

# COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED



## Business Meeting Agenda

May 23, 2018  
9:00 AM until Completion  
2740 Centerview Dr., Suite 1A  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

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Marion Hart, Chairman  
Dr. Phillip Stevens, Vice-Chairman  
Mike Willingham, Commissioner  
Dr. Robin Tellez, Commissioner  
Becki Forsell, Commissioner  
Vacant, Commissioner  
Vacant, Commissioner

Item #	Agenda Item	Speaker(s)
I	Call to Order	Chairman Hart
II	Introduction of Commissioners and Advisors	Commissioners and Advisors
III	Commissioner and Advisor Reports	Commissioners and Advisors
IV	Public Comments (Comments limited to the current agenda items)	Public
<b>Action Items</b>		
V	2018-19 Mobility Enhancement Grant Awards	Steve Holmes, Executive Director
VI	Planning Agency Designation for Citrus County	Steve Diez, Hernando-Citrus MPO
VII	Multi-County Service Area for Desoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee Counties	Marcia Staszko, Heartland Regional TPO
<b>Information Items</b>		
VIII	Executive Director Report	Steve Holmes, Executive Director
IX	Public Comments	Public
X	Commissioner and Advisor Comments	Commissioners and Advisors
XI	Adjournment	Chairman Hart
Next Meeting: July 18, 2018 – Perry, FL		

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**MEETING DATE:** May 23, 2018

**AGENDA ITEM:**

V. 2018 Mobility Enhancement Grant Recommendations

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

For the third year, the Legislature authorized the Commission to competitively award \$1,250,000 of non-recurring funds to Community Transportation Coordinators (CTCs) to support projects that:

- 1) enhance the access of older adults, persons with disabilities, and low income individuals to healthcare, shopping, education, employment, etc.;
- 2) assist in the development, improvement, and use of transportation systems in non-urbanized areas;
- 3) promote the efficient coordination of services;
- 4) support inter-city bus transportation; or
- 5) encourage private transportation provider participation.

Grant application packages were emailed to eligible applicants on March 1, 2018, with a deadline of March 30, 2018. Fifteen applications were received requesting \$2.9 million.

The Mobility Enhancement Grant Subcommittee met on May 9, 2018. In attendance were Commissioner Robin Tellez (via conference call); Agency Advisors Jarrell Smith (FDOT), Diane Harris (DCF), and Anne Avery (DOEA). Commission staff Steve Holmes, Karen Somerset, Cecile DeMoral, Kyle Mills, Dan Zeruto, John Irvine, and Sheri Powers also participated in the meeting. The subcommittee reviewed all proposed project requests and recommend funding 8 projects totaling \$1.2 million as reflected in the attached Mobility Enhancement Grant Summary.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 2018-19 Mobility Enhancement Grant Summary

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:**

Recommend the Commission approve funding the 2018-19 Mobility Enhancement Grant project(s) as recommended by the Mobility Enhancement Grant Subcommittee.



Steve Holmes

Executive Director

Date: May 23, 2018

# 2018-19 Mobility Enhancement Grant Summary

County	Community Transportation Coordinator	Project Description	Comments	Requested Total Project Cost (100%)	Requested TD Dollar Amount (90%)	Recommended Funding
Alachua	MV Contract Transportation	<p>Continue partnership with the City of Gainesville through its GRACE Marketplace (homeless shelter) to provide reduced fare bus passes for the homeless clients they serve.</p> <p>Approved funding to date:            FY2016-17   \$ 49,815            FY2017-18   \$ 55,350            Total to date   \$105,165</p>	<p>The purchase of half-fare passes at \$17.50, plus a \$3.00 per pass administrative fee. City of Gainesville will provide the local match. This fiscal year focus will be shifted slightly to assisting individuals obtain and maintain permanent housing.</p>	\$55,350.00	\$49,815.00	\$49,815.00
Bradford	Suwannee River Economic Council	<p>Continue to provide on-demand service (within 30 minutes) within the City of Starke for medical, pharmacy and shopping. Project goal is to provide 210 trips/month.</p> <p><i>The original project was approved as a pilot effective 7/1/2016 for on-demand service within the City of Starke only for the first year. The project was approved for the second year and service was expanded to include limited service to areas outside of the City of Starke but within Bradford County. This expansion was not as successful. Requesting to limit to the City of Starke as originally proposed for the 3rd year.</i></p> <p>Approved funding to date:            FY2016-17   \$ 53,450.00            FY2017-18   \$ 53,866.00            Total           \$ 107,316.00</p>	<p>SREC will provide the 10% match. Requesting same amount of funding.</p>	\$59,851.00	\$53,866.00	\$53,866.00

