

# HOLMES-WASHINGTON

## TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICE PLAN

*(THE COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT-HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN)*



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**COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**  
**Holmes and Washington Counties, Florida**

Name: West Florida Regional Planning Council  
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The Designated Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:

1. The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(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 service area community.

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM
Co-Chairs Elected Officials	Lynn Gothard	Bobby Sasnett	
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	
Disabled	Blanche Phillips	Janet Lawrence	2015-2018
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	
Citizen Advocate/User	Jonita Taylor	Vacant	2015-2018
Veteran Services	Christopher Hyatt	Joey Marsh	
Community Action	Sandy Pritchard	Louis Barbee / Kathy Shull	
Local Public Education	Bill Lee	Vacant	
FDOT	Kathy Rudd	Vanessa Strickland	
FL Dept. of Children & Families	Rob Forbus	Vacant	
FL Dept. of Education	Amy Keith	Vacant	
FL Dept. of Elder Affairs	Linda Wood	Anita Ingersoll	
FL AHCA (Medicaid)	John Vinski	Medicaid Staff	
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	
Private Transportation Industry	Randy Truette	Steve Connell	2016-2019
Mass/Public Transit	N/A	N/A	
Workforce Development Board	Rose Adams	Susan Grimes	
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	

SIGNATURE: 

TITLE: *WFRPC Vice Chair*

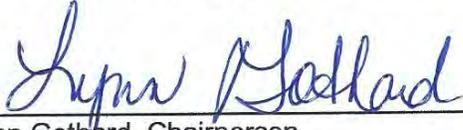
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Holmes-Washington Membership Certification FY 2016-2017

## Local Coordinating Board – Roll Call Vote

The Local Coordinating Board for **Holmes and Washington Counties** hereby certifies that an annual evaluation of this Community Transportation Coordinator, **Tri-County Community Council**, was conducted consistent with the policies of the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and all recommendations of that evaluation have been incorporated in this Service Plan. We further certify that the rates contained herein have been thoroughly reviewed, evaluated, and approved. This **Holmes-Washington Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan** was reviewed and approved by this Board at an official meeting held on **May 17, 2016**.

6/3/16  
Date

  
Lynn Gothard, Chairperson

Approved by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged:

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Date

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Executive Director

### Holmes-Washington Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan Local Coordinating Board for Holmes and Washington Counties – Roll Call Vote

Representation	Member	Meeting Attendance		Approval Vote		
		Present	Absent	Yes	No	Abstain
Elected Official - Chair	Lynn Gothard	X		X		
Elected Official	Bobby Sasnett	X		X		
Elderly	Vacant		---			
Disabled	Blanche Phillips	X		X		
Citizen Advocate	Vacant		---			
Citizen Advocate/User	Jonita Taylor	X		X		
Veteran Services	Christopher Hyatt		X			
Community Action	Louis Barbee	X		X		
Local Public Education	Bill Lee		X			
FDOT	Kathy Rudd	X		X		
FL Dept of Children & Families	Rob Forbus	X		X		
FL Dept of Education	Amy Keith (in audience, did not vote)	X				
FL Dept of Elder Affairs	Anita Ingersoll	X		X		
FL AHCA (Medicaid)	John Vinski	X		X		
Children At Risk	Vacant		---			
Private Trans Industry	Steve Connell	X		X		
Workforce Dev Board	Rose Adams	X		X		
Local Medical Community	Vacant		---			

# General Information

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The Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) is an annually updated tactical plan jointly developed by the Planning Agency (West Florida Regional Planning Council) and the Coordinator (Tri County Community Council) which contains development, service, and quality assurance components. The Local Coordinating Board reviews and approves the TDSP and it is submitted to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for final action.

