COLLIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICE PLAN

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Local Coordinating Board Membership Certification

Name: Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Address: 2885 Horseshoe Dr. S, Naples, FL 34104

The Metropolitan Planning Organization/Designated Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:

- 1. The Membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2012(3), FAC, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
- 2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Signature: ______ Date: ______ Date: ______

| REPRESENTATION | MEMBER | ALTERNATE | TERM |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Chairwoman | Donna Fiala | | |
| Elderly - Vice-Chairman | Harold Kurzman | | 10/13/17-10/13/20 |
| Disabled | Sherry Brenner | | 4/8/16 - 4/8/19 |
| Citizen Advocate/Non-user | Vacant | | |
| Citizen Advocate/User | Dylan Vogel | | 2/10/17 - 2/10/20 |
| Children at Risk | Emely Kafle | | |
| FL Assoc. for Community Action | Cheryl Burnham | Pa Houa Lee-Young | |
| Public Education | David Ogilvie | Bonnie Zaino | |
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| Dept. of Health Care Adm. | Maribel Perez | Glenda Gonzales | |
| Regional Workforce Board | Susan Corris | | |
| Veteran Services | Irene Johnson | | |
| Local Mass Transit | N/A | | |
| Transportation Industry | Vacant | | |
| Local Medical Community | Vacant | | |

Roll Call Vote

Approval of Collier County's Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Major Update

| MEMBER | REPRESENTING | YES | NO | ABSENT |
|--------------------------|---|-----|----|--------|
| Commissioner Donna Fiala | Chairwoman | Х | | |
| Harold Kurzman | Vice Chairman/Elderly | X | | |
| Vacant | Citizen's Advocate/Non User | | | |
| Dylan Vogel | Citizen's Advocate/User | X | | |
| Irene Johnson | Veteran Services | X | | |
| Cheryl Burnham | FL Association for Community Action | X | | |
| David Ogilvie | Public Education | Х | | |
| Kelley Fernandez | FL Dept. of Transportation | Х | | |
| Felix Soto | FL Dept. of Children and Families | | | Х |
| Robert Richards | FL Dept. of Education | X | | |
| Rebecca MacKenzie | Area Agency on Aging/FL Dept. of Elder Affairs | | | X |
| Glenda Gonzalez | FL Dept. of Health Care Adm. | X | | |
| Emely Kafle | Collier County School District/Children at Risk | | | X |
| Vacant | Private Transportation Industry | | | |
| Sherry Brenner | Individuals with Disabilities | Х | | |
| Susan Corris | Regional Workforce Board | Χ | | |
| Vacant | Local Medical Community | | | |

The Collier County Local Coordinating Board hereby certifies that an annual evaluation of the Community Transportation Coordinator was conducted in 2017 consistent with the policies of the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and that all recommendations of that CTC Evaluation have been addressed or incorporated in this Service Plan.

We further certify that the rates contained herein have been thoroughly reviewed, evaluated and approved. This Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan was reviewed in its entirety and approved by the Board at an official meeting held on October 24, 2018.

| 10-26-18 | Homa Trala |
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| Date | Commissioner Donna Fiala, LCB Chair |
| Approved by the Commission for the Transpo | ortation Disadvantaged |
| | |
| Date | Steven Holmes Executive Director CTD |

Development Plan

Introduction to the Service Area

Background of the TD Program

Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program was created in 1979 and re-enacted in 1989. The 1989 act created the Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Commission (currently the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged) to enhance local participation in the planning and delivery of coordinated transportation services through the creation of local coordinating boards (LCBs) and Community Transportation Coordinators (CTCs). Local planning organizations assist the Commission and Local Coordinating Boards (LCBs) implement the TD program in designated service areas.

CTCs are business units or local public transportation providers that are responsible for providing or arranging the delivery of transportation services to the TD population. TD are "those persons who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or purchase transportation and are, therefore, dependent on others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities, or other life-sustaining activities or children who are handicapped or high-risk or at-risk as defined in s. 411.202, Florida Statutes." (Chapter 427, Florida Statutes).

The designated CTC may provide all trips as a sole source, or the CTC may provide some trips and subcontract some (partial brokerage). The CTC may also function as a complete brokerage subcontracting all trips to approved operators.

The Commission provides financial support to the CTCs utilizing the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund. Funds are for the purpose of reimbursing the CTC for a portion of the cost of each passenger trip provided to eligible non-sponsored transportation disadvantaged individuals, or for equipment to be utilized in the designated service area.

The Trust Fund is appropriated by the Legislature on an annual basis. The Commission then allocates a portion of the funds to each Florida's CTC utilizing a formula that considers the following:

- Performance passenger trips and passenger miles
- Need present of population that are seniors, persons with disabilities or low income
- Equity equal share to each county

In its role as the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA), the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for recommending a CTC for Collier County, which it first did in 1999 when it recommended that the Collier County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) serve as the CTC. The BCC accepted the recommendation in 1999 and in subsequent years. More recently, in February 2018 the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged approved the Collier MPOs recommendation to re-designate the Collier BCC as the CTC for the period July 1, 2018 through June 20, 2023.

CTC Designation and History

In August 1999, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Public Transportation Development Plan (PTDP) and agreed to become the governing agency for transit in Collier County. The Public Transportation Operating Plan (PTOP) was adopted by the MPO in December 2000 and by the Collier County Board of County Commissioners in January 2001.

At the time of its governing agency designation (by what was then known as the Naples MPO), transportation services in Collier County consisted of privately operated trolleys that catered to tourists during the winter season in Naples and Marco Island, and a network of paratransit providers serving the transportation disadvantaged.

The County introduced its first fixed route service in 2001 and currently operates 20 fixed routes, Americans with Disabilities (ADA) paratransit and TD services.

As previously described, The Collier County BCC has served as the CTC for Collier County since it became the transit agency governing body in 1999. Working on behalf of the BCC, the Collier County Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement Division manages and coordinates all operational services.

Organizational Chart

Figure 1 below displays the organizational structure of the entities involved in the delivery of TD services in Collier County.

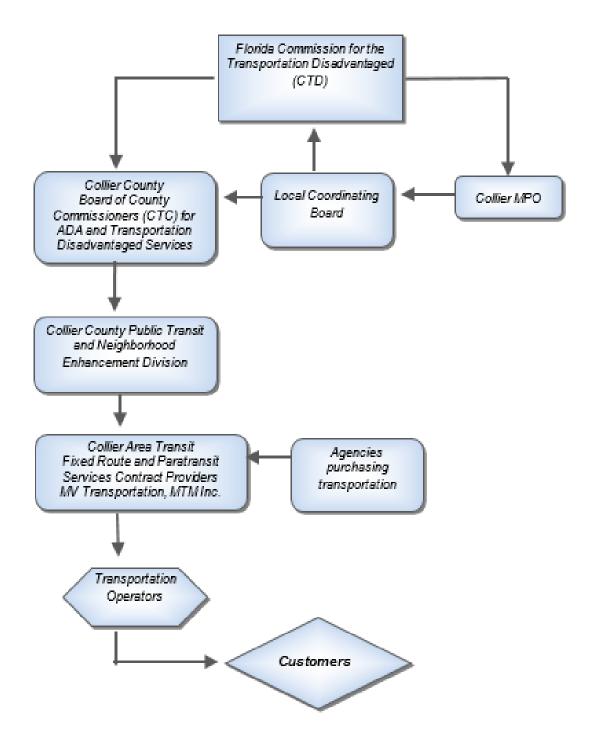


Figure 1. Organizational Chart for TD Service Delivery

Consistency Review of Other Plans

Other plans reviewed during the preparation of this TDSP are listed below along with some examples of language included in the plans that are supportive of TDSP initiatives.

Collier County Growth Management Plan

Policy 10.2: The County shall continue to improve transit services for the transportation disadvantaged in the rural areas through the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC).

Objective 12: Encourage the efficient use of transit services now and in the future.

Policy 5.5: Providing transit shelters within the development (in coordination with Collier Area Transit).

Marco Island Comprehensive Plan

The City will continue to support Collier Area Transit (CAT) to promote the continuation and expansion of public transportation for Island residents and visitors.

City of Naples Comprehensive Plan

Objective 8: Continue to coordinate with the MPO to evaluate the potential for the development of an efficient public transportation system and mechanisms to reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles.

Policy 8-1: Provide support data and analysis to the MPO as necessary to assist in the development of a public transportation system.

Policy 8-2: Assist the MPO in programs that promote alternative modes of transportation and encourage reducing the use of private automobiles and vehicle trips.

Collier County Transit Development Plan

Objective 1.1: Improve efficiency, quality, and level of service to adequately serve residents and visitors while increasing the economic vitality of transit in the county.

Initiative 1.2.3: Install a minimum of 10 covered, ADA-compliant, accessible bus stop shelters per year.

Initiative 1.4.3: Encourage local governments to provide accessible sidewalks, bus stops, and other bus stop improvements.

Objective 6.2: Efficiently and cost-effectively upgrade and maintain the CAT fleet.

Initiative 7.1.4: Annually seek to identify and obtain available alternative revenue sources for the provision of new and improved transit services.

Collier County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Goal: Promote Multi-modal Solutions.

Objectives:

- Increase public transit ridership.
- Increase the number of covered bus shelters.
- Increase the miles of sidewalks.

Goal: Promote the Integrated Planning of Transportation and Land Use

Objectives:

- Coordinate with local governments to assure transportation plans and programs are supportive of local land use plans.
- Coordinate with local governments to assure land use decisions support a sustainable transportation system.
- Assure that local growth management objectives are reflected in transportation plans and programs.
- Assure that transportation plans and projects promote economic and environmental sustainability for Collier County.
- Assure that local governments are viewed as team members in the development of transportation plans and individual projects.

Strategic Regional Policy Plan by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Goal 5: Livable communities designed to affect behavior, improve quality of life and responsive to community needs. Strategy: Promote through the Council's review function a good environment for driving, walking, bicycling, and public transit using a highly connected network of public streets, green space, and community centers.

Strategy: Promote Smart Growth where residential communities are linked with job centers through transit, carpooling, or other high occupancy vehicle transportation.

Action 1: In cooperation with transit providers and other governmental and private entities, seek long term, dedicated funding sources for use for improving and expanding the transit system.

Transit 2060: Florida's Strategic Plan for Public Transportation

Goal: Make transportation decisions to support and enhance livable communities.

Goal: Provide a safe and secure transportation system for all users.

Goal: Maintain and operate Florida's transportation system proactively.

Goal: Improve mobility and connectivity for people and freight.

Public Participation

The powers and duties of Local Coordinating Boards (Chapter 427.0157 F.S) include the development of local service needs and the provision of information, advice, and direction to the CTC on the coordination of services to be provided to the transportation disadvantaged. The members of each board are appointed by the MPO or designated official planning agency. Each board is required to meet at least quarterly and shall:

- 1. Review and approve the coordinated community transportation disadvantaged service plan, including the memorandum of agreement, prior to submittal to the commission;
- 2. Evaluate services provided in meeting the approved plan;
- 3. In cooperation with the community transportation coordinator, review and provide recommendations to the commission on funding applications affecting the transportation disadvantaged;
- 4. Assist the community transportation coordinator in establishing eligibility guidelines and priorities with regard to the recipients of non-sponsored transportation disadvantaged services that are purchased with Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund moneys.
- 5. Review the coordination strategies of service provision to the transportation disadvantaged in the designated service area;
- 6. Evaluate multicounty or regional transportation opportunities; and
- 7. Work cooperatively with local workforce development boards established in Chapter 445 to provide assistance in the development of innovative transportation services for participants in the welfare transition program.

Membership of the LCB is defined as follows:

- Chairperson who is an elected official from a county served by the LCB;
- Vice-Chairperson elected by the LCB;
- Local representative of the Florida Department of Transportation;
- Local representative of the Florida Department of Children and Family Services;
- Local representative of the Public Education Community which could include, but not
 - be limited to, a representative of the District School Board, School Board Transportation Office, or Headstart Program in areas where the School District is repsponsible;
- Local representative of the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or the Division of Blind Services, representing the Department of Education;
- Person recommended by the local Veterans Service Office representing the veterans of the county;
- Person who is recognized by the Florida Association for Community Action (President), representing the economically disadvantaged in the county;
- Person over sixty representing the elderly in the county;
- Person with a disability representing the disabled in the county;

- Two citizen advocate representatives in the county; one who must be a person who uses the transportation service(s) of the system as their primary means of transportation;
- Local representative for children at risk;
- Chairperson or designee of the local mass transit or public transit system's board, except in cases where they are also the Community Transportation Coordinator;
- Local representative of the Florida Department of Elderly Affairs;
- Experienced representative of the local private for profit transportation industry. In areas where such representative is not available, a local private non-profit representative will be appointed, except where said representative is also the Community Transportation Coordinator;
- Local representative of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration;
- Local representative of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities;
- Representative of the Regional Workforce Development Board established in chapter 445, F.S.;
 and,
- Representative of the local medical community, which may include, but not be limited to, kidney dialysis centers, long term care facilities, assisted living facilities, hospitals, local health department or other home and community based services, etc.

The Local Coordinating Board meets on a quarterly basis at accessible locations open to the public. In addition to the membership, other transportation partners including transportation disadvantaged passengers and human service and community-based organizations are notified of the meetings.

Throughout the year, the MPO provides a variety of opportunities to share information and gain input from the public (and regional partners) regarding its projects and initiatives. Examples of staff activities include participation in the BCC Housing and Transportation Subcommittee, FDOT sponsored regional Civil Rights training, joint regional meetings with the Lee County MPO and the Lee County Technical Advisory Committee, and the City of Naples Downtown Mobility Study.

MPO staff conducted outreach at the CAT Transfer Center/Farmers Market related to the development of the draft FY 2017 – FY 2021 FDOT Work Program that includes over \$7 million dollars in transit funding for CAT. The MPO now actively tracks and responds to all public comments and inquires received via email or phone and will continue to monitor annually to see if any changes to the process are needed to improve its public involvement efforts.

In accordance with the Collier MPO's Public Involvement Plan, the adoption date for the TDSP Major Update was advertised on transit vehicles. Flyers were also sent to the MPO's database of transportation disadvantaged contacts that includes dialysis centers, nursing homes, and day centers. The draft TDSP Major Update was posted to the MPO's website for a 30-day public comment period, which was advertised, by legal ad and press release. Notification of the public comment period and adoption date was distributed via fed ex to the MPO's public involvement agencies. The draft document was sent to LCB members for review. Representatives from the USF/CUTR attended the September 5, 2018 meeting to present the draft document and address questions from LCB members.

Service Area Profile/Demographics

Collier County is located on the west coast of Florida. It is bordered by Broward and Dade Counties to the east, Lee and Hendry Counties to the north and Monroe County to the south. As measured by land area, Collier County is the largest County in Florida and the fourth largest by total area. Naples, Everglades City and Marco Island are the County's three incorporated areas.

Land Use

As shown in the green areas in Figure 2 below, a significant portion of Collier County is protected conservation land, the largest area being Big Cypress National Preserve. As a result, commercial and residential development is generally located in the north western and central western portions of the County, while much of the north central area surrounding Immokalee is designated agricultural.

On the one hand, dense environments such as those seen in western Collier County are generally conducive to the provision of public transportation services. On the other hand, however, the desirability of these coastal locations has driven up housing prices forcing many residents to live farther from employment, healthcare and other services, which strains the County's transportation systems.

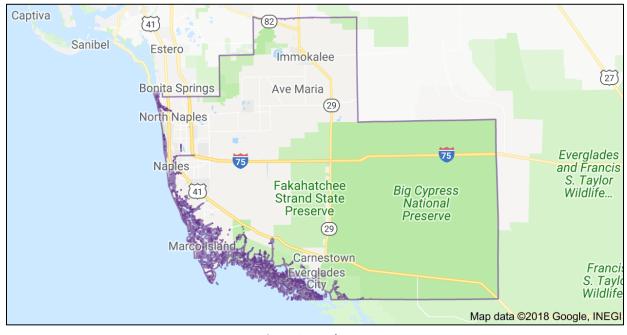


Figure 2. Land Use Map

Population/Composition

Total Population Estimates, Density, Age, Employment, Disability and Travel Characteristics

Table 1 below shows population estimates, growth, and density for Collier County as compared to the State of Florida. Between 2010 and 2017, Collier County's population growth was estimated to be 8.40

percent, which was slightly higher than the population growth rate for Florida as a whole. Although a less reliable U.S. Census number due to the smaller sample size, based on the 2017 population estimates the County's population growth between 2010 and 2017 was estimated to be 16.05 percent which was approximately 4.5 percent higher as compared to Florida.