County	Community Transportation Coordinator	Project Description	Comments	Requested Total Project Cost (100%)	Requested TD Dollar Amount (90%)	Recommended Funding
Columbia	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority	<p>Continue to provide on-demand same day service to TD riders within designated stops within the City of Lake City for medical, pharmacy and shopping. Trips will be provided based on availability and serve both ambulatory and wheelchair riders. Riders will need to call at least 30 minutes in advance.</p> <p>Approved funding to date:  FY 2016-17 \$ 30,208.00  FY 2017-18 \$ 54,417.00  Total \$ 84,625.00</p>	<p>Advertising costs and administrative costs seem high (&gt;10% of total project cost). Last year approved funding but reduced by \$6,000 for advertising expenses.</p>	\$67,865.00	\$61,079.00	\$54,417.00
Escambia	Escambia Co BOCC	<p>Provide demand-response transportation to TD individuals who reside in rural areas of the county which are currently underserved or not served enhancing access to medical, pharmacy and grocery shopping. Will also provide connectivity to fixed route services.</p> <p>This project also requests funding for capital equipment (2 vehicles).</p> <p>Requesting funds as follows:  Operating \$ 132,102.20  Capital \$ 136,208.20  Total \$ 268,310.40</p>	<p>Traditionally, have not funded capital equipment with these grant funds.</p> <p>Recommend funding to use as operational funds to provide trips.</p>	\$268,310.00	\$241,479.00	\$50,000.00

County	Community Transportation Coordinator	Project Description	Comments	Requested Total Project Cost (100%)	Requested TD Dollar Amount (90%)	Recommended Funding
Hernando	Mid-Florida Community Services	Continue to operate the expanded service location, hours, and days. Service is now provided to all areas of the county Monday - Friday 6:00 am - 4:00 pm. Transportation is also provided to 3 connector stops for the fixed route service allowing travel into Pasco County. Employment, recreational trans and same day additional trips based on availability will also be provided.  <i>Approved funding to date:</i> FY 2016-17 \$200,000 FY 2017-18 \$200,000 <u>Total \$400,000</u>	Due to a reduction in the total MEG program allocation, this project funding request was reduced.	\$222,222.00	\$200,000.00	\$180,000.00
Orange/Osceola/Seminole	LYNX	Continue to implement a pilot taxi voucher program expanding coverage for all trip type/purpose and affording reliable transportation options in urban and rural connectivity "to meet the unique needs of persons with disabilities, older adults and low income persons and others without ready access to automobiles. Could also utilize Transportaiton Network Companies.  <i>Approved funding to date:</i> FY 2016-17 \$106,920 FY 2017-18 \$315,000 <u>Total \$421,920</u>	First year, pilot focused mainly on dialysis patients, then expanded to include other medical purposes. This year, would like to expand operations to all eligible TD riders.  Project approved same as 2017-18, for medical trips only not for general trip purposes.  Due to a reduction in the total MEG program allocation, this project funding request was reduced.	\$500,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$295,000.00

County	Community Transportation Coordinator	Project Description	Comments	Requested Total Project Cost (100%)	Requested TD Dollar Amount (90%)	Recommended Funding
Pinellas	Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority	<p>Continue to partner with Uber, United Taxi, and Care Ride to provide affordable, on-demand, door-to-door trips within 20 minutes of request to or from work (late night shifts). Grant would also fund urgent TD trips for medical or other urgent purposes where a trip cannot be prescheduled. This project would continue to incorporate the use of Uber Central which would allow PSTA to dispatch Uber trips for those individuals who do not have access to the technology or data to schedule a trip with Uber themselves.</p> <p>Approved funding to date:  FY 2016-17 \$ 475,000  FY 2017-18 \$ 507,000  Total \$ 982,000</p>	<p>Due to a reduction in the total MEG program allocation, this project funding request was reduced.</p>	\$762,764.00	\$686,488.00	\$468,000.00
St Lucie (1)	St Lucie Co BOCC	<p>To continue to provide "after-hour" transportation services utilizing taxis, car services and rideshare providers to destinations within St Lucie County as well as adjacent counties. This service is known as "Direct Connect."</p> <p>Approved funding to date:  FY 2017-18 \$ 98,550  Grant was effective 11/1/2017</p>	<p>Current participation in this project has exceeded original projections. Enrollment has been suspended and a waiting list established.</p> <p>Due to a reduction in the total MEG program allocation, this project funding request was reduced to 2017-18 funding level.</p>	\$200,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$98,550.00