The Federal Transit Administration modified several of its circulars for funding assistance in support of the federal Safe Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Beginning in fiscal year 2007, projects selected for funding under the Elderly Individuals and individuals with Disabilities, Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC), and New Freedom program must be derived from a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. These projects should be identified within the Needs Assessment and Goals, Objectives and Strategies sections of the Development Plan. The plan must be developed through a process that includes representatives of public, private, and non-profit transportation and human service providers and participation by the public. Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan is developed through the input of Local Coordinating Boards whose membership includes citizens, public transportation, and human service providers. In addition to being a statutory requirement of Chapter 427, the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan may also be used to satisfy this federal requirement.

Through the guidance and support of the Coordinating Board, both the development and service components should complement each other. The Local Coordinating Board plays an important role in the support, advisement, monitoring, and evaluation of the Coordinator based on the approved Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. Through the Local Coordinating Board's involvement in the review and approval of the plan, the Coordinating Board is able to guide and support the Coordinator in implementing coordination efforts and locally developed service standards that are consistent with the needs and resources of the community.

A Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan must be developed and maintained for each service area as recognized by the Commission. An initial Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan is due within 120 calendar days after the execution of the initial Memorandum of Agreement. The Service Plan will cover a five-year period, with annual updates for years two through five, due prior to July 1 of each subsequent year. The development and submission of the Service Plan and annual updates are the responsibility of the Coordinator, the Planning Agency, and the Local Coordinating Board. **In order to prevent any loss of funding, it is critical that the plan and updates are submitted timely.**

The Planning Agency is responsible for ensuring that the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) is completed, approved, and signed by the Local Coordinating Board.

A copy of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan will be furnished to the Community Transportation Coordinator and the Planning Agency after it has been executed by the Commission.

The general information provided in this section is from the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Instruction Manual for the Memorandum of Agreement and the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan 2007/2008 (Rev. November 2007).

According to Florida Statutes [ss 427.011(1)], Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) persons are defined as “those persons who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation and are, therefore, dependent upon others to obtain access to health care, employment, shopping, social activities, or children who are handicapped or high-risk or at risk as defined in s. 411.202.”

The primary goal of community transportation is to provide people with access to places for work, medical care, and shopping so that they can live vital, productive and rewarding lives. It is easy to take such access for granted in our society, yet the lack of transportation resources is a major barrier for many people who are unable to drive or do not have access to a car and must depend on friends or family to help them meet their basic daily needs. The inability to travel often leads to isolation, withdrawal from society and neglect of medical needs.

The Holmes-Washington Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) addresses the needs of elderly, disabled or economically disadvantaged people in Holmes and Washington Counties and reflects a careful review of various data, travel patterns, policies, agency responsibilities and funding to define a five-year detailed implementation plan (which is updated annually) to help meet those needs.

The TDSP is comprised of three parts:

**Development Plan** – identifies long term goals and objectives for the local program based on data provided. The goals and objectives offer accountability and opportunities to implement strategies to address the needs and gaps of local transportation for the disadvantaged.

**Service Plan** – identifies the operational and administrative structure as it exists today.

**Quality Assurance** – describes the methods utilized to evaluate the services provided by the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC), transportation providers, and the Planning Agency. This section also discusses the local service standards established by the coordinating board that are used to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the system.

The TDSP is developed in accordance with Florida Law and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination in public accommodation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or of marital status. Persons believing they have been discriminated against on these conditions may file a complaint with the Florida Commission on Human Relations at 850-488-7082 or 800-342-8170 (voice messaging).

# Development Plan

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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE AREA**

The preparation and development of a Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) provides agencies, coordinators, planners and citizens with a blueprint for coordinated service, a framework for service performance evaluation and a means to project vision in the transportation disadvantaged services for the future. A strategic approach has been used to develop this TDSP. First, an evaluation of the current strengths and weaknesses of the service area is accomplished. This includes compiling a database of demographics and existing conditions, and reviewing TD related plans and service providers. This will answer the question: Where are we? Secondly, there is an in-depth assessment of the goals and objectives, which will provide direction and answer the question: Where do we go from here? This is accomplished by reviewing the supply and demand of services and funding provided. An evaluation of existing services versus TD needs and demands is undertaken using a transportation service supply and condition approach. Thirdly, we answer the question: How do we get where we want to go from where we are? This is accomplished by developing a plan to achieve the service area's goals while building on the strengths and eliminating the weaknesses.