Table 1. Population and Population Density

| Area | Population (2010) | Population (2016 ACS 5- year estimate) | Population (2017 estimate) | Population Growth (2010 - 2016 ACS 5-year estimates) in percent | Population Growth (2010 - 2017 estimate) | Land Area (sq. miles) | Density (2017 estimate) |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Collier County | 321,320 | 348,236 | 372,880 | 8.40 | 16.05 | 1,998.32 | 186.6 |
| Florida | 18,801,310 | 19,934,451 | 20,984,400 | 5.68 | 11.61 | 53,624.76 | 350.6 |

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Population Data

With one exception, the population age distribution in Collier County is somewhat similar to the State of Florida. The population ages 65 years and older is over 10 percent higher than the same age group statewide. In each of the other age group categories, the difference is no more than 4.5 percent as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Population Age Distribution, 2016

| Percentages of Age Cohorts (in Years) | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Area | 0-19 | 20-34 | 35-54 | 55-64 | 65+ |
| Collier County | 20.2% | 14.7% | 22.4% | 13.2% | 29.6% |
| Florida 22.8% 19.2% 26.0% 13.0% 19.1% | | | | | |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

As shown in Figure 3 below, the Census block groups with the highest concentration of Collier County residents ages 65 years and older are in the northern portion of the County generally bordering Lee County, and in the area south of I 75 and north of U.S. 41. Several small block groups in Naples and Marco Island have a very high concentration of this population segment.

U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

U.S. Census Bureau, QuickFacts 2017 Population Estimates

U.S. Census Bureau, Census of Population and Housing. Land area is based on current information in the TIGER® database, calculated for use with Census 2010.

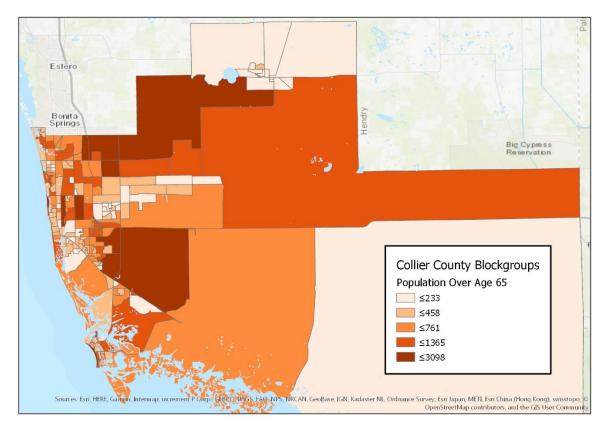


Figure 3. Population 65+ Years of Age

Household Income

Table 3 displays the annual household income distribution for Collier County as compared to Florida in 2016. The most significant difference in household income distribution is in the income category of households earning \$75,000 or more per year. The percentage of households in the highest income category is 9.2 percent higher than the State of Florida. Households earning \$50,000 to \$74,999 is also slightly higher than the statewide average. All other income categories fall below the state average.

| Annual Household Income | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Collier County | \$0-\$9,999 | \$10,000- \$24,999 | \$25,000- \$34,999 | \$35,000- \$49,999 | \$50,000- \$74,999 | \$75,000+ |
| Population | 6,535 | 16,506 | 13,815 | 18,073 | 25,041 | 53,361 |
| Percent | 4.9% | 12.4% | 10.4% | 13.6% | 18.8% | 40.0% |
| Florida | | | | | | |
| Population | 556,637 | 126,7914 | 838,036 | 1,102,789 | 1,350,797 | 2,277,089 |
| Percent | 7.5% | 17.1% | 11.3% | 14.9% | 18.3% | 30.8% |

Table 3. Annual Household Income Distribution, 2016

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

^{*}Population included is 16 years or older.

Figure 4 below displays the population of individuals living below the poverty level in Collier County. Several block groups in the most northwestern portion of the county have a high concentration of low income residents. There are also dispersed block groups with low income residents generally located east of U.S. 41 and west of I 75.

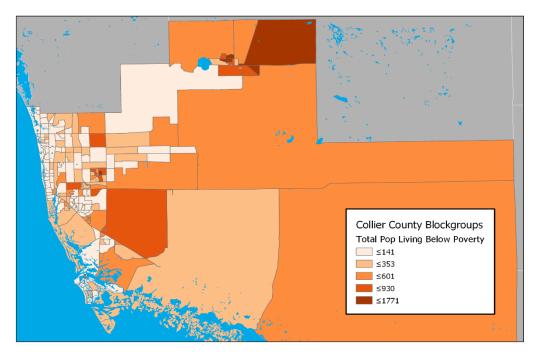


Figure 4. Population Below Poverty Level

Disability Characteristics

Figure 5 displays the density of residents with a disability residing in each of Collier County's U.S. Census block groups. The distribution generally corresponds with density patterns for resident's ages 65 years of age and older. Several block groups bordering Lee County, areas south of I 75 and north of U.S. 41, and small block groups in Naples and Marco Island have a high density of residents with a disability.

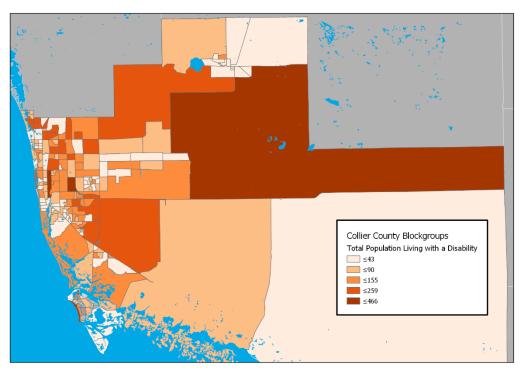


Figure 5. Residents with a Disability

Employment Characteristics

At 3.1 percent, the 2018 unemployment rate in Collier County is slightly lower than the unemployment rate across the State of Florida (3.4%) as shown in Table 4. This is more than 50 percent lower than in 2013, when the unemployment rates were 7.5 percent and 8.0 percent respectively.

Table 4. Employment Characteristics for Collier County, April 2018

| Area | Percentage of Labor Force Employed | Percentage of Labor Force Unemployed |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Collier County | 96.9% | 3.1% |
| Florida | 96.6% | 3.4% |

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics Map, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Figures Released April 2018

Largest Employers

As shown in Table 5, Collier County's largest employer is Publix. Other large employers represent a diverse group including agriculture, research and development, hospitality, government, and retail/grocery.

Table 5. Collier County Top 10 Largest Employers, 2018

| Employer | Туре | Total Employees |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Publix Supermarkets | Grocery | 7,183 |
| NCH Healthcare System | Healthcare | 7,017 |
| Collier County School District | Government | 6,422 |
| Walmart | Retail | 5,271 |
| Arthrex | Research & Development | 2,500 |
| McDonalds | Restaurant | 2,423 |
| Home Depot | Retail/Service | 2,040 |
| Collier County Government | Government | 1,968 |
| Garguilo, Inc. | Agriculture | 1,900 |
| Ritz Carlton Naples | Hospitality | 1,100 |

Source: Reference USA, 2018

http://www.referenceusa.com/UsBusiness/Result/b67fd33ef71047d28fec5721922fccf8

Collier County FY 2018 Adopted Budget Southwest Florida Economic Development Alliance

Figure 6 below displays the employment characteristics of Collier County's workforce as it relates to industry sectors. The leisure/hospitality and trade/ transportation/utilities sectors are the largest with each accounting for 19 percent of the County's employment, followed by education/healthcare at 15 percent. It can be particularly challenging to meet the mobility needs of the hospitality industry due to the seasonal and often round-the-clock needs for transportation services. Similarly, workers in the health care and education sector often travel during off peak hours to widely dispersed locations. For example, Collier County's largest employer, the Naples HealthCare System, has approximately 20 locations dispersed throughout the County.

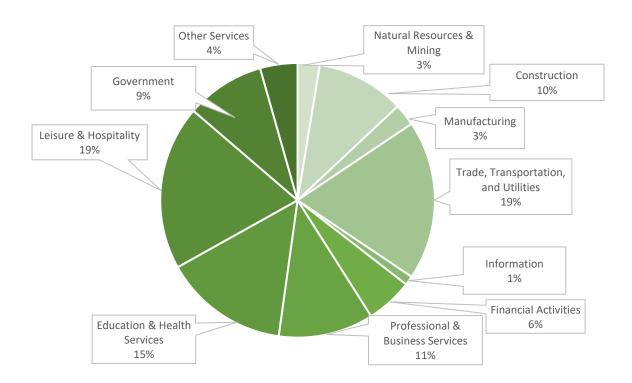


Figure 6. Employment Sector Distribution

Source: Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research, May 2018

Link: http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/area-profiles/county/collier.pdf

As shown in Table 6, average wages in Collier County are significantly higher in the financial and leisure/hospitality employment sectors and somewhat comparable in other industry classifications.

Table 6. Average Wages by Major Industry, 2016 Preliminary

| Industry Type | Collier County | Florida |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Natural Resources & Mining | \$27,855 | \$31,501 |
| Construction | \$45,834 | \$47,342 |
| Manufacturing | \$53,872 | \$57,824 |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities | \$39,732 | \$41,939 |
| Information | \$66,885 | \$77,256 |
| Financial Activities | \$84,025 | \$69,701 |
| Professional & Business Services | \$56,640 | \$56,930 |
| Education & Health Services | \$49,177 | \$48,616 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | \$29,287 | \$24,399 |
| Government | \$53,369 | \$52,022 |
| Other Services | \$34,253 | \$33,996 |

Source: Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research, May 2018

Link: http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/area-profiles/county/collier.pdf

Housing Classification and Patterns

As previously described, a large portion of Collier County consists of protected land so housing is generally concentrated in the western portion of the County. Due to the desirability of coastal property, land values and high housing costs pose a challenge to area employers who report difficulty hiring and retaining employees due to a lack of affordable housing in the area. A 2017 study by the Urban Land Institute reported that two out of five households in Collier County are cost burdened (pay more than 30% of income toward housing) and one out of five are severely cost burdened (pay more than 50% of income toward housing). This impacts significant number the County's employees including those in public safety, health care, education, service workers and entry/mid-level professionals. Also of significant concern are residents who are low to moderate income seniors, and very low income (transportation disadvantaged) residents, many of whom are particularly reliant on public transportation for access to health care and other life sustaining activities.

Educational Profiles

In addition to Collier County colleges and universities listed in Table 7 below, there are several technical training institutes and programs that feature curriculums focused on a specialization ranging from aerospace, computer science, early childhood education, auto repair and accounting to name a few. Technical training is available at Lorenzo Walker Technical College located in Naples and the northern part of the County is served by the Bethune Education Center and Immokalee Technical College.

Table 7. Names and Locations of Local Colleges and Universities

| Institution | Location |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Ave Maria University | Ave Maria |
| Barry University | Ft. Myers |
| Florida Gulf Coast University | Ft. Myers |
| Florida SouthWestern State College | Ft. Myers/Naples |
| Hodges University | Naples |
| Nova Southeastern University | Bonita Springs |

Table 8 below displays the educational attainment of Collier County residents. While 2.5 percent of residents have less than a 9th grade education as compared to the state average, approximately 6 percent more have a bachelors, graduate or professional degree than the state average.

Table 8. Percentages of Educational Attainment

| | Collier County | Florida |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Less than 9 th Grade | 7.7% | 5.2% |
| Some High School, No Diploma | 6.6% | 7.6% |
| High School or Equivalent | 26.2% | 29.2% |
| Some College, No Degree | 17.9% | 20.6% |
| Associate's Degree | 7.7% | 9.6% |
| Bachelor's Degree | 19.8% | 17.8% |
| Graduate or Professional Degree | 14.1% | 10.0% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates *Population 25 years or older

Automobile Ownership and Travel Characteristics

According to the Census Bureau's 5-year estimates, 7,220 households in Collier County do not own vehicles while 94.6 percent have one or more vehicles available in the household. This is slightly higher than statewide average vehicle ownership of 93.1 percent. See Table 9.

Table 9. Vehicle Availability Distribution, 2016

| Household Vehicle Availability | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|------|-----------|-------|--|--|--|
| Area None Percent of Total One or More Percent of Total | | | | | | | |
| Collier County | 7,220 | 5.4% | 126,111 | 94.6% | | | |
| Florida | 511,316 | 6.9% | 6,881,946 | 93.1% | | | |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Overall, Collier County commuters travel a shorter distance to work than the average for Florida commuters. Approximately 67 percent of the County's commuters travel less than 30 minutes to work as compared to the state estimates of 60 percent. Only 12 percent have commutes in excess of 45 minutes as compared to 21 percent across Florida as shown in Table 10.

Table 10. Travel to Work - Commute Times, 2012-2016 5-Year Estimates

| Area | <10 min | 10-19 min | 20-29 min | 30-44 min | 45-59 min | 60+ min |
|----------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Collier County | 12.3% | 31.9% | 22.6% | 21.4% | 6.5% | 5.5% |
| Florida | 9.3% | 27.8% | 23.0% | 23.9% | 8.6% | 7.5% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Travel Mode

Table 11 displays the travel mode utilized by Collier County commuters. As compared to the State of Florida, there are fewer (74.1% versus 79.5%) commuters who drive alone to work, more who carpool or vanpool to work, slightly more (2.7% versus 2.1%) who utilize public transportation for work trips and nearly 3% more who work at home.

Table 11. Mode of Travel to Work, 2012- 2016 5-Year Estimates

| Area | Drive Alone | Carpool/Vanpool | Public Transportation | Walk | Other Means | Work at Home |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------|----------------|-----------------|
| Collier County | | | | | | |
| Population | 104,891 | 16,103 | 3,822 | 2,125 | 4,173 | 10,383 |
| Percent | 74.1% | 11.4% | 2.7% | 1.5% | 2.9% | 7.3% |
| Florida | | | | | | |
| Population | 6,874,620 | 806,897 | 182,328 | 127,822 | 191,437 | 466,696 |
| Percent | 79.5% | 9.3% | 2.1% | 1.5% | 2.2% | 5.4% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Inter-County Commuter Flows

As shown in Table 12 below, for the period 2009 – 2013 the highest number of inter-county commute trips occurred between Collier County and Lee County. Although there were significant percentage increases and decreases in several of the counties analyzed (i.e. Hendry, Broward and Miami Dade Counties), as compared to the total number of commuters the changes were relatively small.

Table 12. Inter-County Commute Patterns

| 3.5 | mmuter Flow 2006-2010 | | Commuter Flow 2009-2013 | | 3 Yr | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------|----------------|
| From | То | Total | From | То | Total | Total % Change |
| Collier County | Collier County | 117,017 | Collier County | Collier County | 116,045 | -0.8% |
| Collier County | Lee County | 8,711 | Collier County | Lee County | 8,765 | 0.6% |
| Collier County | Hendry County | 114 | Collier County | Hendry County | 426 | 73.2% |
| Collier County | Broward County | 307 | Collier County | Broward County | 311 | 1.3% |
| Collier County | Miami Dade County | 688 | Collier County | Miami Dade County | 655 | -5.0% |
| From | То | Total | From | То | Total | |
| Collier County | Collier County | 117,017 | Collier County | Collier County | 116,045 | -0.8% |
| Lee County | Collier County | 18,298 | Lee County | Collier County | 17,767 | -3.0% |
| Hendry County | Collier County | 518 | Hendry County | Collier County | 658 | 21.3% |
| Broward County | Collier County | 364 | Broward County | Collier County | 250 | -45.6% |
| Miami Dade County | Collier County | 405 | Miami Dade County | Collier County | 231 | -75.3% |

Source: U.S. Census 2006-2010 and 2009-2013 Commuting Flows

Major Trip Generators/Attractors

In addition to the popular employment and educational trip generators previously described, an analysis of CAT's demand response service was completed using 12 months of customer origin and destination data. Figure 7 below displays the results of the analysis. The data revealed that popular trip origins (defined as home to destination or destination to home) are generally concentrated in the western portion of Collier County, with additional travel activity occurring in the central portion of the County and Immokalee. The highest number of trips were to or from:

- Naples Heart Rhythm Specialists PA
- Collier Area Transit
- Goodlette Arms Apartments
- Physicians Regional Hospital
- Coastland Center Mall

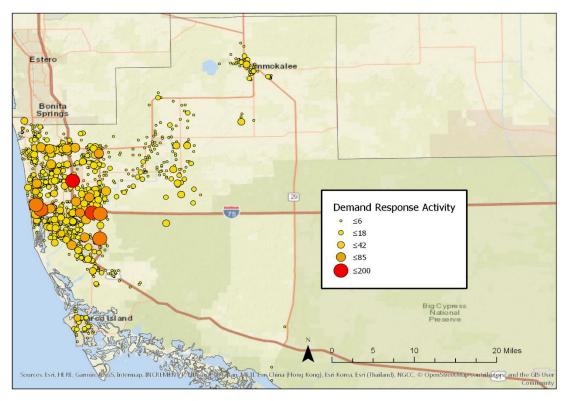


Figure 7. Paratransit Origins and Destinations

Historical Tradition

Collier County was created during the Florida land boom of the 1920s. Originally part of Lee County, Collier County was named for Barron Collier, a wealthy New York executive who agreed to build the Tamiami Trail for favorable consideration from the legislature to have a county named after him. The Tamiami Trail began to change the rugged wilderness area and opened the area's agriculture and resort potential.

To this day, agriculture and resort/tourism activities continue to play an important role in the County's economy. Over one third of the nation's tomatoes are grown in Immokalee, as well as significant amounts of other vegetables and citrus. The western portion of the County, commonly referred to as the Paradise Coast, is known for its beautiful beaches and artistic and cultural activities making it a popular vacation destination.