County	Community Transportation Coordinator	Project Description	Comments	Requested Total Project Cost (100%)	Requested TD Dollar Amount (90%)	Recommended Funding
Brevard	Space Coast Area Transit	Provide transportation to individuals with disabilities or special needs living in the Promise of Brevard residential complex. Transportation will be provided to educational and vocational/job readiness training, employment, pharmacy and shopping.	Unclear what the actual "partnership" involves; does not identify source of local match; billing by an hourly rate;	\$88,200.00	\$79,380.00	\$0.00
Lake	Lake Co BOCC	Provide 3 types of services: 1) First and last mile services which includes trans to or from a fixed route bus stop; 2) Provide demand-response service when fixed route is not operating and/or in areas where fixed route service is not available; and 3) Provide new on-demand van service (Xpress Van) operated by the county.	TD Rider eligibility unclear for first mile/last mile option; proposed billing by hourly rate; adequate funding not available at this time.	\$353,978.00	\$318,580.00	\$0.00
Lee	Good Wheels, Inc.	Partner with Lee Health to provide on-demand transportation to patients that are discharged from Lee Memorial Hospital and Gulf Coast Hospital. Goodwheels will be available 24/7 to provide this transportation.	Project, as written, is unclear as to how TD eligibility would be determined.	\$160,200.00	\$144,180.00	\$0.00
Polk	Lakeland Area Mass Transit District d/b/a Citrus Connection	Provide demand-response transportation option to TD individuals primarily to employment when fixed route or normal TD services are not available. Partnering with TNC to provide trips within county. Partnering with Greyhound and Megabus to provide out-of-county trips to medical apts.	Concern with lack of rider choice and potential need for accessible vehicles using TNC services. Unclear what project service rate would be. Need additional information as to how Mega Bus and Greyhound would be utilized.	\$308,824.00	\$277,942.00	\$0.00
Putnam	Ride Solution, Inc.	Increase in-county flex route service to support employment.	Project, as written, appears to establish service routes based on schedules provided.	\$102,481.00	\$92,232.00	\$0.00

County	Community Transportation Coordinator	Project Description	Comments	Requested Total Project Cost (100%)	Requested TD Dollar Amount (90%)	Recommended Funding
St Lucie (2)	St Lucie Co BOCC	One-Year operating budget for a bike share program in the City of Fort Pierce (Lincoln Park). This includes two bike share stations, ten bikes, all maintenance	The majority of this grant would be used for the purchase of capital which is not the intent of this program. There may be other funding available for bikeshare or similar programs - perhaps a Public Health Care grant.	\$18,000.00	\$16,200.00	\$0.00
St Lucie (3)	St Lucie Co BOCC	Establish a ride share program (demand response) for low income individuals residing in the Lincoln Park area in the City of Fort Pierce. Transportation will be provided to individuals attending Indian River State College, Virginia College and/or Career Source for job skill classes/certification.	Need additional information how ride share will operate (schedule, pickup, driver training, etc). Unclear as to how trip cost was established.	\$60,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$0.00
		Total Funds Requested for New Projects			\$982,514.00	
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$3,228,045.00</b>	<b>\$2,905,241.00</b>	<b>\$1,249,648.00</b>

**Available: \$1,250,000.00**  
**Remaining: \$352.00**



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**AGENDA ITEM:**

VI Designated Official Planning Agency – Citrus County

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, requires the Commission to designate an official planning agency in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization. The Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) is responsible for carrying out transportation planning and programming on behalf of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 427.015, Florida Statutes.


The Hernando/Citrus MPO was formed in July 2014 because of census data that created new urbanized areas in Citrus and Hernando Counties. The MPO currently serves as the Planning Agency for Hernando County.

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) has served as the Designated Official Planning Agency for Citrus County since August 1, 1990. Citrus County BoCC notified the Commission that they will no longer serve as the DOPA for Citrus County effective July 1, 2018, and supports the transition of these responsibilities to the Hernando/Citrus MPO.

At its May 22, 2018, board meeting, the Citrus County BoCC will execute a letter requesting the CTD designate Hernando/Citrus MPO as the DOPA for Citrus County effective July 1, 2018. At its May 15, 2018, board meeting, the Hernando/Citrus MPO will adopt a Resolution requesting to become the DOPA for Citrus County.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:**

Approve the Hernando/Citrus MPO as the Transportation Disadvantaged Designated Official Planning Agency for Citrus County effective July 1, 2018, contingent on the Commission receiving the necessary documentation from the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners and Hernando/Citrus MPO.

