scheduled trips were NO SHOWS.

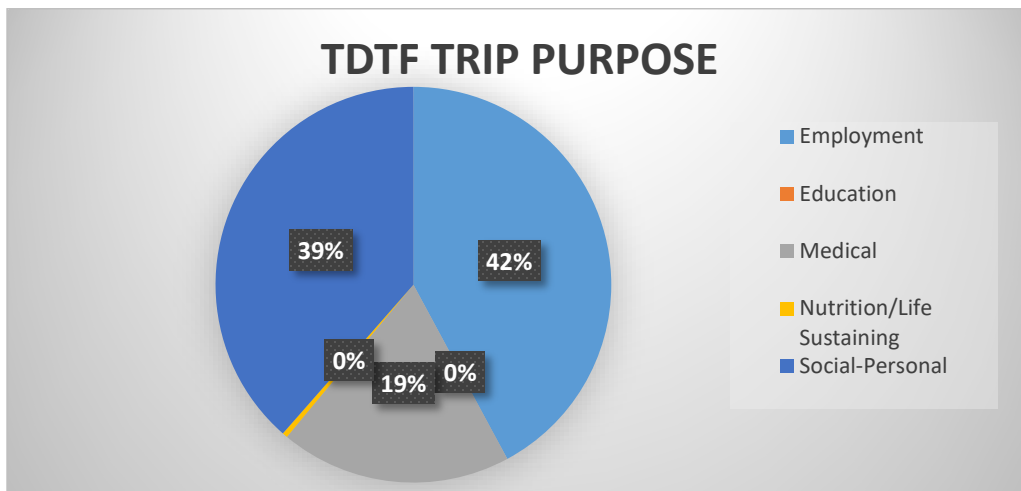
SOURCES	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
GENERAL PUBLIC	257	233	228	718
CTD-TDTF	937	915	956	2,808
APD	257	239	269	765
OTHER SOURCES	385	431	437	1,253
NO SHOWS	49	52	41	142
TOTAL	1,885	1,870	1,931	5,686



TDTF TRIP PURPOSE

Of the TDTF trips provided during this period, 42 percent were for employment, 19 percent for medical appointments, 0 percent for education, 0 percent for nutritional and life sustaining activities, and 39 percent for Social/Recreational.

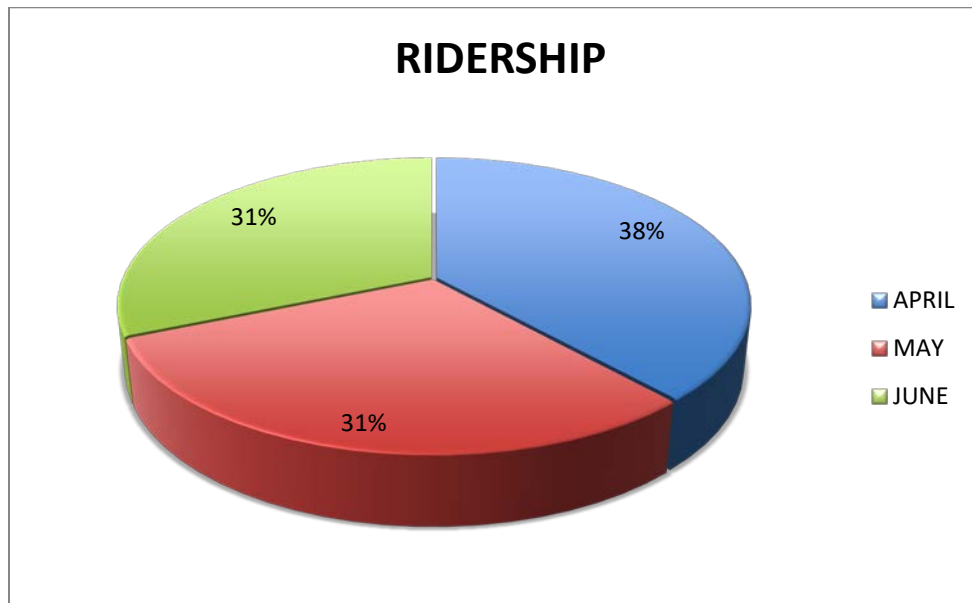
TDTF TRIP PURPOSE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
Employment	415	365	403	1,183
Education	0	0	0	0
Medical	162	169	200	531
Nutrition/Life Sustaining	6	6	0	12
Social-Personal	354	375	353	1,082
Total	937	915	956	2,808



NUMBER OF GRIEVANCES FILED (0)

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APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
2,648	2,103	2,163	6,914



AGENDA ITEM: 3g

SUBJECT: ARPC Quarterly Report

BACKGROUND: The Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) submits a quarterly report to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as part of the planning grant deliverables. The **fourth quarter** report is provided for review.