Government and Institutional Descriptions

Collier County is governed by a Board of County Commissioners consisting of five elected officials. It is one of the largest counties in Florida with three incorporated cities including the City of Naples, Marco Island and Everglades City. Marco Island is the largest in terms of land area followed by Naples and Everglades City. See Figure 8 below.

As shown in Table 13, the most populated of the cities is Naples with an estimated population of 19,736 in 2016, followed by Marco Island with a 2016 population estimate of 16,903. Everglades City is the smallest incorporated area with a population estimate of 432. The unincorporated areas of Collier County accounted for approximately 89 percent of the countywide population.



Figure 8. Collier County Jurisdictional Boundaries

Table 13. Collier County Population Estimates by Jurisdiction, 2016

| Jurisdiction | Population | Percent |
|-------------------------|------------|---------|
| Collier County | 313,104 | 89.4% |
| City of Everglades City | 432 | 0.12% |
| City of Marco Island | 16,930 | 4.8% |
| City of Naples | 19,736 | 5.6% |
| TOTAL | 350,202 | 100.0% |

Source: Collier County Government, Collier County Permanent Population Estimates and Projections (April 1, 2010-2030) for 2016

Link: https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/home/showdocument?id=78396

Inventory of Available Services

The 20 regular fixed routes operated by CAT are displayed in Figure 9 below.



Figure 9. CAT System Map

In addition to the fixed route, paratransit and TD services operated by Collier Area Transit, there are numerous privately operated transportation providers in the County. Appendix A includes a 2017 inventory of providers adopted by the LCB in 2018. In late 2015, the County became the second County in Florida to eliminate its "vehicle for hire" regulations. As a result, Collier County no longer issues

licenses to transportation companies, allowing anyone with a driver's license to operate vehicles for hire, which effectively opened the door for ridesharing companies such as Uber and Lyft to offer for hire services. Due to the deregulation and the proprietary nature of transportation network company data, it is impossible to estimate the total number of private providers operating "public" transportation in the County. In addition to the identified private transportation providers, however, there are several known transportation providers (primarily private non-profits) that operate services specifically for their clients who in many cases are transportation disadvantaged individuals. Examples include:

- United Way
- National Runaway Switchboard
- Catholic Charities
- Seniors Helping Seniors of Southwest Florida
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida
- Easter Seals Florida, Inc.
- Collier County Veterans Services
- Good Wheels
- Hope Health Care
- David Lawrence and Mental Health Center

Beginning in 2012, Medical Transportation Management, Inc. (MTM) began management of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) for the state's Medicaid program in Collier County. MTM coordinates transportation to and from medical appointments for Collier County residents who rely on the service.

Sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation, Commuter Services of Southwest Florida is the coordinator of a variety of programs and services to assist commuters who travel to, from, and within Collier County. Although not a direct operator of transportation services, Commuter Services conducts employer and individual outreach to help inform individuals about available transit options, provides carpool and vanpool formation assistance, and incentivizes the use of alternative mode options by offering an Emergency Ride Home Program.

Service Analysis

CTD Trend Analysis

A trend comparison was completed to compare the performance of Collier Area Transit over the last five years. The trend comparison analyzed data for Fiscal Years 2013 through 2017. Table 14 shows the performance indicators and measures for each of the five fiscal years. This trend analysis represents a combined set of statistics for all TD transportation services coordinated through the CTC, including TD and paratransit services. The source for each of these data sets is the Annual Operating Reports released by the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged. The Annual Operating Reports are based upon locally reported data.

Table 14. Trend Analysis for Collier County CTC

| Measure | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Passenger Trips | 88,234 | 84,465 | 94,248 | 108,373 | 114,744 |
| Total Vehicles | 25 | 23 | 23 | 26 | 29 |
| Total Vehicle Miles | 1,112,179 | 1,150,405 | 1,141,826 | 1,269,393 | 1,351,040 |
| Total Revenue Miles | 953,565 | 986,938 | 967,178 | 1,091,651 | 1,172,194 |
| Vehicle Miles Per Trip | 12.60 | 13.61 | 12.12 | 10.07 | 12.00 |
| Cost Per Paratransit Trip | \$37.93 | \$38.74 | \$39.91 | \$36.86 | \$40.21 |
| Cost Per Total Mile | \$3.01 | \$2.84 | \$3.29 | \$3.15 | \$3.42 |
| Accidents Per 100,000 Veh. Miles | 1.26 | 0.87 | 1.14 | 1.18 | 1.33 |
| Vehicle Miles Between Road Calls | 61,788 | 30,274 | 34,601 | 63,470 | 79,473 |

 $Source:\ Florida\ Commission\ for\ the\ Transportation\ Disadvantaged:\ Annual\ Performance\ Reports,\ 2013-2017$

Collier County experienced an upward trend in total passenger trips, total vehicle miles, and total revenue miles from 2013 to 2017. Efficiency measures per trip remained relatively stable over the five-year period. Accidents per 100,000 vehicle miles also remained relatively constant at 1.33 per 100,000 miles). Vehicle miles between road calls were at their lowest in 2014 and 2015, but rebounded to a new high in 2017. See Figures 10 – 18 below.

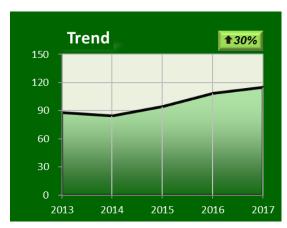


Figure 10. Passenger Trips (000)

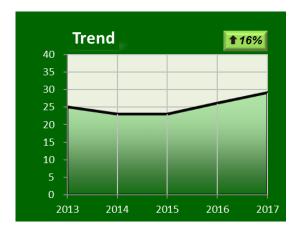


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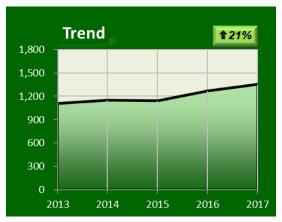


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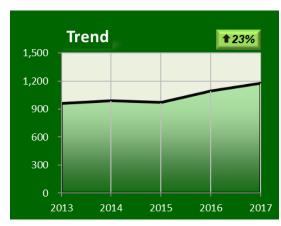


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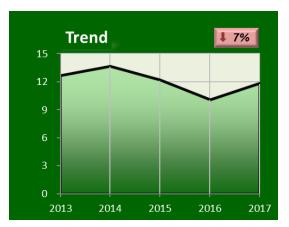


Figure 14. Vehicle Miles Per Trip



Figure 15. Cost Per Passenger Trip

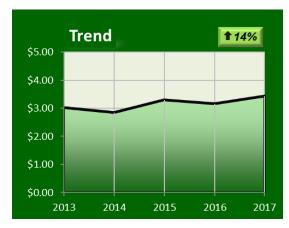


Figure 16. Cost Per Total Mile

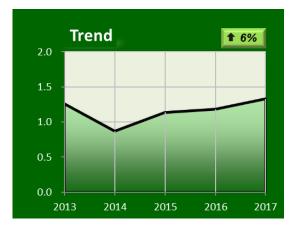


Figure 17. Cost Per 100,000 Vehicle Miles

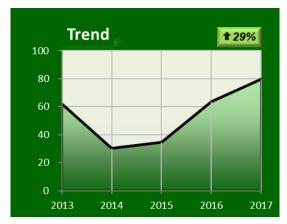


Figure 18. Veh Miles Between Road Calls (000's)

CTC Peer Review Analysis

In this section, demographic characteristics of Collier County were compared to those of peer Community Transportation Coordinators in Florida. In addition to a comparison of demographic characteristics, the review compared performance measures within the Transportation Disadvantaged Program. Collier County's peers were selected based on similarities in the following four categories:

- System size (measured in terms of annual TD ridership and number of TD passengers served)
- Operating environment (urban service area designation)
- Organization type (county government)
- Network type (partial brokerage or complete brokerage)

The six counties that were selected for the CTC peer review were Bay, Charlotte, Escambia, Manatee, Okaloosa, and Pasco Counties. Although these CTCs are not identical to Collier Area Transit, they generally share similar demographics and systemic characteristics, and are operated by county governments in urban services areas as shown in Table 15.

Table 15. Peer CTC Characteristics

| Characteristics | Collier | Bay | Charlotte | Escambia | Manatee | Okaloosa | Pasco |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Total Trips | 114,744 | 127,776 | 87,588 | 83,135 | 191,597 | 100,634 | 183,752 |
| No. of TD Passengers Served | 1,174 | 1,325 | 1,639 | 1,289 | 5,980 | 2,309 | 4,059 |
| Service Area Designation | Urban | Urban | Urban | Urban | Urban | Urban | Urban |
| Organization Type | County | County | County | County | County | County | County |
| Network Type | Complete Brokerage | Complete Brokerage | Partial Brokerage | Complete Brokerage | Partial Brokerage | Complete Brokerage | Partial Brokerage |

Source: Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged: Annual Performance Reports, 2013 – 2017

Peer Comparison: Demographics

Table 16 contains information for each of the six peer counties including: total population, potential transportation disadvantaged population, population density, median age, percentage of individuals below the poverty level, median household income, and percentage of households with no access to a vehicle. Table 17 shows that Collier County is above the peer group mean in total population, potential TD population, median age, and median household income. Collier County is below the average in the number of individuals below the poverty level and percent of households with no vehicle. When reviewing the data below and comparing Collier County's performance relative to its peers, it is important to consider the population density is less than half that of the average for the group. This could potentially affect the relative efficiency of the system due to trips of greater distances for fewer individuals.

Table 16. Demographic Comparison of Peer CTCs

| Measure | Bay | Charlotte | Escambia | Manatee | Okaloosa | Pasco |
|---|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total County Population | 178,361 | 169,642 | 309,574 | 353,411 | 195,798 | 488,310 |
| Potential TD Population | 74,226 | 138,094 | 138,094 | 130,663 | 165,540 | 265,716 |
| Population Density (pop/sq. mile) | 235.3 | 249.5 | 471.9 | 475.7 | 210.5 | 653.7 |
| Median Age | 39.7 | 57.7 | 37.1 | 47.1 | 36.8 | 44.6 |
| Individuals Below Poverty Level | 15.6% | 12.4% | 14.7% | 14.3% | 12.0% | 13.6% |
| Median Household Income | \$48,577 | \$44,865 | \$46,117 | \$51,483 | \$57,655 | \$46,010 |
| % of Households with No Access to a Vehicle | 6.2% | 4.8% | 6.1% | 5.3% | 4.8% | 5.9% |

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged: Annual Performance Reports, 2013 – 2017

Table 17. Performance Comparison Between Collier County and Peer CTCs (2017)

| Measure | Collier | Peer Average | % Difference |
|---|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total County Population | 348,236 | 294,509 | 19% |
| Potential TD Population | 167,476 | 140,470 | 16% |
| Population Density (pop/sq. mile) | 174.3 | 382.8 | -120% |
| Median Age | 49.2 | 44.6 | 11% |
| Individuals Below Poverty Level | 13.2% | 13.8% | -4% |
| Median Household Income | \$59,783 | \$49,118 | 18% |
| % of Households with no Access to a Vehicle | 5.4% | 5.9% | -2% |

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged: Annual Performance Reports, 2013 – 2017

Peer Comparison: Performance Measures

Performance measures for FY 2017 (Table 18) were calculated for each of CAT's peer CTCs. Table 19 shows that Collier County has 33% fewer vehicles than its peer systems and is slightly below the average of the peer group for number of passenger trips, but above the average in total vehicle miles and total revenue miles. Likely due in part to the large size of Collier County as compared to peer systems, Collier County has the highest number of vehicle miles per trip and its cost per paratransit trip is 45 percent higher than the peer average. Cost per total mile was also higher but only by 15 percent. Collier County had a far lower accident rate per 100,000 vehicle miles than the peer average, and was above the average for number of vehicle miles between road calls.

Table 18. Performance Measures for Peer CTCs (2017)

| Measure | Bay | Charlotte | Escambia | Manatee | Okaloosa | Pasco |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Passenger Trips | 127,776 | 87,588 | 83,135 | 191,597 | 100,634 | 183,752 |
| Total Vehicles | 29 | 37 | 27 | 76 | 33 | 57 |
| Total Vehicle Miles | 527,437 | 567,523 | 968,844 | 1,126,106 | 1,161,781 | 1,174,451 |
| Total Revenue Miles | 428,906 | 482,708 | 855,216 | 925,779 | 1,016,524 | 980,335 |
| Vehicle Miles Per Trip | 4.13 | 6.48 | 11.65 | 5.88 | 11.54 | 6.39 |
| Cost Per Paratransit Trip | \$11.52 | \$24.52 | \$31.91 | \$25.74 | \$19.09 | \$20.73 |
| Cost Per Total Mile | \$2.79 | \$3.78 | \$2.74 | \$4.05 | \$1.43 | \$2.71 |
| Accidents Per 100,000 Veh. Miles | 2.46 | 0.35 | 1.45 | 12.08 | 2.67 | 0.34 |
| Vehicle Miles Between Road Calls | 105,487 | 11,823 | n/a | 13,248 | 29,789 | 167,779 |

Source: Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged: Annual Performance Reports, 2013 – 2017

Table 19. Performance Comparison Between Collier County and Peer CTCs (2017)

| Measure | Collier | Peer Average | % Difference |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total Passenger Trips | 114,744 | 129,080 | -12% |
| Total Vehicles | 29 | 43 | -33% |
| Total Vehicle Miles | 1,351,040 | 921,024 | 32% |
| Total Revenue Miles | 1,172,194 | 781,578 | 33% |
| Vehicle Miles Per Trip | 11.77 | 7.68 | 35% |
| Cost Per Paratransit Trip | \$40.21 | \$22.25 | 45% |
| Cost Per Total Mile | \$3.42 | \$2.92 | 15% |
| Accidents Per 100,000 Veh. Miles | 1.33 | 3.23 | -142% |
| Vehicle Miles Between Road Calls | 79,473 | 65,625 | 17% |

Source: Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged: Annual Performance Reports, 2013 – 2017

Figure 19 through Figure 27 show graphical comparisons of Collier County with its peer counties and the peer mean. These comparisons provide helpful insight into how well Collier County appears to be performing statistically. However, since many factors affect performance, they should not be used as the sole measures to make inferences about the quality of Collier County's system.

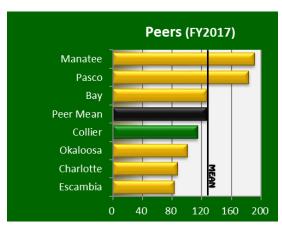


Figure 19. Passenger Trips (000's)

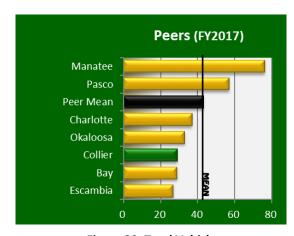


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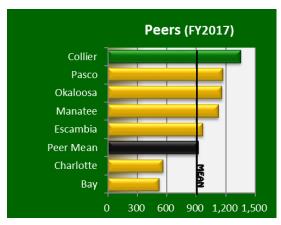


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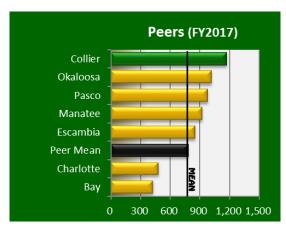


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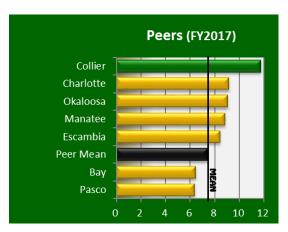


Figure 23. Vehicle Miles Per Passenger Trip

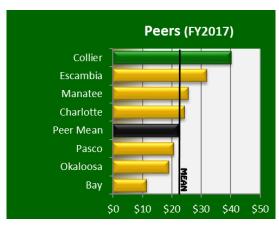


Figure 24. Cost Per Passenger Trip

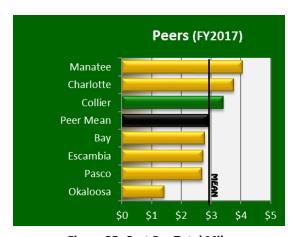


Figure 25. Cost Per Total Mile

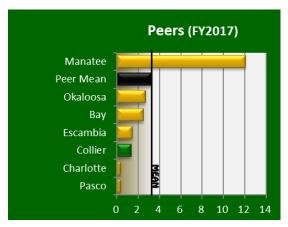


Figure 26. Accidents Per 100,000 Vehicle Miles

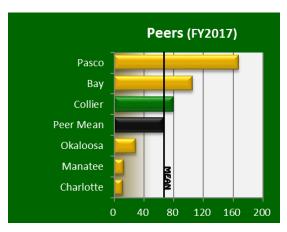


Figure 27. Veh Miles Between Road Calls (000's)

Needs Assessment

According to the Bureau of Economic and Business Research, the population of Collier County will increase by more than 15 percent between 2017 and 2025 from an estimated population of 357,470 to a projected population of 413,700. As compared to the average of other Florida counties, Collier County also has approximately 10 percent more residents ages 65 years and older (with a corresponding rate of disabilities). With the population increases and the demographic characteristics of the current population, the *potential* annual demand for transportation disadvantaged services are estimated to increase by approximately 300,000 annual trips over the next five years (from 3,357,065 in 2018 to 3,659,110 in 2023) as described in the TD population forecasting section.