  
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Steve Holmes  
Executive Director  
Date: May 23, 2018

**ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:**

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**AGENDA ITEM:**

VII. Multi-County Service Area for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and, Okeechobee Counties

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Chapter 427.0157(16), encourages Local Coordinating Boards to evaluate multicounty or regional transportation opportunities. The Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (staffed by Central Florida Regional Planning Council) is the Designated Official Planning Agency for DeSoto County as well as the multi-county service area of Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee Counties. Discussions about combining DeSoto County into the Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee multi-county service area have been ongoing for the last couple of years due to the formation of the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization.

The Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization through the Central Florida Regional Planning Council have been working with the local coordinating boards for each of these counties as well as the County Commissions to seek support for this single multi-county service area. These counties are currently served by the same Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC), MV Contract Transportation. All parties have expressed their support of this effort.

At this time, the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization would like to recommend the Commission designate DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee Counties as one multi-county service area. The combining of these counties encourages seamless cross-county coordination, allows the CTC to maximize state, local, and other resources to enhance services for the citizens of these counties.

Currently the Commission has approved the following areas as multi-county service areas:

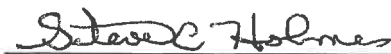
- 1) Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee;
- 2) Glades, Hendry;
- 3) Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee;
- 4) Holmes, Washington;
- 5) Orange, Osceola, Seminole.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- April 19, 2018 Recommendation letter and Resolution from Heartland Regional Transportation Organization
- Resolutions from the Boards of County Commission of DeSoto County, Hardee County, Highlands County and Okeechobee County

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:**

Recommend the Commission approve designating DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties as a multi-county single service area.



Steve Holmes

Executive Director

Date: May 23, 2018

**ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:**

April 19, 2018

Marion Hart, Chairman  
 Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged  
 605 Suwannee Street, MS 49  
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Dear Chairman Hart:

Please accept this letter and accompanying resolution from the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), as well as resolutions from DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties in support of the creation a four-county transportation disadvantaged service area and the formation of a four-county Local Coordinating Board for Transportation Disadvantaged services for the counties of DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee effective July 1, 2018.

The formation of a four-county service area would enhance the coordination of services while improving efficiencies. The board would retain elected officials from each county, as well as required agency and citizen representation (many of whom currently serve on both LCBs). Meetings would be held in all four counties on a rotating basis as approved by the LCB.

MV Transportation Inc. is currently the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for all four counties. However, there are two separate MOAs with the Commission; one for Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee and a separate MOA for DeSoto.

If the Commission approves the formation of the four (4) county service area, we believe it would be in the best interest of service provision to align the MOAs by altering the dates on the Memorandum of Agreements for Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee and DeSoto Counties.

Service Area	Current MOA End Date	Proposed MOA End Date	Action Requested
Hardee/Highlands/Okeechobee	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	Extend MOA by one (1) year
DeSoto	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	Reduce MOA by one (1) year

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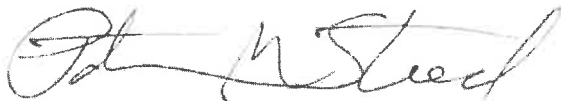


The Central Florida Regional Planning Council provides staff services to the HRTPO

Also enclosed is a letter from MV Transportation in support of the four-county service area and changes in MOUs to align the contract end dates.

Please advise the HRTPO of any additional steps we must take to put this in place by the desired July 1, 2018, start date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia M. Steed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Patricia" and last name "Steed" clearly distinguishable.

Patricia M. Steed, Staff Services Director  
HRTPO

Cc: Steve Holmes, Executive Director, Florida CTD  
Ron Handley, Chair, HRTPO  
Terry Hill, Chair, DeSoto LCB  
Don Elwell, Chair, Hardee/Highlands/Okeechobee LCB  
Benjamin Dunn, Executive Director HRTPO  
Kelly Kirk-Brooks, MV Transportation  
Sheri Powers, Project Manager, Florida CTD  
John Irvine, Project manager, Florida CTD



**RESOLUTION 06-2018**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CREATION OF A FOUR-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICE AREA AND THE FORMATION OF A FOUR-COUNTY LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICES FOR THE COUNTIES OF DESOTO, HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, AND OKEECHOBEE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.