ATTACHMENTS: ARPC fourth quarter report

REQUESTED ACTION: Information Only

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:



SERVICE AREA/COUNTIES:

GADSDEN

INVOICE NUMBER:

G3D07 Q4

INVOICE DATE: *July 8, 2026*QUARTER SERVICE DATES: *April 1 - June 30, 2026*

AGENCY

Apalachee Regional Planning Council

I PROGRAM MANAGEMENT	PROGRESS
A. 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. (Tasks 2A)	No activity this quarter.
B. Develop and maintain a process for the appointment and reappointment of voting and non-voting members to the local coordinating board. (41-2.012, FAC)	No activity this quarter.
C. Prepare agendas for local coordinating board meetings consistent with the <i>Local Coordinating Board and Planning Agency Operating Guidelines</i> . (Task 3)	Prepared and submitted June LCB agenda to CTD and LCB members. A copy of the agenda is attached.
D. Prepare official minutes of local coordinating board meetings regardless of a quorum) and submit a copy along with the quarterly report to the Commission. For committee meetings, prepare minutes in the form of a brief summary of basic points, discussions, decisions, and recommendations to the full board. Keep records of all meetings for at least five years. (Task 3)	Final minutes of the March 2026 LCB meeting are attached. Draft minutes of the June 2026 LCB meeting are attached.

E. Provide at least one public workshop annually by each local coordinating board, and assist the Commission, as requested, in co-sponsoring public workshops. This public workshop must be in addition to the local coordinating board meetings. It may, however, be held in conjunction with the scheduled local coordinating board meeting (immediately following or prior to the local coordinating board meeting). (Task 4)	No activity this quarter.
F. Provide staff support for committees of the local coordinating board. (Task 3)	No activity this quarter.
G. Develop and update annually by-laws for local coordinating board approval. Approved by-laws shall be submitted to the Commission. (Task 5)	No activity this quarter.
H. Develop, annually update, and implement local coordinating board grievance procedures in accordance with the Commission 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. A copy of the approved procedures shall be submitted to the Commission. (Task 6)	No activity this quarter.
I. Provide the Commission with a current membership roster and mailing list of local coordinating board members. The membership roster shall be submitted with the first quarterly report and when there is a change in membership. (Task 3)	No activity this quarter.

J. Provide public notice of local coordinating board meetings and local public workshops in accordance with the <i>Coordinating Board and Planning Agency Operating Guidelines</i> . (Task 3)	Public notice was mailed to the local newspaper announcing the June 2026 LCB meeting. A copy of the notice is attached.
K. Review and comment on the Annual Operating Report for submittal to the local coordinating board, and forward comments/concerns to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. (Task 7)	No activity this quarter.
L. Report the actual expenditures (AER) of direct federal and local government transportation funds to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged no later than September 15th. (Task 8)	No activity this quarter.
II. SERVICE DEVELOPMENT	PROGRESS
A. Jointly, with the community transportation coordinator and the local coordinating board, develop the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) following CTD guidelines. (Task 1)	Jointly the Planning Agency, CTC and LCB developed/updated the TDSP to include the rate model for the new fiscal year.
B. Encourage integration of “transportation disadvantaged” issues into local and regional comprehensive plans . Ensure activities of the local coordinating board and community transportation coordinator are consistent with local and state comprehensive planning activities including the Florida Transportation Plan. (427.015, FS)	Ongoing.

C. Encourage the local community transportation coordinator to work cooperatively with regional workforce boards established in Chapter 445, F.S., and provide assistance in the development of innovative transportation services for participants in the welfare transition program. (427.0157, FS)	Ongoing.
III. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, AND EVALUATION	PROGRESS
A. Provide the LCB with quarterly reports of local TD program administrative support accomplishments as outlined in the grant agreement and any other activities related to the TD program. (Task 9)	January-March 2026 Quarterly Report was emailed to the CTD in April 2026 and was provided to the LCB at the June 2026 meeting.
B. Attend at least one Commission-sponsored training , including but not limited to, the CTD's regional meetings, the CTD's annual training workshop, or other sponsored training. (Task 10)	No activity this quarter.
C. Attend at least one CTD meeting each year within budget/staff/schedule availability.	Planning Agency staff virtually attended the CTD business meeting held on April 8, 2026.
D. Notify CTD staff of local TD concerns that may require special investigations.	No activity this quarter.

E. Provide training for newly-appointed LCB members. (Task 3)	No activity this quarter.
F. Provide assistance to the CTC, purchasing agencies, and others, as needed, which may include participation in, and initiating when necessary, local or regional meetings to discuss TD needs, service evaluation and opportunities for service improvement.	No activity this quarter.
G. To the extent feasible, collect and review proposed funding applications involving “TD” funds consistent with Chapter 427, F.S., and Rule 41-2, F.A.C., and provide recommendations to the LCB. (427.0157, FS)	No activity this quarter.
H. Ensure the local coordinating board conducts, as a minimum, an annual evaluation of the community transportation coordinator. The local coordinating board shall evaluate the coordinator using the Commission’s <i>Evaluation Workbook for Community Transportation Coordinators and Providers in Florida</i> (at a minimum using the modules concerning Competition In Use of Operators, Cost-Effectiveness and Efficiency, and Availability of Service) and local standards as defined in the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. (Task 2B)	No activity this quarter.
I. Assist the CTD in joint reviews of the CTC.	No activity this quarter.

J. Ensure the LCB annually reviews coordination contracts to advise the CTC whether the continuation of said contract provides the most cost effective and efficient transportation available, consistent with Rule 41-2, F.A.C.	No activity this quarter.
K. Implement recommendations identified in the CTD's QAPE reviews.	No activity this quarter.

Other Items of Development and Update in accordance with Laws, Rules, and Commission policy:

- 1) Presented TD information at ARPC board meetings.
- 2) Updated ARPC website as needed.

By submission of this Quarterly Report, the information provided is accurate and accountable and corresponds with the activities for this quarter.



Representative

Date: 7/8/2026