Historically, public transportation funding in Collier County has remained relatively constant and while there are no firm future commitments from its funding partners CAT anticipates it will be able to maintain existing levels of service with only minor planning and capital improvements possible.

Following input received from public, private, human service and nonprofit transportation providers and general public stakeholders, projects that would directly benefit the transportation disadvantaged have been identified as priorities if additional funding becomes available are shown below. Additional details on estimated project costs and associated initiatives are described in the implementation schedule section of this report.

- 1) Secure funds necessary for vehicle replacement and expansion
- 2) Enhance accessibility to bus stops to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.
- 3) Construct bus shelters & amenities (bike rack, bench, trash can, etc.)
- 4) Extend Service Hours on existing routes
- 5) Reduce headways on select routes
- 6) Implement new Collier County Lee/Collier Inter-county Connection

Forecasts of the Transportation Disadvantaged Population

Forecasts of the TD population are required by the CTD for major TDSP updates. The CTD recommends a tool developed for the CTD in 2015 that utilizes data from a variety of the most currently available sources to predict demand into the future. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) and the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), The Bureau of Economic and Business Research County Population Projections, and the National Household Travel Survey and fixed route bus coverage are examples of the data utilized. These sources are helpful in capturing economic trends, population growth, and the changing demographic composition of the population such as aging baby boomers and the associated increases in disabilities.

It is important to note the tool only quantifies <u>potential</u> TD demand in the geography analyzed and trends in potential utilization over time. Other factors such as the quality of available transportation services or other unique community characteristics may impact actual service utilization. Persons with disabilities or seniors who strive to maintain their independence by accessing public transportation may find it is preferable or necessary to rely on family or friends for their transportation needs if the publicly available services are of poor quality. The relative affluence of Collier County's residents, as another example, may mean that actual demand may be lower than potential demand. Senior citizens who qualify for TD services based on their age may be able to afford other transportation alternatives such as taxis as compared to residents of another county with a senior population of similar size that is less affluent.

Following is a summary of several of the key factors and data analysis steps used to arrive at the TD demand estimates for Collier County.

Utilizing 2012-2016 U.S Census American Community Survey information (the most current data available) the population estimates for the TD population is shown below in Table 20. As defined by the CTD, the Category I TD population consists of all disabled, elderly, low income and children who are high risk or at risk.

| County Pop. By Age | Total Pop by Age | % of Total Pop | Population Below Poverty Level by Age | % of Total Pop Below Poverty Level by Age | Total Population with a Disability by Age | % of Total Pop with a Disability by Age | Total Pop with Disability and Below Poverty Level by Age | % Total Pop with a Disability and Below Poverty Level by Age |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| < 5 Years of Age | 16,284 | 4.5% | 2,569 | 0.7% | 276 | 0.7% | 217 | 3.92% |
| 5-17 | 47,347 | 13.1% | 7,985 | 2.2% | 994 | 0.3% | 341 | 0.09% |
| 18-34 | 59,354 | 16.4% | 7,651 | 2.1% | 1,452 | 0.4% | 215 | 0.06% |
| 35-64 | 127,185 | 35.1% | 14,367 | 4.0% | 9,659 | 2.7% | 2,190 | 0.60% |
| Total Non Elderly | 250,170 | 69.0% | 32,572 | 9.0% | 12,381 | 3.4% | 2,963 | 0.82% |
| 65-74 | 59,352 | 16.4% | 3,499 | 1.0% | 8,267 | 2.3% | 701 | 0.19% |
| 75+ | 52,808 | 14.6% | 5,089 | 1.4% | 18,525 | 5.1% | 1,877 | 0.52% |
| Total Elderly | 112,160 | 31.0% | 8,588 | 2.4% | 26,792 | 7.4% | 2,578 | 0.71% |
| Total | 362,330 | 100% | 41,160 | 11.4% | 39,173 | 10.8% | 5,541 | 1.53% |

Table 20. TD Population Estimates

To ensure individuals who fall into two or more categories (e.g. low income and disabled) are not counted twice, the overlapping population must be eliminated as shown in as shown in Figure 28 below.



Figure 28. Category I TD Composition

Ideally, comparisons of disability estimates should be made using the same survey information, geographic parameters and disability definitions. Because the severity of an individual's disability is not clearly captured in the ACS data, particularly as it relates to the need for specialized transportation, the 2010 U.S Census Bureau's SIPP is used for the next step in the demand estimates. The rates for those who report a severe disability, or those who have a "critical need" for transportation based on their disability status, are applied to the disability rates reported in the ACS as shown below.

Table 21. Critical Need Population

| County Pop. By Age | Total Population with a Disability by Age | % with a Severe Disability by Age | Total Population with a Severe Disability by Age | % of Total Pop with Severe Disability by Age |
|--------------------|---|--|--|--|
| < 5 Years of Age | 276 | 4.20% | 12 | 0 |
| 5-17 | 994 | 4.20% | 42 | 0.09% |
| 18-34 | 1,452 | 6.30% | 91 | 0.15% |
| 35-64 | 9,659 | 13.84% | 1,337 | 1.05% |
| Total Non Elderly | 12,381 | | 1,482 | 0.59% |
| 65-74 | 8,267 | 27.12% | 2,242 | 3.78% |
| 75+ | 18,525 | 46.55% | 8,623 | 16.33% |
| Total Elderly | 26,792 | | 10,865 | 9.69% |
| Total | 39,173 | | 12,347 | 3.41% |

| % of Severe Disability Below Poverty Level | Total Severe Disability Below Poverty Level |
|--|---|
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| 28.60% | 424 |
| | |
| | |
| 11.70% | 1,271 |
| | 1,695 |

Data from the Federal Highway Administration sponsored National Households Survey (NHTS) is used for the next step of the demand methodology. The NHTS collects in-depth information at the individual and household levels about travel patterns including, but not limited to, trip purpose, mode, vehicle availability and travel time. After applying the NHTS trip rates to the TD population in Collier County, there is an estimated potential demand of 9,068 trips per day for the critical need population as shown in Table 22.

Table 22. Critical Need Trip Rates

| Critical Need - Severely Disabled TD Population | | | | | |
|---|--------|-------|--------|--|--|
| Not Low Income Low Income Totals | | | | | |
| Non-Elderly | 1,058 | 424 | 1,482 | | |
| Elderly | 9,594 | 1,271 | 10,865 | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 10,652 | 1,695 | 12,347 | | |

| TRIP RATES USE | D |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Low Income Non Disabled | Trip Rate |
| Total Less | 2.400 |
| Transit | 0.389 |
| School Bus | 0.063 |
| Special Transit | 0.049 |
| | 1.899 |
| Severely Disabled Tri | p Rate |
| Special Transit | 0.049 |

| | Low Income & Not Disabled = C + F | CALCULATION OF | DAILY TRIPS | |
|---------|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Assumes | 35,619 | FOR TH | E | |
| 27.2% | xx % without auto access | CRITICAL NEED TD | POPULATION | |
| | 9,688 | | | |
| 46.0% | xx % without transit access | | | |
| | 4,457 | Calculation of D | Calculation of Daily Trips | |
| | | Daily Trip Rates | Total | |
| | Total Actual Critical TD Population | Per Person | Daily Trips | |
| | Severely Disabled 12,347 | 0.049 | 605 | |
| | Low Income ND 4,457 | 1.899 | 8,463 | |
| | | | | |
| | Totals 16,804 | | 9,068 | |
| | | | | |

By using population forecasts prepared by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research and applying the changes to the TD population and trip rate estimates previously described, Table 23 displays the future potential demand for critical need transportation in Collier County through 2026.

Table 23. Critical Need Trip Demand

| | | | | | • | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Critical Need TD Population Forecast | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Critical TD Population | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Disabled | 12,347 | 12,504 | 12,663 | 12,824 | 12,987 | 13,152 | 13,319 | 13,489 | 13,660 | 13,834 | 14,010 |
| Low Income Not Disabled No Auto/Transit | 4,457 | 4,513 | 4,571 | 4,629 | 4,688 | 4,747 | 4,808 | 4,869 | 4,931 | 4,993 | 5,057 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Critical Need TD Population | 16,804 | 17,017 | 17,234 | 17,453 | 17,675 | 17,899 | 18,127 | 18,357 | 18,591 | 18,827 | 19,066 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Daily Trips - Critical Need TD Population | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Severely Disabled | 605 | 613 | 620 | 628 | 636 | 644 | 653 | 661 | 669 | 678 | 686 |
| Low Income - Not Disabled - No Access | 8,463 | 8,571 | 8,680 | 8,790 | 8,902 | 9,015 | 9,130 | 9,246 | 9,363 | 9,482 | 9,603 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Daily Trips Critical Need TD Population | 9,068 | 9,221 | 9,377 | 9,536 | 9,697 | 9,869 | 10,043 | 10,221 | 10,402 | 10,586 | 10,752 |
| | | | - | | | | | | | | |
| Annual Trips | 3,246,409 | 3,301,273 | 3,357,065 | 3,413,799 | 3,471,492 | 3,532,938 | 3,595,471 | 3,659,110 | 3,723,877 | 3,789,789 | 3,849,289 |

Barriers to Coordination

Similar to other agencies across the state and across the nation, limited resources (both personnel and financial) pose significant challenges to transportation providers. In Collier County, the large size and diversity of the County further exasperates these challenges.

As previously described, the lack of affordable housing in close proximity to employment opportunities and other essential services results in Collier County results in the need for more geographically dispersed and more costly public transportation services. Transportation providers must strike a careful balance between implementing enhancements to core services which are often more financially productive versus providing life sustaining services for the transportation disadvantaged who often live in different political jurisdictions outside core service areas.

A myriad of stakeholder organizations have a vested interest in ensuring the County's economic vitality of which mobility is a critical element, but these organizations may sometimes have competing interests resulting in stiff competition for scarce resources which have remained relatively constant in recent

years. The transportation needs of the agricultural industry, for example, are significantly different than hospitality industry needs to ensure mobility for tourists, but also staff transportation needs, and the needs of social service agencies, and agencies that serve persons with disabilities, are very different than the service needs of those employed in education.

Goals, Objectives and Strategies

CAT's mission is to provide safe, accessible, and courteous public transportation services to our customers.

The mission of the newly rebranded CAT Connect (formerly known as Collier Area Paratransit) is to identify and safely meet the transportation needs of Collier County, through a courteous, dependable, cost effective and environmentally sound team commitment.

The following goals and objectives have been adopted to further the missions above.

GOAL 1: Implement a fully coordinated transportation system.

Objective 1.1

Maximize coordination with public, private, and human service agencies, and other transportation operators.

Objective 1.2

Coordinate with other counties and FDOT to evaluate and implement mutually beneficial transportation services such as expansion of cross-county connections.

Objective 1.3

Explore efforts to increase effective use of transportation services, including providing alternative transportation sources and public education about those options.

Strategy 1.1.1

Continue coordination efforts with City and County departments to ensure inclusion of transit supportive elements in development plans and affordable housing/economic development initiatives.

Strategy 1.1.2

Coordinate with FDOT District One Commuter Services to complement CAT outreach efforts to major employers and to identify service expansion needs and ridesharing opportunities.

Strategy 1.1.3

Maintain ongoing communication with coordinated providers to assess needs and maximize access to available funding sources.

Strategy 1.1.4

Identify opportunities to educate and inform parents and school districts about the availability of transportation services, particularly as it relates to the needs of at risk students.

GOAL 2: Maximize effective transfers of individuals from paratransit to fixed route services.

Objective 2.1

Coordinate with CAT's fixed route section to encourage passengers to use both systems when accessible.

Strategy 2.1.1

Continue to offer travel training programs targeting a minimum of three group programs per year.

Strategy 2.1.2

Install a minimum of ten covered ADA compliant accessible bus shelters per year.

Strategy 2.1.3

Utilize available communication tools and techniques as appropriate to reinforce the safety and security measures/features of the public transit system.

Strategy 2.1.4

Ensure the CAT Connect eligibility screening process evaluates potential fixed route opportunities and educate passengers on available options as appropriate for the individual's travel needs.

Strategy 2.1.5

Ensure all staff involved in service delivery receive training on customer sensitivity and etiquette techniques.

Goal 3: Provide an efficient and effective coordinated transportation service.

Objective 3.1

Consistently provide on-time service.

Objective 3.2

Minimize customer service reservation/inquiry call hold times.

Objective 3.3

Ensure contract provider's services are well utilized, timely, effective and affordable.

Objective 3.4

Increase the number of passenger trips per vehicle hour.

Objective 3.5

Maintain or trend downward the cost per passenger trip.

Objective 3.6

Maintain or trend downward the cost per mile.

Objective 3.7

Adjust fixed route services to allow greater use by paratransit customers.

Strategy 3.1.1

Obtain a system to track call hold time.

Strategy 3.1.2

Continually measure and analyze performance standards, as a basis for evaluating quality assurance to achieve desired standards.

Strategy 3.1.3

Annually review paratransit origin and destination data to determine if fixed routes should be reviewed for service expansions or realignment to allow greater use by current paratransit riders.

Strategy 3.1.4

Identify opportunities to coordinate with dialysis centers to schedule patient treatments concurrently to allow for the provision of more efficient paratransit group trips.

GOAL 4: Educate and market fixed route and paratransit services to current riders, the general public, agency sponsored clients, visitors, and other potential customers.

Objective 4.1

Maximize the accessibility of service information including alternative delivery formats such as Braille, auditory enhanced and alternative languages.

Objective 4.2

Utilize the electronic dissemination of marketing and education materials, including, but not limited to the internet, e-mails, listservs, websites, etc.

Objective 4.3

Identify opportunities to participate in or sponsor community events to build awareness of available public transportation services.

Objective 4.4

Ensure that all websites and other electronic media are compliant with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended in 1998. Under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. 794d, agencies must give persons with disabilities, employees and members of the public access to information that is comparable to the access available to others. This includes access to electronic and information technology applications.

Strategy 4.1.1

Continue active involvement in outreach activities, which may include but are not limited to: "Dump the Pump" Day, Mobility Week, the library system's Mail-a-Book promotion and local job fairs.

Strategy 4.1.2

Participate in Lighthouse for the Blind and Immokalee's travel training programs and other training opportunities identified by CAT.

Strategy 4.1.3

Provide a current "Rider's Guide" to paratransit patrons covering ADA and TD services. Produce the guide in alternative formats and alternative languages that may be needed to comply with "safe harbor" provisions as identified in CAT's next Title VI update.

GOAL 5: Operate a safe transportation system.

Objective 5.1

Ensure that services are provided in a safe and secure manner in accordance with the CTD and FDOT standards and recommendations.

Objective 5.2

Ensure consistency and compliance with Chapter 14-90, Florida Administrative Code,

Objective 5.3

Ensure consistency and compliance with the 49 CFR Part 655, Federal Transit Administration Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug use in Transit Operations including the adopted Substance Abuse Policy and policy statements.

Objective 5.4

Ensure consistency and compliance to 49 CFR Part 40, Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs.

Objective 5.5

Ensure consistency and compliance of FTA covered contractors to 49 CFR Part 655, Federal Transit Administration Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations.

Objective 5.6

Ensure consistency and compliance with any local drug and alcohol service standards.

Objective 5.7

Ensure consistency and compliance with the annually updated System Safety Program Plan and Security Program Plan.

Objective 5.8

Ensure consistency and compliance of an accident/incident procedure as part of the bus system safety program.

Objective 5.9

Ensure that new bus stops are readily accessible to persons with disabilities and meet ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) compliance requirements.

Strategy 5.1.1

Continually review accident/incident data to identify trends that may need to be addressed through training or procedural changes.

Strategy 5.1.2

Review and monitor Operator training program to ensure inclusion of consistent boarding techniques for passengers.

Strategy 5.1.3

Conduct periodic bus stop inventories to ensure accessibility and the availability of sidewalks.

Strategy 5.1.4

Coordinate with FDOT and Collier County Transportation Planning to evaluate potential bus stop improvements that can be made in conjunction with roadway improvements.

GOAL 6: Provide quality transportation services.

Objective 6.1

Maintain the accountability of transportation service providers through the CTC Quarterly Reports.

Objective 6.2

Adjust or expand service fixed route services to allow greater use by current paratransit riders.

Objective 6.3

Evaluate customer input to ensure high quality services are provided.

Strategy 6.1.1

Continuously review ridership trends and origin/destination data to determine necessary service enhancements.

Strategy 6.1.2

Periodically conduct fixed route and paratransit customer surveys.

Strategy 6.1.3

Conduct immediate follow-up on any complaint or concern identified in customer surveys or phone inquiries.

GOAL 7: Secure funding necessary to meet above stated goals.

Objective 7.1

Explore all potential funding sources to address capital and operating needs.

Objective 7.2

Maximize efficiency of utilization of all current state, federal and local resources.

Objective 7.3

Coordinate with all public, quasi-public, and non-profit entities in order to maximize all potential funding opportunities for public transportation services in Collier and Lee Counties.

Objective 7.4

Identify and pursue opportunities for establishing and coordinating privately sponsored public transportation services in meeting local transit needs.