WHEREAS, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council currently serves as the Transportation Disadvantaged Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties, and;

WHEREAS, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council will cease to serve as the DOPA for these counties when the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) becomes the DOPA for these counties on July 1, 2018, and;

WHEREAS, the Counties of Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee are in a common service area and share a Local Coordinating Board (LCB) and DeSoto County has a one county service area and a one county LCB, and;

WHEREAS, the same Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) currently serves all four counties, and;

WHEREAS, the HRTPO as the Designated Official Planning Agency will staff any and all Local Coordinating Boards, and;

WHEREAS, a four-county service area and a four-county local coordinating board can more efficiently serve the counties of DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee counties, and;

WHEREAS, the four counties have elected representatives serving on both the HRTPO Board and will have elected representatives serve on a four-county LCB.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The HRTPO supports the future creation of a four-county service area for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee counties.
- The HRTPO supports the formation of a four-county Local Coordinating Board for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee counties.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2018

Signed:

Handwritten signature of William R. Handley in black ink.

William R. Handley, HRTPO Chair

Date:

4-18-18

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Kathryn Hall in black ink.

Signature

Attest:

Printed name "Kathryn Hall" in black ink.

Printed Name

Handwritten signature of the HRTPO Attorney in black ink.

Reviewed by HRTPO Attorney

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DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 28

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING CREATION OF A FOUR-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICE AREA AND THE FORMATION OF A FOUR-COUNTY LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICES FOR THE COUNTIES OF DESOTO, HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, AND OKEECHOBEE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council currently serves as the Transportation Disadvantaged Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Counties of Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee are in a common service area and share a Local Coordinating Board (LCB) and DeSoto County has a one county service area and a one county LCB, and;

**WHEREAS**, the same Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) currently serves all four counties, and;

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**WHEREAS**, a four-county service area and a four-county local coordinating board can more efficiently serve the counties of DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee counties, and;

**WHEREAS**, the four counties have elected representatives serving on both the HRTPO Board and will have elected representatives serve on a four-county LCB.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

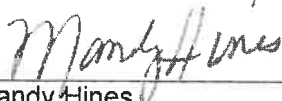
**Section 1.** THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY supports the future creation of a four-county service area for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee counties.


**Section 2.** THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY supports the formation of a four-county Local Coordinating Board for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee counties.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018


ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mandy Hines  
County Administrator

By   
\_\_\_\_\_  
James F. Selph  
Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Donald D. Conn  
County Attorney

RESOLUTION 2018-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE HARDEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING CREATION OF A FOUR-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICE AREA AND THE FORMATION OF A FOUR-COUNTY LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICES FOR THE COUNTIES OF DESOTO, HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, AND OKEECHOBEE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.

WHEREAS, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council currently serves as the Transportation Disadvantaged Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties, and

WHEREAS, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council will cease to serve as the DOPA for these counties when the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) becomes the DOPA for these counties on July 1, 2018, and

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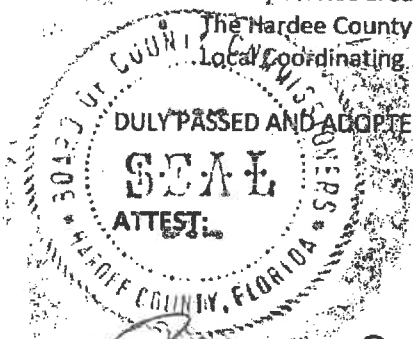
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WHEREAS, the four counties have elected representatives serving on both the HRTPO Board and will have elected representatives serve on a four-county LCB.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The Hardee County Board of County Commissioners supports the future creation of a four-county service area for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee counties.
- The Hardee County Board of County Commissioners supports the formation of a four-county Local Coordinating Board for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee counties.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 05<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2018.



*Patricia M. Wilson*  
 By: Patricia M. Wilson, Deputy Clerk  
 Victoria L. Rogers, Ex-Officio Clerk to the  
 Board of County Commissioners  
 Date: 04/10/2018

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
 HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

*Russell A. Melendy*  
 Russell A. Melendy, Chairman

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RESOLUTION 17-18 -54

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING CREATION OF A FOUR-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICE AREA; THE FORMATION OF A FOUR-COUNTY LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICES FOR THE COUNTIES OF DESOTO, HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, AND OKEECHOBEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council currently serves as the Transportation Disadvantaged Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties, and;

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**WHEREAS**, the same Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) currently serves all four counties, and;

**WHEREAS**, the HRTPO as the Designated Official Planning Agency will staff any and all Local Coordinating Boards, and;

**WHEREAS**, a four-county service area and a four-county local coordinating board can more efficiently serve the counties of DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee counties, and;

**WHEREAS**, the four counties have elected representatives serving on both the HRTPO Board and will have elected representatives serve on a four-county LCB.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, that:

**SECTION 1. Creation of a Four-County Service Area.** The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners supports the future creation of a four-county service area for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee counties with an effective date of July 1, 2018.

