

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB)
PUBLIC MEETING**

CHARLOTTE COUNTY – PUNTA GORDA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Tel: (941) 883-3535

AGENDA

10:00 A.M., Thursday, January 4, 2024

The Regular LCB Meeting will be held immediately following the Public Meeting.

Charlotte County Transit Facility

545 Theresa Street

Port Charlotte, Florida 33954

(also available online via TEAMS – *Please see the next page for details*)

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call**
2. **Welcome to the Public**
3. **Purpose of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program including the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) – [CTD Brochure](#)**
4. **Public Comment Period on TD Program or TDSP**
5. **Adjourn**

****Please let us know if you or your alternate cannot attend****

No stenographic record by a certified court reporter is made of these meetings. Accordingly, anyone seeking to appeal any decisions involving the matters herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the meeting/testimony and evidence upon which any appeal is to be based. (F.S. 286.0105)

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND CHAPTER 286.26 FLORIDA STATUTES, PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY-PUNTA GORDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AT LEAST FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. CALL (941) 883-3535 BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

The MPO's planning process is conducted in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. Any person or beneficiary who believes he or she has been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or familial status may file a complaint with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO Title VI Coordinator Wendy W. Scott at (941) 883-3535 or by writing her at the address below.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY-PUNTA GORDA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Telephone: (941) 883-3535

The Charlotte County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) will hold an Annual Public Meeting on January 4, 2024 in a hybrid format (both in person and remotely via TEAMS links will be available from MPO Staff). Persons wishing to provide public comment may do so by alternative means, should they desire. Written comments may be submitted by either emailing the comments to office@ccpgmpo.gov or mailing the comments to MPO LCB Staff at Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida, 33948. Comments must be received for the LCB meeting by noon on January 3, 2024. The comments will be read by an MPO staff member during the meeting for that item to be placed in the record. More information regarding the LCB Agenda is available on the MPO website at www.ccpmpo.gov.

For Potentially 6 million people in Florida, finding transportation may be a daily challenge due to a physical or mental disability, age, or income. They depend on others for access to doctor visits, work, school, grocery, and drug stores.

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged can help.



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605 Suwannee Street, MS-49
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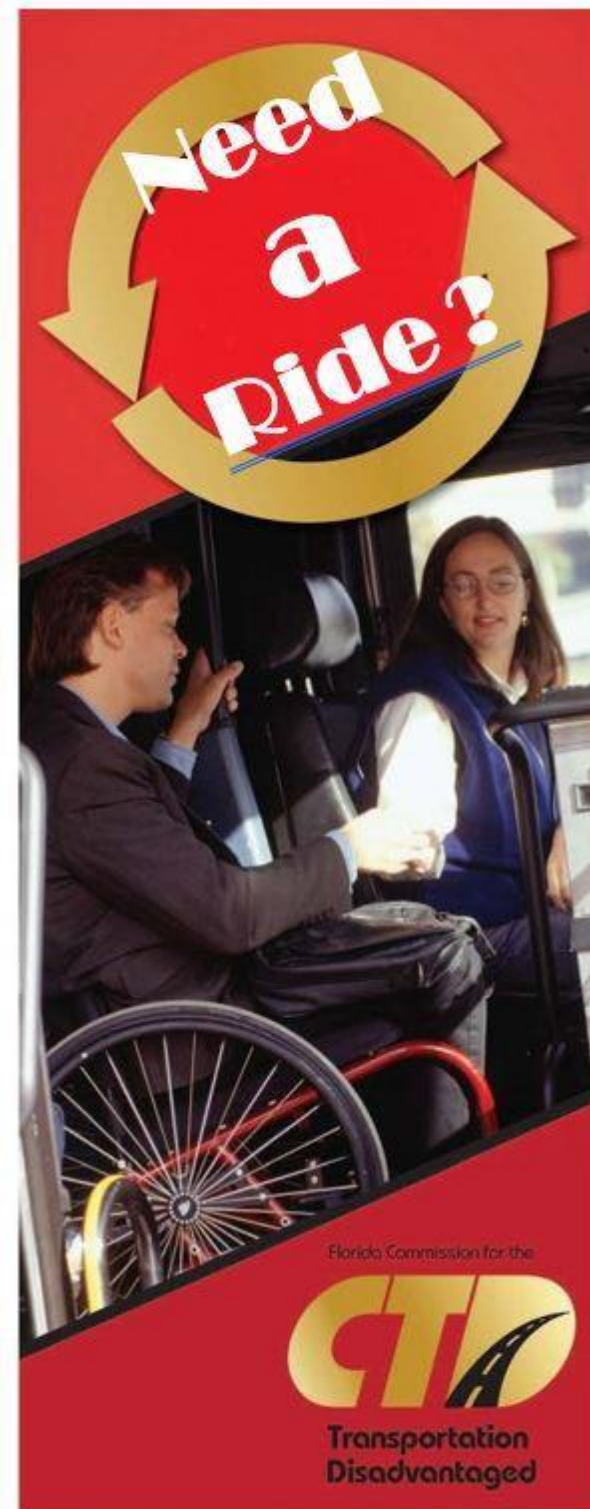
Phone: (850) 410-5700
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Fax: (850) 410-5752

Web Site: [CTD Home \(fdot.gov\)](http://CTD Home (fdot.gov))
Florida Commission for the



**Transportation
Disadvantaged**

This Information is available in accessible
formats upon request.



Transportation Disadvantaged's 5 Key Elements



WHO ARE WE?

The Florida Legislature created the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged in 1989. Its mission is to ensure the availability of efficient, cost-effective, and quality transportation services for transportation disadvantaged persons.

Through this coordinated effort, over 51 million trips are provided annually! With each \$1 dollar invested, over \$7 dollars are returned to benefit the State of Florida.

The Commission sets policies and provides direction in the areas of quality assurance, technical assistance and training, contract management, and financial accountability. The Commission also administers the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund and implements all provisions in Chapter 427.013, F.S.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Those who cannot obtain their own transportation due to a disability, age, or income, are eligible.



WHERE AND HOW ARE SERVICES PROVIDED?

The Transportation Disadvantaged program is a coordinated state-wide effort which groups riders together for a shared ride service. Transportation services are available in all 67 Florida counties. Federal and state funded agencies join together to provide the necessary transportation to medical, life-sustaining, employment, and educational locations.

Each county has a Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC), who provides and arranges the transportation. To find out who the CTC is in your county, call 1-800-983-2435, or go to our website at: [CTD Home \(fdot.gov\)](http://CTD Home (fdot.gov)). You must contact your CTC to determine if you are eligible, and to schedule your ride.



WHO CAN YOU CALL FOR HELP OR INFORMATION?

The Commission has a toll-free helpline to assist persons who want to find out where to go for transportation assistance, get answers to questions about the program, or report a problem with transportation services. Just call 1-800-983-2435 or dial 711 for Florida Relay Services (for hearing or speech impaired persons). English and Spanish speaking Customer Service Representatives are available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time), Monday thru Friday. For after hours or weekends, a message may be left on the voicemail system and the call will be returned the next business day.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Not all trips that are needed can be provided because of limited funds, but you can help! When you register or renew the tag on your car, truck, or boat simply check the box on the registration form to contribute \$1 or more to the Transportation Disadvantaged. Every dollar donated will go towards providing trips in the county where they were donated.