Strategy 7.1.1

Acquire new and upgraded paratransit vehicles and equipment necessary to maintain existing services and allow for expansion as needed.

Strategy 7.1.2

Coordinate with Commuter Services to build awareness of existing services and identify potential new partnership opportunities with major employers.

Implementation Schedule

Table 24 below displays the schedule, strategies, responsible parties and the estimated costs for major activities planned during the five-year planning horizon of the Collier County Transit TDSP Major Update.

Table 24. Implementation Schedule

| Schedule | Major Strategies/Activities | Responsible Parties | Estimated Cost (If Known) |
|-----------------|---|---|--|
| | Maintain Existing System | | |
| FY 2018/2019 | Maintain existing service | CAT | \$11,059,543 (Capital and Operating) |
| Ongoing | Continue coordination efforts to ensure transit supportive elements in development plans | CAT, Local Gove, FDOT, Developers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Coordinate with FDOT District 1 Commuter Services | CAT, FDOT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Maintain ongoing communication with coordinated providers to assess needs and maximize access to funding | CAT, Coordinated Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Identify opportunities to inform schools/parents about available CAT services | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct a minimum of three group travel training programs per year | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Educate CAT Connect passengers about fixed route options as appropriate | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Ensure staff involved in service delivery receive training on sensitivity and etiquestte | CAT, Contracted Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Maintain or improve CAT Connect performance measures from FY 2017 baseline: •Cost per passenger trip \$40.21 •Accidents per 100,000 vehicle miles 1.33 •On-time performance 90% •Vehicle miles between road calls 79,473 •Cost per mile \$3.42 | CAT, Contracted Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Review CAT Connect origin and destination data and adjust fixed route accordingly | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Identify opportunites to coordinate with dialysis centers for potential scheduling efficiencies CAT | | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct outreach and participate in community partner initiatives | CAT, Partner Agencies | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct travel training in cooperation with community partners | CAT, Partner Agencies | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Review accident/incident data to identify trends that can be addressed with additional training or procedural changes | CAT, Contracted Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Monitor operator training to ensure consistent boarding techniques | CAT, Contracted Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct bus stop inventories to ensure accessibility | CAT, Local Govts | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Coordinate with FDOT/Collier County Transportation Planning to evaluate potential bus stop improvements | CAT, FDOT. Collier County | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Review ridership trends and O&D information to determine potential service enhancements | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct periodic fixed route and paratransit surveys | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct immediate follow up on customer complaints and inquiries | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Install a minimum of 10 ADA compliant bus shelters per year and associated amenities | Partners | Included in status quo budget |
| Ongoing | Develop/Procure new phone system to enhance customer service | CAT, Funding Partners | |
| Ongoing | Acquire new vehicles and equipment to allow for replacement and expansion as needed based on available resources | CAT | |
| | Unfunded Priorities | CAT, Funding | |
| | Enhance bus stop accessibility to meet ADA requirements | Partners | \$500,000 |
| | Enhance Fixed Route Services (frequency) on Routes 11, 12, 13, 15, and 17 | CAT, Funding Partners | \$2,034,230 (excludes capital) |
| | Enhance fixed route services (span) to one additional trip Mon- Sun on existing routes | CAT, Funding Partners | \$780,000 |
| | Implement new fixed route (Collier/Lee Inter-county) | CAT, Funding Partners | \$370,000 (excludes capital) |

| Schedule | Major Strategies/Activities | Responsible Parties | Estimated Cost (If Known) |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| | Maintain Existing System | | |
| FY 2019/2020 | Maintain existing service | CAT | \$11,895,058 (Capital and Operating) |
| Ongoing | Continue coordination efforts to ensure transit supportive elements in development plans | Gove FDOT | |
| Ongoing | Coordinate with FDOT District 1 Commuter Services | CAT, FDOT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Maintain ongoing communication with coordinated providers to assess needs and maximize access to funding | | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Identify opportunities to inform schools/parents about available CAT services | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct a minimum of three group travel training programs per year | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Educate CAT Connect passengers about fixed route options as appropriate | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Ensure staff involved in service delivery receive training on sensitivity and etiquestte | CAT, Contracted Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Maintain or improve CAT Connect performance measures from prior FY | CAT, Contracted Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Review CAT Connect origin and destination data and adjust fixed route accordingly | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Identify opportunites to coordinate with dialysis centers for potential scheduling efficiencies | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct outreach and participate in community partner initiatives CAT, Partner Agencies | | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct travel training in cooperation with community partners | CAT, Partner Agencies | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Review accident/incident data to identify trends that can be addressed with additional training or procedural changes | CAT, Contracted Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Monitor operator training to ensure consistent boarding techniques | CAT, Contracted Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct bus stop inventories to ensure accessibility | CAT, Local Govts | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Coordinate with FDOT/Collier County Transportation Planning to evaluate potential bus stop improvements | CAT, FDOT. Collier County | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Review ridership trends and O&D information to determine potential service enhancements | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct periodic fixed route and paratransit surveys | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct immediate follow up on customer complaints and inquiries | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Install a minimum of 10 ADA compliant bus shelters per year and associated amenities | CAT, Funding Partners | Included in status quo budget |
| Ongoing | Acquire new vehicles and equipment to allow for replacement and expansion as needed based on available resources | CAT | |
| | Unfunded Priorities | | |
| | Enhance bus stop accessibility to meet ADA requirements | CAT, Funding Partners | \$500,000 |
| | Enhance fixed route services (frequency) on Routes 11, 12, 13, 15, and 17 | CAT, Funding Partners | \$2,034,230 (excludes capital) |
| | Enhance fixed route services (span) to one additional trip Mon- Sun on existing routes | CAT, Funding Partners | \$780,000 |
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| Schedule | Major Strategies/Activities | Responsible Parties | Estimated Cost (If Known) |
|-----------------|---|---|---|
| | Maintain Existing System | | |
| FY 2020/2021 | Maintain existing service | CAT | \$10,865,454 (Capital and Operating) |
| Ongoing | Continue coordination efforts to ensure transit supportive elements in development plans | CAT, Local Gove, FDOT, Developers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Coordinate with FDOT District 1 Commuter Services | CAT, FDOT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Maintain ongoing communication with coordinate providers to assess needs and maximize access to funding | CAT, Coordinated Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Identify opportunities to inform schools/parents about available CAT services | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct a minimum of three group travel training programs per year | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Educate CAT Connect passengers about fixed route options as appropriate | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Ensure staff involved in service delivery receive training on sensitivity and etiquestte | CAT, Contracted Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Maintain or improve CAT Connect performance measures from prior FY | CAT, Contracted Providers | |
| Ongoing | Review CAT Connect origin and destination data and adjust fixed route accordingly | | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Identify opportunites to coordinate with dialysis centers for potential scheduling efficiencies | | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct outreach and participate in community partner initiatives | CAT, Partner Agencies | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | CAT, Partni Conduct travel training in cooperation with community partners Agencies | | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Review accident/incident data to identify trends that can be addressed with additional training or procedural changes | CAT, Contracted Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Monitor operator training to ensure consistent boarding techniques | CAT, Contracted Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct bus stop inventories to ensure accessibility | CAT, Local Govts | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Coordinate with FDOT/Collier County Transportation Planning to evaluate potential bus stop improvements | CAT, FDOT. Collier County | CAT Staff Resources |
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| | Unfunded Priorities | | |
| | Enhance bus stop accessibility to meet ADA requirements | CAT, Funding Partners | \$500,000 |
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| | Enhance fixed route services (span) to one additional trip Mon- Sun on existing routes | CAT, Funding Partners | \$780,000 |
| | Implement new fixed route (Collier/Lee Inter-county) | CAT, Funding Partners | \$370,000 (excludes capital) |

| Schedule | Major Strategies/Activities | Responsible Parties | Estimated Cost (If Known) |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| | Maintain Existing System | | |
| FY 2022/2023 | Maintain existing service | CAT | \$14,201,503 (Capital and Operating) |
| Ongoing | Continue coordination efforts too ensure transit supportive elements in development plans | CAT Staff Resources | |
| Ongoing | Coordinate with FDOT District 1 Commuter Services | CAT, FDOT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Maintain ongoing communication with coordinate providers to assess needs and maximize access to funding | CAT, Coordinated Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
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| Ongoing | Ensure staff involved in service delivery receive training on sensitivity and etiquestte | CAT, Contracted Providers | CAT Staff Resources |
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| Ongoing | Conduct bus stop inventories to ensure accessibility | CAT, Local Govts | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Coordinate with FDOT/Collier County Transportation Planning to evaluate potential bus stop improvements | CAT, FDOT. Collier County | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Review ridership trend and O&D information to determine potential service enhancements | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct periodic fixed route and paratransit surveys | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Conduct immediate follow up on customer complaints and inquiries | CAT | CAT Staff Resources |
| Ongoing | Acquire new vehicles and equipment to allow for replacement and expansion as needed based on available resources | CAT | |
| Ongoing | Install a minimum of 10 ADA compliant bus shelters per year and associated amenities | CAT, Funding Partners | Included in status quo budget |
| | Unfunded Priorities | | 1 1 300800 |
| | Enhance bus stop accessibility to meet ADA requirements | CAT, Funding | \$500,000 |
| | Enhance fixed route services (frequency) on Routes 11, 12, 13, | Partners CAT, Funding | \$2,142,638 |
| | 15, and 17 | Partners | (excludes capital) |
| | Enhance fixed route services (span) to one additional trip Mon- Sun on existing routes | CAT, Funding Partners | \$821,568 |
| | Implement new fixed route (Collier/Lee Inter-county) | CAT, Funding Partners | \$389,718 (excludes capital) |

Service Plan

Operations

Eligibility

CAT Connect is designed to serve those who have no other means of transportation and qualify as ADA eligible (those with a physical or mental impairment that prevents use of the fixed route bus service) or Transportation Disadvantaged (individuals who because of a mental or physical impairment, income status or age are unable to transport themselves). CAT Connect is operated during the same hours as the fixed route service. Those with an origin and destination within three quarters of a mile of a CAT fixed route are eligible for ADA services and those with an origin or destination outside of the ADA service area may be eligible for Transportation (TD) services.

Types, Hours and Days of Service

Collier Area Transit operates fixed route, ADA, and paratransit services (CAT Connect) seven days per week excluding major holidays. The hours of operation for fixed route service vary by route, but some routes start as early as approximately 4:00 a.m. and end as late as 8:00 p.m.

Reservations can be made for CAT Connect between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Same day service is not available, but trips may be scheduled up to two weeks in advance or as late as 5:00 p.m. the day before service is needed.

CAT Connect drivers are trained to help those who require assistance to and from the vehicle. They will not enter a person's home or a person's room at a living facility nor will they go above the first floor of a multi-family residence.

Subscription paratransit service is available when a customer regularly travels to and from the same destination two or more times per week and group trips (four or more passengers with the same trip origin or destination) are provided at a reduced rate.

Accessing Services

To obtain an application, schedule a trip or any other questions customers may contact CAT Connect Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by calling (239) 252-7272, 239-252-7777 or 1-(855) 392-1418. Customers may also visit the centers at CAT Connect Customer Service, 8300 Radio Road Naples, FL 34104 or the Collier Area Transit Intermodal Transfer Station at the Government Center located at 3355 East Tamiami Trail Naples, FL 34112. Florida Relay for ASCII callers can be accessed by calling 1(800)955-1339.

All trips require prior reservations, which can be scheduled Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For weekend service, customers may contact CAT Connect and leave their name and trip information on the voicemail. Someone will return the call to confirm the reservation.

CAT Connect understands that because paratransit service requires trips to be scheduled in advance, passengers may have to reschedule or cancel a trip. CAT Connect understands that passengers may sometimes miss scheduled trips or timely cancel trips for reasons that are beyond their control. However, in order to maintain an efficient system, a policy for managing passengers who repeatedly miss scheduled trips or fail to timely cancel trips has been developed. This policy has been developed with consideration to the frequency of use by passengers and the no-show/late cancellation system average. The following information explains CAP's no-show policy.

Definitions

No-show

A no-show is defined as the failure of a passenger to appear to board the vehicle for a scheduled trip. This presumes the vehicle arrives at the prescribed pick-up location within the pick-up time and the passenger is not present for the appointment or fails to respond within five (5) minutes of the vehicle's arrival time.

Late Cancellation

A late cancellation is defined as failure to cancel a trip 2 hours or more before the scheduled pick-up time, including a cancellation made at the door (a refusal to board a vehicle that has arrived within the pick-up window).

No-Shows Due to Operator Error or to Circumstances beyond a Rider's Control

Passengers will not be assessed a no-show or late cancellation when it has been found that the missed trips occurred due to an error of CAT Connect personnel. These types of errors include:

- Trips placed on the schedule in error
- Pick-ups scheduled at the wrong pick-up location
- Drivers arriving and departing before the pick-up window begins
- Drivers arriving late (after the end of the pick-up window)
- Drivers arriving within the pick-up window, but departing without waiting the required 5 minutes

Trips that are missed due to situations beyond a passenger's control that may prevent a timely notification are not counted towards no-shows or cancellations. The following are examples of such situations:

- Medical emergency
- Family emergency
- Sudden illness or change in condition

Passengers are encouraged to contact a CAT Connect Customer Service Representative to inform them of these situations regardless of the time of the notification so that the excused missed trip can be appropriately recorded.

Policy for Handling Subsequent Trips Following No-shows

When a passenger fails to show for a scheduled trip, the driver should radio dispatch and advise them of the no-show. Dispatch attempts to call the passenger and reminds the driver to wait the five (5) minutes to ensure that the passenger will not be present. The no-show is recorded in the system and any return trip for the same day that was scheduled is also cancelled unless the passenger calls to indicate that the return trip should not be cancelled. The courtesy cancellation of the return trip is performed in order to avoid charging the passenger multiple no-shows on the same day and increasing the no show trip count. Passengers are strongly encouraged to cancel any subsequent trips they no longer need. A confirmation number will be provided with all cancellations and passengers are encouraged to retain the confirmation number for verification of their call.

Suspension Policies for a Pattern or Practice of Excessive No-shows and Late Cancellations

CAT Connect reviews all recorded no-shows and late cancellations to ensure accuracy before recording them in a passenger's account. Each verified no-show or late cancellation consistent with the above definitions counts as one penalty point. Passengers will be subject to suspension after they meet all the following conditions:

- Accumulate three penalty points in a six (6) calendar month period (January to June & June to December)
- Have "no-showed" or "late cancelled" at least five percent of the passenger's booked trips for the month.

A passenger will be subject to suspension only if both the number of penalty points is reached and percentage of trips deemed no-show is met. CAT Connect will notify passengers by telephone after they have accumulated one penalty point and they will be advised that they are subject to suspension should they accumulate two additional penalty points within the six (6) month period consistent with the criteria listed in this section of the policy above.

All suspension notices include a copy of this policy, and grievance/appeal policy which details how to appeal suspensions.

Suspensions begin five days after the decision has been determined, ensuring the passenger is notified by telephone and letter. Suspensions will be held in abeyance if the passenger timely files an appeal of the suspension. The first violation in a calendar month triggers a warning telephone call but no suspension. Subsequent violations result in the following suspensions:

- Second violation: Second warning letter and phone call
- Third violation: [7-day] suspension; Notification will be by telephone and letter
- Fourth violation: [14-day] suspension; Notification will be by telephone and letter

 Fifth violation and subsequent violations: [30-day] suspension; Notification will be by telephone and letter

Each letter will specify the basis of the proposed penalty (e.g., Mr. Smith scheduled trips for 8:00 a.m. on May 15th, 2:00 p.m. on June 3rd, 9:00 a.m. on June 21st, and 9:20 p.m. on July 10th, and on each occasion the vehicle appeared at the scheduled time and Mr. Smith was nowhere to be found) and set forth the proposed suspension (e.g., Mr. Smith would not receive service for 14 days).

Policy for Disputing Specific No-Shows or Late Cancellations

Passengers wishing to dispute specific no-shows or late cancellations must do so within five business days of receiving a phone call or letters. Passengers should contact the CAT Connect operations center at 239-252-7272, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to explain the circumstance, and request the removal of the no-show or late cancellation.

Policy for Appealing Proposed Suspensions

Passengers wishing to appeal suspensions under this policy have the right to file an appeal request, which must be in writing by letter or via email. Passengers must submit written appeal requests within 15 business days of the date of the suspension letters. Passengers who miss the appeal request deadline will be suspended from CAT Connect on the date listed on the suspension notice.

All suspension appeals follow the CAT Connect grievance/appeal policy.

Trip Prioritization

Trips funded by the TD Trust fund are prioritized based upon the Local Coordinating Board's policy. Trips are based on trip efficiency, seating availability, and funding availability. As shown below, medical trips have the highest priority followed by employment and nutritional trips. Recreational trips will be accommodated when possible.

Priority 1 – Medical

Priority 2 – Employment

Priority 3 – Nutritional

Priority 4 – Group Recreational

Priority 5 - Social (agency related activities)

Priority 6 – Group Recreation

Priority 7 – Personal Business

ADA trips are provided without prioritization and cannot be denied. Additionally, trips that are provided through the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5311 funding program must be open to the general public, and may not be prioritized.