**SECTION 2. Formation of a Four-County Local Coordinating Board.** The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners supports the formation of a four-county Local Coordinating Board for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee counties, with an effective date of July 1, 2018.



**SECTION 3. Severability.** The sections, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Resolution are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subsection or section of this Resolution shall be declared invalid, unconstitutional or unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, subsections and sections of this Resolution.

**SECTION 4. Conflict.** Any resolution or part thereof in conflict with this Resolution or any part hereof is hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

DONE AND ADOPTED this 17th day of April, 2018.



BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: R. Greg Harris  
R. Greg Harris, Chairman

(SEAL)

ATTEST: Robert W. Germaine  
Robert W. Germaine, Clerk



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TO BE A TRUE COPY  
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK  
BY A. K. [Signature] D.C.

4/17/18

**RESOLUTION 2018-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING CREATION OF A FOUR-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICE AREA AND THE FORMATION OF A FOUR-COUNTY LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICES FOR THE COUNTIES OF DESOTO, HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, AND OKEECHOBEE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council currently serves as the Transportation Disadvantaged Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council will cease to serve as the DOPA for these counties when the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) becomes the DOPA for these counties on July 1, 2018, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Counties of Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee are in a common service area and share a Local Coordinating Board (LCB) and DeSoto County has a one county service area and a one county LCB, and;

**WHEREAS**, the same Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) currently serves all four counties, and;

**WHEREAS**, the HRTPO as the Designated Official Planning Agency will staff any and all Local Coordinating Boards, and;

**WHEREAS**, a four-county service area and a four-county local coordinating board can more efficiently serve the counties of DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee counties, and;

**WHEREAS**, the four counties have elected representatives serving on both the HRTPO Board and will have elected representatives serve on a four-county LCB.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners, that this Board hereby:

**Section 1:** The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners support the future creation of a four-county service for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee counties.

**Section 2:** The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners support the formation of a four-county Local Coordinating Board for DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands and Okeechobee counties.



March 25, 2018

Steven Holmes, Executive Director  
Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged  
605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 49  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Mr. Holmes:

It is our understanding that the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) will no longer be the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) for the three-county area of Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee and the DOPA for DeSoto County as of June 30, 2018. The DOPA designation will be turned over to the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) as of July 1, 2018. With this transition, the HRTPO would like to bring DeSoto County into the now formed 3-county service area of Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee, making it a four-county service area.

MV Transportation is the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for all of the four counties, however, there are two separate MOAs with the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD); one for Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee and a separate one for DeSoto. With the effort to bring DeSoto County into the 3-county service area, the CTD has expressed concern that with the two different MOA contracts, it might be difficult to administer a four-county service area.

Given these circumstances, we have been informed that the CTD would be in favor of amending both MOAs so that they would have the same timeframes. Outlined below are the current MOA dates for the two service areas.

- Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee MOA Dates: 11/1/15 – 6/30/20
- DeSoto MOA Dates: 1/1/17 – 6/30/22

The CTD and the CFRPC is suggesting that the Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee MOA be amended/extended until June 30, 2021, and the DeSoto County MOA be revised to end June 30, 2021. This would allow for one formal selection process to occur for the newly formed 4-county service area. MV Transportation, Inc. is in agreement with these changes, and offer this letter of support for that proposed action. I am available to discuss this request further if you need additional information. Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Steed", is written over a light blue circular stamp or watermark.

Andy Steed  
Regional Vice President

cc: Pat Steed, Executive Director, Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
Marcia L. Staszko, Program Manager, Central Florida Regional Planning Council

**State of Florida**  
**Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged**  
**Commission Business Meeting**

**MEETING DATE:** May 23, 2018

**AGENDA ITEM:**

VIII Executive Director Report

Steve Holmes will provide the Executive Director Report on items as needed.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:**

For information purposes only.



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Steve Holmes  
Executive Director  
Date: May 23, 2018

**ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING:**