Transportation Operators and Coordination Contractors

At the time this TDSP Major update was being prepared, Collier County was under contract with MV Transportation and MTM Inc. to provide Operations and Administrative services for its fixed route and paratransit systems as shown in Table 25 below.

Table 25. CAT Transportation Operators

| Operators Contact | | Services | Client | Hours |
|--------------------|----------------|--|--------|-------------|
| | | | | |
| MV Transportation | Barry Bland | Fixed Route and Para Operations | BCC | 4:30 - 8:00 |
| MTM Transportation | Braian Morales | Fixed Route and Para Scheduling/Dispatch | BCC | 4:30 - 8:00 |

Concurrent with the preparation of the TDSP Major update, however, Collier County Government issued a Request for Proposal for a single new or incumbent contractor to perform and operate a turnkey operation for 1) Transportation operations management services 2) Fixed route transit operations and 3) Demand response services utilizing county owned vehicles supplemented with a minimum 20% noncounty owned vehicle, as well as any vehicles owned and maintained by third parties that are subcontracted with the County.

Proposers were encouraged to leverage technologies, hardware and applications, best operational practices, transit vision, and the ability for coordination to promote efficiencies. Proposers were also encouraged to propose optional alternatives, modes, practices and resources to achieve transit efficiency goals.

Proposals were due on July 20, 2018 for scoring by the County's selection Committee based on the following criteria (100 total possible points) which will serve as the basis for short listing firms:

- 1. Cover Letter / Management Summary 0 Points
- 2. Certified Minority Business Enterprise 5 Points
- 3. Plans & Programs 35 Points
- 4. Financial Capacity & Cost of Services 15 Points
- 5. Employee Retention, Benefits and Compensation Plans 10 Points
- 6. Experience and Capacity of Firm 20 Points
- 7. Past Record & References 10 Points
- 8. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise/Small Business Enterprise Utilization 5 Points

The selection committee then grades and ranks the firms and enters into negotiations with the top ranked firm to establish costs for the services needed. The County reserved the right to issue an invitation for oral presentations to obtain additional information after grading and before the final ranking. With successful negotiations, a contract will be developed with the selected firm, based on the negotiated price and scope of services and submitted for approval by the Board of County Commissioners with anticipated award in the fall of 2018.

Additionally, following negotiated agreements, coordination contracts have been executed with the five private non-profit organizations shown in Table 26 below. In FY 2016/2017, 12,320 trips were provided on the coordinated system.

Table 26. CTC Coordination Contractors

| Coordination Contractors | Services | Contact | Clients | Hours |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | | | |
| EasterSeals Florida Inc. | Demand Response | Susan Ventura | Disabled | 8:00 – 4:00 |
| Goodwheels | Demand Response | Alan Mandel | Disabled/NEMT | 4:30 – 7:30 |
| Hope Health Care | Demand Response | Samira Beckwith | Seniors | 8:00 – 5:00 |
| David Lawrence Mental Health Center | Demand Response | Scott Burgess | Disabled | 8:00 – 5:00 |
| Sunrise Community of SWFL, Inc.(Naples) | Demand Response | Kirk Zaremba | Disabled | 8:30 – 4:40 |

Public Transit Utilization

As shown in Table27, CAT fixed route ridership has declined over the past five years. This is consistent with trends seen across the country and within the State of Florida where fixed route bus ridership has declined approximately 11 percent and 21 percent respectively between 2014 and 2017. In urbanized areas with populations under 200,000, the declines were higher.

Table 27. Fixed Route Ridership

| Fixed Route Ridership | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| FY 2013 - FY 2017 | | | |
| FY13 | 1,361,294 | | |
| FY 14 | 1,181,530 | | |
| FY 15 | 1,094,103 | | |
| FY 16 | 973,981 | | |
| FY 17 | 893,398 | | |

School Bus Utilization

No school buses are utilized in the coordinated system.

Vehicle Inventory

An inventory of CAT's paratransit fleet is included in Appendix C. The inventory identifies vehicle type, model year, accessibility features and mileage.

In prior TDSPs, a vehicle replacement schedule was included based on the useful life as measured in years. A recent FDOT policy change now stipulates that vehicles are eligible for replacement based on both the useful life in years and the useful life in miles unless there is a compelling reason to replace the vehicle earlier due to excessive maintenance costs or other special circumstances. There should not be any significant negative impacts on CAT's vehicle replacement needs resulting from this policy. It is possible that some vehicles will need to remain in service slightly longer than in prior years and defining replacement needs and eligibility will be somewhat more complex. As CAT plans for its future

replacement needs, future mileage projections, anticipated vehicle delivery dates and funding availability will need to be carefully estimated to determine when vehicles will be eligible for replacement based on the new policy.

System Safety Plan Certification

CAT's System Safety Plan Certification is included in Appendix D.

Inter-county Services

Introduced in 2011, CAT's LinC route provides inter-county service between Collier and Lee Counties. Due to its success, a secondary route inter-county connection has been identified by the Collier MPO as one of its unfunded priorities.

Emergency Preparedness and Response

CAT is identified as a responsible agency in the Collier County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). The plan is designed to provide a framework through which Collier County may prevent or mitigate the impacts of, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural, manmade, and technological hazards that could adversely affect the health, safety and general welfare of residents and visitors to the County. Additionally, this plan establishes the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for tasked agencies to use in responding to emergency events. The CEMP was approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and complies with Homeland Security Presidential Directives.

Education Efforts/Marketing

CAT actively markets its programs and services on social media such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and at a variety of local community events. Recent examples include: promotions for the Paw Pass for summer for unlimited student rides and the seasonal Beach Bus and participation in the library system's Mail-a-Book promotion for homebound residents and Lighthouse for the Blind student travel training and a public transit training day in Immokalee.

Service Standards

In order to assess quality assurance for the delivery of transportation services, the Local Coordinating Board utilizes the following services standards that form the basis for the annual review of the Community Transportation Coordinator (CAT). These standards are consistent with Section 41-2.006 Florida Administrative Code and the Code of Federal Regulation.

• Drug and alcohol program – CAT complies with applicable Federal Transit Administration requirements for all individuals in safety-sensitive positions. In addition, CAT maintains a Drug Free Workplace policy.

- Escorts and children Personal care attendants must be approved on initial customer application with medical documentation for reason attendant is needed. If an escort/personal care attendant is requested, they will be transported at no additional charge.
- Child restraints Restraints are required for children under 5 and/or under 50 lbs.
- Rider property Passengers are allowed to bring up to four shopping bags that fit under the passenger's seat and/or on their lap.
- Vehicle transfer points Vehicle transfer points will be located in safe and secure locations. Riders have the right to vehicle transfer points that are sheltered, secure and safe.
- Local toll free number for consumer comments The local toll-free number for complaints is 1-855-392-1418. The number is posted in all paratransit vehicles. If a complaint cannot be resolved locally, individuals have the option to contact the statewide Transportation Disadvantaged Ombudsman Hotline at 1-800-983-2435.
- Vehicle Cleanliness All vehicles shall be free from dirt, grime, oil, trash, torn upholstery, damaged or broken seats, protruding metal or other objects or materials that could soil items place in the vehicle or provide discomfort for the passenger. All vehicles are cleaned (interior and exterior) on a regular schedule.
- Billing requirements All payments to transportation subcontractors will be made in a timely manner pursuant to Florida Statutes. All bills shall be paid within 7 working days to subcontractors after receipt of said payment by the CTC in accordance with Section 287.0585, Florida Statutes.
- Rider/trip data The CTC management entity will collect and store in a database the name, phone number, address, funding source, eligibility, and special requirements of each passenger.
- Seating Vehicle seating will not exceed the manufacturer's recommended capacity.
- Driver Identification Drivers are required to announce and identify themselves by name and
 company in a manner that is conducive to communications with specific passengers, except in
 situations where the driver regularly transports the rider on a recurring basis. All drivers are to
 have a name badge displayed at all times when transporting passengers. Drivers also have
 business cards that can be distributed to passengers.
- Passenger Loading Assistance All drivers shall provide the passenger with boarding assistance, if necessary or requested, to the seating portion of the vehicle. The boarding assistance shall include opening the vehicle door, fastening the seat belt or utilization of wheelchair securement devices, storage of mobility assistive devices, and closing the vehicle door. Passengers, especially frail and elderly and/or disabled, shall be assisted from the door of their pick up point to the door of their destination. Other assistance may be provided except in situations in which providing assistance would not be safe for passengers remaining on the vehicle. Assisted access

- must be in a dignified manner. Drivers may not assist passengers in wheelchairs more than one step up or down.
- Smoking, Drinking and Eating There will be no smoking on any vehicles in the coordinated system. Eating and drinking on board the vehicle is prohibited. Exceptions are permitted when required due to an existing medical condition.
- Passenger No-Shows All scheduled trips (reservations) must be cancelled at least 2 hours prior to the scheduled trip in order to avoid being deemed a "no show". Passengers are not responsible for "no-shows" due to sudden illness, family or personal emergency, transit connection or appointment delays, extreme weather conditions, operator error, or other unforeseen reasons for which it is not possible to call to cancel or take the trip as scheduled. Late Cancellations and/or No Shows may result in suspension of service. Passengers will be notified of every "no-show" violation in writing. If a passenger receives notice of a no-show violation that proposes a suspension of service, the written notification shall also outline the passenger's right to appeal the imposition of that sanction. All penalties reset after one year from the initial no-show violation.
- Communication Equipment All vehicles will be equipped with two-way communication devices.
- Vehicle Air Conditioning and Heating Equipment All vehicles in the coordinated system shall have working air conditioning and heating. Vehicles that do not have a working air conditioner and/or heater will be scheduled for repair or replacement within five days. Should a vehicle incur a problem, it will be repaired as soon as possible. The owner/operator is responsible for its repair. The priority is that the CTC provides transportation. If a vehicle's air conditioning or heating is not functioning properly, and, if there are no other vehicles available, the passengers will be transported, rather than canceling a trip. Passengers with health conditions affected by air conditioning or lack thereof will be notified if their vehicle's air conditioning is not working, and the passenger will be given an opportunity to decide whether or not to take the trip.
- First Aid Policy Drivers are certified in first aid on an annual basis.
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Drivers are certified in CPR every two years (biennial).
- Driver Background Checks All drivers in the coordinated system must have a "favorable" background check from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement ("favorable" as defined by the Department of Children and Families policies and procedures).
- Public Transit Ridership Through the use of a single centralized operation for CTC and fixed route service, coordinated trips will be referred to the fixed route when accessible rather than placed into the CTC paratransit system.
- The CTC will continue to market and encourage the use of bus passes, by individuals and agencies that sponsor trips. It will also measure the use of each pass per month.

- Pick-Up Window Passengers are not given a set pick-up time. Instead, they are told to be ready for their ride to arrive from between one to two hours before their appointment time. This window is dependent on the service area of the pick-up and drop-off points. The service areas are defined as the Naples Service Area, Golden Gate Estates Service Area, Marco Island Service Area and Immokalee Service Area. Trips within one service area have a one hour window. Trips between service areas have a two hour window. The one to two hour windows are inclusive of travel time between pick-up and drop-off. The CTC may negotiate special pick-up arrangements with the customer, in advance, as the situation dictates. These arrangements shall be documented and maintained on file to distinguish these trips from regularly scheduled trips for determining on-time performance. Medical appointments and employment must follow the "30 minutes early to zero minutes late" policy. All other trips are considered on-time if they arrive one minute before or one minute after scheduled time. Four (4) or more passengers droppedoff and/or picked-up at the same location constitute a group trip. The CTC may negotiate special arrangements with the customer or agency, in advance, for a group trip. These special arrangements will be documented and evaluated separately for on-time performance. Every effort will be made by the CTC to keep the ride times within the service window for these trips.
- All return trips are also scheduled in advance. The pick-up process for return trips is the same as
 the originating trip. Depending on the location, the window may be one or two hours. General
 expectations are that travel within a single service area will be within the one hour window and
 trips between service areas will have a two hour window.
- On-time Performance The CTC will have a 90% on-time performance rate for all completed trips including both pick-ups and drop-offs. The CTC will report on-time performance at all LCB meetings.
- Advance Reservations Reservations are taken a day in advance up to 5 p.m. the business day
 prior to the trip request. Passengers with an urgent need to travel should call the CTC. Unless
 other regulations are applicable, same day trip requests cannot be guaranteed. However, the
 CTC will attempt to accommodate the request.
- Accidents There should be no more than 1.2 accidents per 100,000 miles.
- Road Calls There should be no less than 10,000 miles between each road call.
- Call-Hold All calls shall be answered within three rings, and maximum hold time shall be two
 minutes. The standards listed below are locally developed standards, in addition to those
 required by Section 41-2.006, Florida Administrative Code.
- Driver Training All operators, supervisors and safety-sensitive positions shall receive drug and alcohol safety training. Additional training shall consist of driver safety, passenger relations, wheelchair securement, CPR, fire safety and other topics, as deemed necessary. At a minimum, passenger relations and driver safety training shall be conducted annually. All drivers will be annually certified in First Aid. All drivers will be certified every two years in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

- Oxygen Transport Passengers may travel with oxygen equipment provided that it is selfadministered and can be safely stowed when the vehicle is in route. Drivers are not permitted to supply, connect, or disconnect oxygen.
- Service Animals Guide dogs or other service animals are allowed if specified when applying for TD and/or ADA sponsored transportation services. Family pets are not allowed.
- On-Board Travel Time The CTC will make every effort to comply with funding agencies' stated
 ride times. In situations where it becomes apparent that an individual's on-board travel time will
 exceed the one hour or two hour window (due to accidents and vehicular breakdown, as
 examples), the CTC will make every effort to contact the families or caregiver of the passenger.
- Joint Lee and Collier County Local Coordinating Board Meetings The CTC recognizes the
 importance of Joint LCB meetings between Lee and Collier Counties for the purpose of
 developing consistent inter and intra county policies. For this reason, the BCC as the CTC
 will make every effort to pay for out-of-county TD trips to attend the Joint LCB meetings
 between Lee and Collier County. These out-of-county trips will be for attendance at Joint LCB
 meetings only, and will be paid by the BCC, depending on the funding availability.
- Refusal to Pay or No Pays In an effort to ensure consistent and fair transportation services to
 all of our passengers, everyone is expected to pay the proper fare upon boarding a CAT Connect.
 To emphasize the importance of limiting No Pays, CAT Connect adopted the following, zero
 tolerance of refusal to pay policy: If the passenger does not have the appropriate amount to pay
 for his or hers co-pay, transportation will not be provided. If the passenger refuses to pay for a
 return trip the passenger will not be eligible to reserve a future trip until payment of the co-pay
 has been fulfilled.
- Multiple Destinations Each trip includes one destination. Brief stops at locations before the
 scheduled destination will not be allowed. If multiple destinations are needed, each section of
 the trip must be scheduled separately and the rider must pay a fare for each ride.

Local Complaint and Grievance Procedure

The Local Coordinating Board has adopted the Collier County local complaint and grievance procedures as follows:

If someone is not satisfied and/or disagrees with a decision made as it relates to program eligibility or the provision of service that individual has the right to file a grievance or to request and appeal within 60 days of the decision. For appeals to the No Show/Late Cancellation suspension, passengers must submit a written appeal within 15 business days from the date of the suspension letter.

When making contact with CAT to express a concern with any aspect of the service, customers may call 239-252-777 or write to CAT Connect at 8300 Radio Road, Naples, Florida 34104. When sending a written complaint please include details such as time, date, location and a description of the problem

you experienced. This will help in determining the appropriate personnel to contact in order to resolve any issues(s) as quickly as possible.

CAT is not required to provide ADA complementary paratransit service pending the determination of the appeal, but transportation will continue to be provided for existing passengers while a determination is pending for appeals for no show suspensions. Should the suspension be upheld, suspension implementation will commence the day after the appeal determination. If the decision takes longer than 30 days after completing the appeals process, paratransit service will be provided until that time until that time until a decision to deny the appeal is issued.

For those that are not satisfied with the resolution of the complaint, appellants also have the option to file a grievance or call the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Ombudsmen Hot Line at 1-800-983-2435.

The process to file a grievance or to request an appeal are described below.

Step One:

Contact the Administration General Manager of Collier Area Transit. The General Manager will investigate your concern and provide you a written response within 14 days after the appeal is received.

General Manager Collier Area Transit 8300 Radio Road Naples, FL 34104

Telephone: 239-252-7777 or 239-252-4997

Fax: 239-252-5753

Step Two:

Contact the Collier County Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE) Division Director. The PTNE Director will investigate your concern and provide you a written response within 14 days after the appeal is received.

Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement Director 3299 East Tamiami Trail, Suite 103

Naples, Florida 34112

Phone: 239-252-5840 (Front Desk) E-mail: AltTransModes@colliergov.net

Step Three:

Contact the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization to request a formal hearing before the Local Coordinating Board (LCB). The item will be placed on the next available LCB meeting for their

consideration. The Appellant's attendance at that meeting is encouraged. Once the LCB hears the appeal and makes a determination, a written notification of the appeal determination will be provided.

Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Director 3229 Tamiami Trail, Suite 103

Naples, Florida 34112

Phone: 239-252-8192 (Front Desk)

Coordination Contract Evaluation Criteria

In its role as the CTC, Collier County is responsible for planning, coordination and implementation of the most cost effective transportation system possible within Collier County. Before entering into a coordination contract, Collier County analyzes local transportation needs and available resources to ensure that TD services are non-duplicative and can be provided in the most cost effective manner by the proposed coordination contractor. Collier County considers the capabilities of a proposed coordination contractor to comply with record keeping, safety, vehicle operations, state and federal civil rights laws, etc. When applicable, Collier County evaluates the past performance of the proposed coordinated provider before entering into another Memorandum of Understanding.

Cost/Revenue and Allocation and Rate Structure Justification

In March 2019, the Collier MPO's Local Coordinating Board approved the service rates shown in Table 28 below utilizing the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged 2018 Rate Calculation Worksheet. The Rate Calculation Model is a tool utilized by the CTD to standardize the comparison and approval of rates paid to coordinators throughout the State of Florida. The detailed Rate Model worksheets are included in Appendix E.

Table 28. CTD Calculated Rates

| FY 2019/2020 CTD Rate Model | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|--|--|
| | | | |
| Ambulatory Trip | \$34.74 | | |
| Wheelchair Trip | \$59.55 | | |
| Group Trip-Individual | \$18.90 | | |
| Group Trip-Group | \$50.55 | | |
| Bus Pass (daily-full fare) | \$4.00 | | |
| Bus Pass (daily-reduced fare) | \$2.00 | | |
| Bus Pass (weekly-full fare) | \$15.00 | | |
| Bus Pass (weekly-reduced fare) | \$7.50 | | |
| Bus Pass (monthly-full fare) | \$35.00 | | |
| Bus Pass (monthly-reduced fare) | \$17.50 | | |
| Marco Express (monthly-full fare) | \$70.00 | | |
| Marco Express (monthly-reduced fare) | \$35.00 | | |

Source: Collier County FY2019-2020 TD Approved Rate Model Worksheet

During 2018, Collier County conducted an extensive fare structure evaluation to analyze potential fixed-route and paratransit fare changes, assess potential ridership and revenue impacts, minimize adverse impacts to low income and minority persons and identify fare policy recommendations.

The fare study involved a public outreach campaign involving rider intercept surveys, public workshops, and the involvement of the County's Public Transit Advisory Committee. Based on the input received, the majority (77%) of bus riders would support a fare increase if revenue is used to improve service frequency and availability or to access new locations. Fifty percent of ADA riders supported a \$0.50 fare increase and 56% of TD riders supported a fare increase of \$0.25.

At the June 12, 2018 Board of County Commissioner's Meeting a resolution was adopted to implement the following fare structure changes effective October 1, 2018. The effective date for student discount programs is June 12, 2018. Table 29 displays CAT's new fare policy.

Table 29. New CAT Fare Structure Effective October 1, 2018

| Sei | rvice Category | Base Fare | Reduced Fare | | |
|---|--|-----------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| One Way Fare | | \$2.00 | \$1.00 | | |
| Children 5 Years of A | ge and Younger | Free | Free | | |
| Transfers | | Free up to 90 Min. | Free up to 90 Min | | |
| Day Pass | | \$3.00 | \$1.50 | | |
| Marco Express One- | way Fare | \$3.00 | \$1.50 | | |
| | Smart Card Pas | ses | | | |
| 15-Day Pass | | \$20.00 | \$10.00 | | |
| 30-Day Pass | | \$40.00 | \$20.00 | | |
| Marco Express 30-Da | ay Pass | \$70.00 | \$35.00 | | |
| | Smart Card Media | Fees | | | |
| Smart Card Replacen | nent Without Registration | \$2.00 | \$2.00 | | |
| Smart Card Registration | | \$3.00 | \$3.00 | | |
| Smart Card Replacement With Registration | | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | | |
| | Discount Pass | es | | | |
| Summer Paw Pass (V | \$30.00 | | | | |
| Students Age 17 and Under (Cost Includes Smart Card). | | | | | |
| 30-Day Corporate Pass | | | \$29.75/mo. | | |
| *Reduced Fares are | *Reduced Fares are For members of Medicare, Disabled Community, those 65 years and | | | | |
| older, children 17 an | d under, high school and college | students and active/r | etired military | | |
| personnel. ID require | personnel. ID required. This fare also applies to the subcontracted transportation | | | | |
| provider with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged that provides | | | | | |
| transportation services under the non-emergency transportation Medicaid contract for | | | | | |
| Collier County | | | | | |
| Promotional Fares | | | | | |
| Try Transit Day | Annual as designated by the Bo | ard | Free | | |
| Transit Anniversary As designated by the PTNE Director Free | | | Free | | |
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Table 30. TD & ADA Fare Structure

| TD & ADA Fare Structure | |
|--|---------------|
| ADA Fare Full/At or under poverty level | \$3.00/\$1.00 |
| TD Fare - At or below poverty level | \$1.00 |
| TD Fare - 101% to 150% of poverty level | \$3.00 |
| TD Fare - 151% or higher above poverty level | \$4.00 |

Quality Assurance

The Local Coordinating Board conducted the last evaluation of the CTC in 2017 for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 utilizing the CTD's QAPE/LCB CTC Evaluation Workbook. As a result, the following recommendations were made:

- Adopt a goal to "maximize effective transfer of individuals to the fixed route system".
 Status: Completed.
- The TDSP should be revised during the next major update to include a goal to transfer passengers from paratransit to transit.
 Status: Completed.
- All Transportation Operator contracts shall be reviewed annually by the CTC and the Coordinating Board as to the effectiveness and efficiency of the Transportation Operator or the renewal of any Coordination Contracts previously approved.
 Status: Ongoing.
- Cost effectiveness and performance measures for transportation operators and coordination contracts should be provided to the LCB on an annual basis.
 Status: Ongoing.
- The CTC is encouraged to review the use of handheld radios to determine if their use is efficient.
 An analysis was conducted and it was determined that the utilization of handheld radios is the most safe and efficient method of communication.

 Status: Completed.
- The pick-up and drop-off times for medical and employment trips continues to be an issue. CAT
 continues to monitor performance and will incorporate appropriate standards in the new
 transportation operator's contract.
 Status: Ongoing.
- The CTC is working with the vendor to address on-time performance issues. They are also in the
 process of developing a phone system to inform passengers as to when the driver will be
 arriving. The CTC is encouraged to pursue the phone system to enhance customer service.
 Status: Ongoing.
- The CTC is encouraged to continue training administration staff and drivers to ensure that proper etiquette is being used when dealing with passengers and caretakers.
 Status: Ongoing.

Appendices

Appendix A: Private Transportation Providers

2017 List of Private Transportation Providers *

| 2017 Doc# | 2017 Status | Name / Company | Licensee Number |
|--------------|-------------|--|------------------|
| 394782 | Active | Wheelchair Transport Service, Inc. | LCCTO20080000556 |
| P15000037985 | Active | BLUE AREA TRANSPORTATION INC | LCCTO20150002059 |
| L05000054939 | Active | PALM-AIR TRANSPORTATION, LLC | LCCTO20140003074 |
| L05000113592 | Active | Preferred Shuttle LLC | LCCTO20100001647 |
| L05000119388 | Active | Ion Transportation, LLC | LC2007000111 |
| L06000060122 | Active | MBA Airport Transportation LLC | LCCTO20080000080 |
| L06000089699 | Active | Hollywood Limos of Naples LLC | LC2007000034 |
| L06000112808 | Active | Gold Star Transport, LLC, (DBA) Tommy's Car Service | LCCTO20090001211 |
| L07000056182 | Active | Superior Airport Shuttle LLC | LC2007000052 |
| L07000120363 | Active | Naples Transportation & Tours, LLC | LCCTO20090000069 |
| L08000065552 | Active | Kreider Enterprises LLC (DBA) Bobby's Airport Transportation | LCCTO20120003198 |
| L09000069455 | Active | Florida Garden Coach, LLC | add in 2017 |
| L09000098156 | Active | Go Platinum Transportation, LLC | LCCTO20090002265 |
| L09000109823 | Active | Airport Express Shuttle, LLC | LCCTO20090002215 |
| L10000078249 | Active | ABOVE ALL AIRPORT RIDES. LLC | L10000078249 |
| L11000021775 | Active | K. T. S. LLC | LCCTO20150000109 |
| L12000005599 | Active | JACK'S AIRPORT TAXI, LLC | LCCTO20140003890 |
| L12000024618 | Active | Go Native Adventure Tours, LLC | LCCTO20130001857 |
| L12000072416 | Active | Collier Coach LLC | LCCTO20120003757 |
| L12000104856 | Active | Victor Fast Transportation LLC | LCCTO20120003378 |
| L12000134109 | Active | Naples Elite Transportation, LLC | LCCTO20130001100 |
| L12000141547 | Active | Call Saul - Your Personal Driver, LLC | LCCTO20130003572 |
| L12000161357 | Active | VALET PROS LLC | LCCTO20130003271 |
| L13000051191 | Active | Consider It Done Consulting, LLC (DBA) My Driver | LCCTO20130003428 |
| L13000059967 | Active | Sunlight Transportation, LLC (DBA) SWFL-LIMO | LCCTO20130001755 |
| L13000129175 | Active | Airport Express Naples LLC dba Direct Transportation | LCCTO20140002706 |
| L14000004736 | Active | All Around Transportation L.L.C. | LCCTO20150003016 |
| L14000041355 | Active | Naples Taxi Alberto's, LLC | LCCTO20130001697 |
| L14000041355 | Active | NAPLES TAXI ALBERTO'S LLC | L14000041355 |
| L14000051797 | Active | Care Med Transportation, L.L.C. | LCCTO20140002739 |
| L14000068204 | Active | ANDERSON'S DRIVING SERVICE, LLC | LCCTO20150000275 |
| L14000105639 | Active | Clearwater Transportation Company, LLC | LCCTO20140003469 |
| L14000180284 | Active | ON TIME CAR SERVICE "LLC" | LCCTO20140004205 |
| L14000191240 | Active | Sunlight Limo LLC | LCCTO20150000522 |
| L15000068494 | Active | ASCOT TRANSPORTATION, LLC | LCCTO20150001775 |
| L15000118186 | Active | OUT ON THE TOWN TRANSPORTATION, LLC | LCCTO20150003179 |
| L15000122341 | Active | RC TAXI SERVICES LLC | LCCTO20150003397 |
| L15000123758 | Active | P & J Transportation LLC | LCCTO20120000819 |
| L15000142483 | Active | B & K Transportation Services | L15000142483 |
| L16000035957 | Active | The Best Transportation In Naples, LLC | LCCTO20120004347 |
| L16000204171 | Active | Clearwater Transport, LLC | LCCTO20140003469 |
| L85378 | Active | Aaron Airport Transportation Inc | LCCTO20120001305 |
| P02000008780 | Active | Ocean Drive Travel and Tours, Inc. | LCCTO20130002543 |
| P02000024339 | Active | CSP Associates, Inc (DBA) Ambassador Transportation | LCCTO20110003784 |
| P03000006541 | Active | Dolphin Transportation Specialists, Inc. | LC2007000122 |
| P03000020491 | Active | Naples Airport Shuttle, Inc. | LC2007000048 |
| P03000089714 | Active | Naples Chauffeur Service, Inc. | LC2007000038 |
| P04000072212 | Active | Doino Classic Transportation, Inc. (DBA) Classic Transportation | LC2007000136 |
| P04000118241 | Active | Roger's Limo Service, Inc. | LC2007000047 |
| P04000165392 | Active | Alpha Transportation Services | LCCTO20150003005 |
| P05000060144 | Active | J. Poelker Transportation Services, Inc, DBA Apple Transportation | LC2007152565 |
| P05000071212 | Active | Yellow Cab Transportation of Lee County Inc (DBA) Yellow Cab Transportation of Collier County | LCCTO20110000435 |

| P05000124873 | Active | Maintain Domain Etc. Inc. | LCCTO20110003359 |
|------------------------------|--------|---|------------------|
| P05000124873 | Active | Naples Limousine Service, Inc. dba Naples Limousine | LC2007000093 |
| P05000151312 | Active | Canary Transportation, Inc | LC2007000093 |
| P06000000759 | Active | Clean Ride Limo, Inc. | LCCTO20150000424 |
| P06000000733 | Active | Arkway Taxi, Inc | LC2007000108 |
| P06000057093 | Active | | LC2007000108 |
| P06000037093 P06000107876 | Active | Atlantis Cars & Limousines, Inc Limotions Inc | |
| | | | LCCTO20090000353 |
| P07000069504 | Active | American Comfort Limousines, Inc. | LCCTO20080000103 |
| P07000115042 | Active | Guiampu Corp | LCCTO20080000988 |
| P08000087884 | Active | EZ JOURNEY INC | LCCTO20090000040 |
| P09000015212 | Active | Ocean Line Transportation Inc. | LCCTO20090000284 |
| P09000062272 | Active | A 1 on 1 Professional Limousine Service, Inc. | LCCTO20090002266 |
| P09000078579 | Active | VANDERBILT TRANSPORTATION COMPANY | LCCTO20090001958 |
| P10000001101 | Active | Eagle Taxi Inc | LCCTO20080000622 |
| P10000012661 | Active | A CARR TRANSPORTATION INC | LCCTO20100000426 |
| P10000021639 | Active | Luxury Taxi Service of SWFL Inc, (DBA) Luxury Taxi Service | LCCTO20080000021 |
| P10000021710 | Active | TAXI PAM, INC. | LCCTO20100001340 |
| P10000024724 | Active | Crowne Transportation Inc | LCCTO20120000599 |
| P10000034763 | Active | Taxi Hispano SW, Inc | LCCTO20110000345 |
| P10000075171 | Active | Five Star Enterprises of Southwest Florida, Inc. | LCCTO20110001120 |
| P11000028295 | Active | Flamingo Transportation | P11000028295 |
| P11000058954 | Active | A Blue Ribbon Transportation Services Co. | LCCTO20130001075 |
| P12000008555 | Active | Taxi Latino Inc | LCCTO20120000516 |
| P12000058344 | Active | ANY TIME PARTY BUS, INC | LCCTO20150000388 |
| P12000070683 | Active | El Catrachito Taxi Inc | LCCTO20120003384 |
| P12000099534 | Active | Bluebird Mobility Inc. | LCCTO20130001032 |
| P13000008170 | Active | avid's | LCCTO20130000519 |
| P13000066295 | Active | Poly Taxi Inc | LCCTO20130002941 |
| P13000068194 | Active | TLC Transport Company of Southwest Florida Inc. | LCCTO20130003356 |
| | 0 | BLUEBIRD TAXI OF LEE COUNTY INC (DBA) BLUEBIRD EXECUTIVE | LCCT020110000122 |
| P13000085497 | Active | SEDAN TRANSPORTATION | LCCTO20110000432 |
| P13000092092 | Active | Engel and Welch Enterprises, Inc. | LCCTO20140004346 |
| | Active | PRISTINE TRANSPORTATION, INC (DBA) PRISTINE TRANSPORTATION | LCCTQ20120004022 |
| P13000092484 | Active | PRISTINE TRANSPORTATION, INC (DBA) PRISTING TRANSPORTATION | LCC1020130004023 |
| P14000051994 | Active | Independent Taxi Naples Inc | LCCTO20150000661 |
| P15000006623 | Active | Safeway Taxi Corp | LCCTO20150000396 |
| P15000017080 | Active | T&T Tzonev Inc (DBA) Abritus | LCCTO20150001113 |
| P15000041097 | Active | Red Rover Transportation of SW FL Inc | LCCTO20150002061 |
| P15000043913 | Active | NAPLES EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION, INC. | LCCTO20150002020 |
| P15000063906 | Active | ALL ABOARD LIMO INC | LCCTO20150003490 |
| P15000085150 | Active | Naples Royal Transportation, Inc. | Added 2016 |
| P16000007596 | Active | CITY TRANSPORTATION OF NAPLES, INC | LCCTO20150002359 |
| P17000079556 | Active | Naples Limo Services | Added 2016 |
| P93000064088 | Active | Majestic Transportation Services Inc | LC2007000050 |
| P94000041309 | Active | ROYAL FLORIDIAN TRANSPORTATION, INC. | LC2007000053 |
| P95000018197 | Active | A-OK Transportation, Inc. | LC2007000002 |
| P95000096326 | Active | Elite Limousine Service of SW Florida, Inc. | LC2007000042 |
| P96000003308 | Active | The Nellie Group Inc, (DBA) A-Action Transportation Service | LC20070000042 |
| P96000069918 | Active | Checker Airport Transportation, Inc. | LCCTO20110000416 |
| P97000093935 | Active | Alfonso Transport, Inc | P97000093935 |
| P99000030245 | Active | L.A. Limousine Service, Inc. | LC2007000051 |
| 1 55000050245 | ACTIVE | E.A. Enfloasing Service, Inc. | LC2007000031 |



CAT Connect

Shared-Ride Application Form 8300RadioRoad, Naples, Florida34104

CAT Connect is a public transportation shared-ride door-to-door service that is **ONLY** available for individuals who do not have access to any other means of transportation, including the Collier Area Transit (CAT) bus service (fixed route). The CAT Connect program provides transportation service through the Florida Department of Transportation for eligible individuals through several funding programs, including the American with Disability Act (ADA) and Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD). CAT Connect can be used for medical appointments, work, school and other trips depending on the funding program the individual qualifies under. The information requested on this application is intended to help us determine the funding program you qualify for.

The qualification guidelines for each program are shown below. If you are unsure whether you qualify, have any questions, or need assistance completing this application, please call our Customer Service Department at (239) 252-7272 or the CAT office at (239) 252-7777. For TTY/TDD devices call (800) 955-1339.

For MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION please call (877) 254-1055.

| Eligibility Criteria | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| ADA | TD | | |
| Your trips origin and destination are within the ADA corridora You have a recognized disability verified by an accepted medical professional Unable to Utilize CAT Fixed Route | Your trips origin or destination must reside outside the ADA corridor but within Collier County. You have a physical or mental disability, income status, or age; that prevents you to transport yourself or to purchase transportation; Or you are a Pre-school child who is handicapped or high-risk or at-risk. | | |

- Eligibility is a functional determination of the applicant's ability to use the CAT bus service (fixed route), and not simply a medical or psychiatric diagnosis.
- The ADA certification process may involve a telephone interview and/or a personal functional assessment to determine if and how the applicant's transit needs can be met. CAT Connect will pay for the functional assessment as well as provide transportation to and from the evaluation, if necessary. The in-person assessment begins with a one-on-one interview, designed for an applicant to provide details regarding his/her travel skills and abilities. During the interview, the assessor determines whether the applicant can safely participate in the functional assessment process. A mobility assessment focuses on each applicant's functional and cognitive abilities. Through assessments, an evaluator can determine environmental, architectural, and personal

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^a ADA Corridor – ¾ mile from a CAT fixed route.

barriers that may impact an applicant's ability to safely and independently access public transportation.

- All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application.
- PROCESSING OF THIS APPLICATION CAN TAKE UP TO 21 CALENDAR DAYS. The 21-day period begins AFTER a complete application is received.
- <u>Travel Training</u> is a FREE service that is offered and creates opportunities for community access by teaching you how to use the CAT bus service (fixed route). The Travel Trainer will work with you in either an individual or small group setting to teach you the travel skills needed to get to your destination safely and independently. The Travel Trainer will work with you until you are capable and confident to travel your route on your own.

REMEMBER WHEN COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION!

- 1. Type or PRINT legibly, <u>ILLEGIBLE, INCOMPLETE AND/OR UNSIGNED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED. THIS WILL CAUSE A DELAY IN YOUR ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION.</u>
- 2. To confirm disability <u>THE MEDICAL VERIFICATION SECTION IS REQUIRED</u> and must be completed by an accepted medical professional (see list on top of Medical Verification form).
- PROOF OF INCOME IS REQUIRED IF A REDUCED CO-PAY IS REQUESTED. Acceptable types
 of proof of income are pension benefit statements, unemployment benefits, or current paystubs.
- Complete all sections of the application requested, return all information requested, and sign where indicated.

Note: All CAT bus service (fixed route) vehicles are wheelchair accessible and equipped with wheelchair lifts. Therefore, use of a wheelchair does not automatically justify use of paratransit service. Bus operators or automatic systems announce major streets and intersections and/or all vehicles are equipped with automated enunciators.

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|---|--------------------|
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| □ New Application: \ □ Approved \ \ □ Temporary □ Conditional: | |
| ☐ Re-certification: | |
| TD 🗆 \$1.00 🗆 \$3.00 🗆 \$4.00 | |
| PCA Needed: ☐ YES ☐ NO Funding Source: ☐ ADA ☐ TD | |
| Assessment: Date TT Requested: ☐ YES ☐ NO | |
| ADA Approval: | |
| | |
| TD Approval: | |
| Conditional / Temporary: | |
| - Conditional / Composition / | |
| | |
| SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PR | RINT) |
| ☐ Check here if you are a current Paratransit rider ☐ Check here if you currently receive Medicaid or any program that w transportation. | ould pay for |
| Date of Birth:/ Sex: □ Male □ Female | |
| Last Name:First Name: | M.I |
| Street Address: | |
| City: State: Zip Cod | • |
| Home Phone:Cell Phone: | |
| Email: | |
| Name of Subdivision, Building Complex Name, and/or Facility Name: | |
| Is a gate code required for entry? | |
| Mailing Address (if different from above): | |
| <u></u> | g |
| Is this a □ Nursing Home □ ACLF/ALF □ Boarding Home | |
| Does the facility you live in have a vehicle to transport residents? | □ YES □ NO |
| Have you ever been transported by this facility? | □ YES □ NO |
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| Do you require mate | rials or correspondence | e in an alternative format? | if so, please | e specify; | |
|--|---|---|---------------|---------------|------------|
| ☐ Large Print ☐ Au | dio 🗆 Computer 🗆 (| Other | | | |
| f the applicant received assistance completing this application, please specify; | | | | | |
| Name: | ne:Phone: | | | | |
| Do you authorize this | s person to assist you | with future travel arrangeme | ents? | ☐ YES | □ NO |
| List additional person | ns that are authorized | to assist you with travel arra | angements | in the future | : |
| Emergency Contact: | Name and telephone | number of someone we car | n call in an | emergency. | |
| Name: | | R | elationship | <u></u> | |
| Home Phone: | | Cell Phone: | | | |
| TRAVEL INFORMA | <u>TION</u> | | | | |
| 1. How do you curre | ently travel to appointm | nents or to other activities s | uch as groc | ery shopping | j ? |
| 2. Have you ever us | sed the <i>Collier Area Tr</i> | ransit's bus service? | | □YES | □ № |
| | | ng services to teach indivi ing will not affect your eli | | | |
| ☐ Check here if you | are interested in recei | ving additional information | on travel tra | aining. | |
| MOBILITY INFORM | <u>ATION</u> | | | | |
| | sit's buses are wheeld use of Paratransit serv | hair accessible. Therefore, ice. | use of a wh | eelchair doe | s not |
| Please check the when you travel. | appropriate mobility a | id(s) or equipment listed be | low that yo | u use to ass | ist you |
| ☐ Powered scoo | oter/wheelchair | □ Oxygen tank | | | |
| □ Walker | | ☐ Manual wheelchair | r | | |
| ☐ Cane | | ☐ Service Animal | | | |
| Other (specify):_ | | | | | |
| ☐ Applicant special accom | nmodation for transport: | | | | |
| | | obility devices measuring 0 pounds in weight when | | | igth, 30 |
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COMMON DESTINATIONS

| | | e doctors, medical facilities or other locations you visit on a regular basis and how you currently to those appointments. |
|----|------|--|
| | a. | Doctors Name/Medical Facility |
| | | Phone Number |
| | | Address |
| | b. | Doctors Name/Medical Facility |
| | | Phone Number_ |
| | | Address_ |
| | C. | Other non-medical destination |
| | | Address |
| | d. | Other non-medical destination_ |
| | | Address |
| | | |
| | | SECTION 2 – TD APPLICANTS OR REDUCED CO-PAY |
| NC | TE | : Proof of income is required. Please submit with completed application. |
| 1. | | order to determine if you qualify as Transportation Disadvantaged (TD), please answer the lowing: |
| | | # of persons in your household \$Total Annual Household Income |
| 2. | Но | w many personal vehicles are owned or used by members in your household? |
| | | 0 |
| | | 1 |
| | | 2 or more |
| 3. | Are | e these vehicles available for use? If not, please state why: |
| | _ | |
| | | |
| | | OTE: Acceptable types of proof of income are pension/social security benefit statements, employment benefits, bank statements or current paystubs. |
| | | |
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SECTION 3 – ALL APPLICANTS

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I understand the information contained in this application will be kept confidential and shared only with professionals involved in evaluating my eligibility for **Paratransit Shared-Ride Service.** I certify the information provided in this application is true and correct. I understand that providing false or misleading information or making false statements on behalf of others constitutes fraud and is considered a felony under the laws of the State of Florida. I authorize the professional(s) listed to release information to CAT CONNECT Program about my disability and its effects on my ability to travel on the COLLIER AREA TRANSIT bus service (fixed route). I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time with written notice to CAT CONNECT Program.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED

| Signature of applicant: | | Date: |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| If Applicant is unable to sign this fo | rm, he/she may have someone sign | and certify on applicant's behalf |
| Proxy Signing for Applicant: | | Date: |
| Print Name: | | |
| Relationship to applicant: | | |
| | | |
| | WHEN COMPLETED, PLEASE | |
| MAIL APPLICATION TO: | CAT Connect Program CAT Operations Center 8300 RADIO ROAD NAPLES, FL 34104 | |
| OR FAX APPLICATION TO: | (239)252-4464 | |
| OR MAIL APPLICATION TO: | CATConnect@colliercountyfl.g | ov |

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MEDICAL VERIFICATION (Must be completed by accepted medical professional)

FOR ADA OR if you are applying for TD due to a medically verified physical or cognitive condition, impairment, or disability: A Medical Verification Form must be completed and signed by a licensed medical professional. Accepted medical professionals include:

Medical Doctor

- Audiologist
- Registered Nurse

- · Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
- Ophthalmologist
- · Physical Therapist

Doctor of Chiropractic

- Psychologist
- Licensed Practical Nurse

· Occupational Therapist - Licensed and Registered

Dear Medical Professional:

In order to process this applicant's request for CAT Connect eligibility, we require this form be completed. Only licensed medical professionals having knowledge of the applicant's functional ability to use the **Collier Area Transit (**CAT) bus service (fixed route) should complete this form. CAT Connect is the shared-ride door-to-door service and CAT is the fixed route bus service.

All CAT bus service (fixed route) vehicles are wheelchair accessible and equipped with wheelchair lifts. Therefore, use of a wheelchair does not automatically justify use of paratransit service. Bus operators or automatic systems announce major streets and intersections, and/or all vehicles are equipped with automated enunciators.

Thank you for your assistance.

Contact information:

CAT Connect Program Customer Service Phone:

(239) 252-7272 or (239) 252-7777

Fax: (239) 252-4464 or (239) 252-5753 Email: CATConnect@colliercountyfl.gov

Additional information can be found on our website www.goCATbus.com

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MEDICAL VERIFICATION – ADA & TD DISABILITY APPLICANTS (MUST BE COMPLETED BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL)

| AP | PLICANT'S NAM | IE: | | Date of Birth | n: <u>///</u> | | |
|-----------|--|--|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| 1. | What are the disability/ies or health conditions that affect the applicant's ability to use the Collier Area Transit bus service (fixed route)? | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | | | | | | |
| | Does this person require a Personal Care Attendant (PCA) while traveling? Yes No How long has this disability been present? | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| | Is the disability □ permanent, □ temporary or □ progressive? | | | | | | |
| | If temporary, how long? | | | | | | |
| 4. | Please describe any other medical conditions this person has at this time and severity, in detail, including any restrictions, limitation, and prognosis | | | | | | |
| | - | | | | | | |
| | 1 | | | | | | |
| 5. | | ow long have these conditions been present? | | | | | |
| | Is condition □ pe | ermanent, 🛮 temporary or | □ progressive? | | | | |
| 6. | Is this person able to: | | | | | | |
| | ☐ Yes ☐ No | Communicate addresses, de | estinations, and phone | numbers? | | | |
| | ☐ Yes ☐ No | Read and/or monitor time? | | | | | |
| | ☐ Yes ☐ No | Ask for, understand, and foll | ow instructions? | | | | |
| | \square Yes \square No \square Deal with unexpected situations or changes in routine? | | | | | | |
| | ☐ Yes ☐ No | Safely and effectively travel | through crowded or co | mplex facilities? | | | |
| tru ex | e and correct. I amination of the | wledge that, to the best of a understand that providing e eligibility status of the ap s of the state of Florida. | false or misleading | information coul | d result in the re- | | |
| Sig | gnature: | | | Date: | | | |
| Pri | nt or type Name a | ind Title: | | | | | |
| Sta | ate of Florida Licei | nse Number: | | | | | |
| Bu | siness Address: | | | Phone Number: | | | |
| Cit | y: | | State: | Zip Code: | | | |
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Appendix C: Vehicle Inventory

| PARATRANSIT VEHICLES | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| UNIT# | YEAR | MAKE | ТҮРЕ | LIFT/RAMP | MILEAGE | VIN# | FUNDING SOURCE | OWNER |
| CC2-1045 | 2015 | CHEVROLET | GLAVEL | LIFT | 141,552 | 1GB6G5BL4E1202016 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1046 | 2015 | CHEVROLET | GLAVEL | LIFT | 133,101 | 1GB6G5BL7E1201782 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1047 | 2015 | CHEVROLET | GLAVEL | LIFT | 137606 | 1GB6G5BL2E1201074 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1048 | 2015 | CHEVROLET | GLAVEL | LIFT | 116,820 | 1GB6G5BL9E1201346 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1049 | 2015 | CHEVROLET | GLAVEL | LIFT | 150,815 | 1GB6G5BL5E1201389 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1113 | 2015 | CHEVROLET | GLAVEL | LIFT | 122,302 | 1GB6G5BL0F1259279 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1114 | 2015 | CHEVROLET | GLAVEL | LIFT | 117,513 | 1GB6G5BL0F1261808 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1115 | 2015 | CHEVROLET | GLAVEL | LIFT | 108,409 | 1GB6G5BL8F1262043 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1116 | 2015 | CHEVROLET | GLAVEL | LIFT | 118,259 | 1GB6G5BL6F1263000 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1117 | 2015 | CHEVROLET | GLAVEL | LIFT | 114,810 | 1GB6G5BL0F1263333 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1376 | 2016 | VPG | MV1 | RAMP | 45,796 | 57WMD2C64GM100120 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1377 | 2016 | VPG | MV1 | RAMP | 9,000 | 57WMD2C63GM100433 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1378 | 2016 | VPG | MV1 | RAMP | 20,074 | 57WMD2C64GM100540 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1410 | 2016 | CHEVROLET | GLAVEL | LIFT | 73,349 | 1GB6GUBL7G1138289 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1411 | 2016 | CHEVROLET | GLAVEL | LIFT | 59,624 | 1GB6GUBL0G1140658 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1412 | 2016 | CHEVROLET | GAVEL | LIFT | 52,728 | 1GB6GUBL3G1265573 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1842 | 2017 | FORD | GAVEL | LIFT | 1,521 | 1FDFE4FS3HDC70786 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1843 | 2017 | FORD | GAVEL | LIFT | 1,465 | 1FDFE4FS2HDC70794 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1844 | 2017 | FORD | GAVEL | LIFT | 1,467 | 1FDFE4FS7HDC70791 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-1845 | 2017 | FORD | GAVEL | LIFT | 1,496 | 1FDFE4FS1HDC70785 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-793 | 2013 | CHEVROLET | TURTLE TOP | LIFT | 202,888 | 1GB6G5B6LD1153772 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-794 | 2013 | CHEVROLET | TURTLE TOP | LIFT | 189,177 | 1GB6G5BL6D1153948 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-795 | 2013 | CHEVROLET | TURTLE TOP | LIFT | 194,455 | 1GB6G5BL6D1155019 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-868 | 2012 | VPG | MV1 | RAMP | 89,668 | 523MF1A60CM101667 | 5310 | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-879 | 2014 | FORD | E450 | LIFT | 176,656 | 1FDEE4FL0EDA75938 | S CONROY | Collier BOCC |
| CC2-997 | 2014 | VPG | MV1 | RAMP | 76,441 | 57WMD1A65EM100427 | S CONROY | Collier BOCC |

| Paratransit Replacement | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Year | No. of Vehicles | | | | |
| 2018 | 0 | | | | |
| 2019 | 4 | | | | |
| 2020 | 5 | | | | |
| 2021 | 6 | | | | |
| 2022 | 5 | | | | |
| 2023 | 5 | | | | |
| 2024 | 1 | | | | |
| 2025 | 0 | | | | |
| 2026 | 1 | | | | |



Bus Transit System Annual Safety and Security Certification

Certifying Compliance with Rule 14-90, FAC to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

February 2, 2018. MV Contract Transportation, Inc. 8300 Radio Rd Naples, Fl. 34104

The Bus Transit System (Agency) named above hereby certifies the following:

- The Agency has adopted a System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) and a Security Program Plan (SPP) pursuant to the standards set forth in Rule Chapter 14-90, Florida Administrative Code.
- 2. The Agency is in compliance with its adopted SSPP and SPP.
- 3. The Agency has performed annual safety inspections on all operational vehicles in accordance with Rule Chapter 14-90, Florida Administrative Code.
- 4. The Agency has conducted reviews of SSPP and SPP and the plans are up to date.

Blue Ink Signature: ______ Date: 2/26/18

(Individual Responsible for Assurance of Compliance)

Name: <u>Braian Morales</u> Title: <u>General Manager</u>

Name and address of entity(ies) which has (have) performed bus safety inspections and security assessments:

Name: MV Contract Transportation, Inc.

Address: 8300 Radio Rd Naples, FL 34104

Name of Qualified Mechanic who Performed Annual Inspections: All Out Automotive Rodney Batcher

^{*} Note: Please do not edit or otherwise change this form.

Appendix E: CTD Rate Model Worksheet