### **Background of the Transportation Disadvantaged Program**

The State of Florida is a recognized leader of providing coordinated human services transportation for individuals that are transportation disadvantaged. In 1989, a major commitment to mobility in the State of Florida was formalized when the legislature revised Chapter 427 Florida Statutes (F.S.) creating the Florida Coordinated Transportation System (FCTS) and a dedicated funding source. The FCTS includes the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD); Designated Official Planning Agencies (DOPA); Community Transportation Coordinators (CTC); Local Coordinating Boards (LCB); Transportation Operators (TO); purchasing and funding agencies/entities; and most importantly, those in need, the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD). Chapter 427 defines TD persons as those persons who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation. The legislation also includes children who are "high-risk" or "at-risk" of developmental disabilities.

The local organization providing the coordination as well as operational services for Holmes and Washington Counties is the Tri County Community Council, Inc. They have been instrumental in providing transportation disadvantaged services to the community since 1983. A history of how Tri County came to provide services in Holmes and Washington Counties is discussed in the following section.

### **Community Transportation Coordinator Designation Date/History**

In January 1983, Tri-County Community Council, Inc. (TCCC) was named the Community Transportation Coordinator by the Holmes County Board of County Commissioners and the Washington County Board of County Commissioners.

In 1990, the West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC) was designated as the planning agency for Holmes County and Washington County, according to Florida Statutes, and has continued to be since the first planning contract was executed in August of 1990. Since that time, the WFRPC continues striving to serve the Transportation Disadvantaged in Northwest Florida.

In September 1990, Tri-County was recommended by WFRPC as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Holmes and Washington Counties and was subsequently approved by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as such.

In 2003, a Request for Proposals was conducted and Tri-County was again selected as the Community Transportation Coordinator and approved by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Since being named the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC), Tri-County Community Council, Inc. has provided transportation services for local non-emergency medical treatment, nutrition, shopping, education, recreation, employment, and other daily needs. Transportation disadvantaged services for specialized non-emergency medical purposes are provided in and out of the counties.

Again in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2013, a Request for Proposals was conducted. Tri-County Community Council, Inc., a non-profit corporation, was the only proposer. Tri-County was evaluated, selected, and recommended as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC). At the May 21, 2013 meeting of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, the Commission approved Tri-County Community Council, Inc. to serve as the CTC for Holmes and Washington Counties. This designation is effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

### **Organization Charts**

Organizational charts have been included in the appendices. The charts identify those involved in the provision of service, from the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, through the local Coordinating Board, to the Community Transportation Coordinator and the Planning Agency, and to the consumers. The Transportation Disadvantaged Program Concept Chart is shown in Figure 1 and the CTC Organization Chart is shown in Figure 2.

### **Consistency Review of Other Plans**

The Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan is consistent, where applicable, with local government Comprehensive Plans, Regional Policy Plans, Transit Development Plans, Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged 5Yr/20Yr Plan, MPO Long Range Transportation Plans, and Transportation Improvement Programs. Applicable plans are briefly discussed in the sections below. The areas where public transportation are addressed have been highlighted.

#### **Local Government Comprehensive Plans**

##### *Holmes County (including Cities of Bonifay, Esto, Noma, Ponce De Leon, and Westville)*

The local government who has developed a comprehensive plan is Holmes County (which also includes the Cities of Bonifay, Esto, Noma, Ponce De Leon, and Westville). The comprehensive plan is addressed in the following paragraphs. A focus will be placed on the public transportation component of the plan.

The TDSP is consistent with the following items from the Comprehensive Plan of Holmes County.

Alternate Modes – Alternatives to traditional automotive travel in Holmes County include efforts to promote bicycle and pedestrian travel, as well as ridesharing/vanpooling programs and coordinated services for the **transportation disadvantaged**. The need for incorporating these modes of transportation into the overall transportation network is predicated on the fact that Florida statutes require the consideration of alternative transportation as a component of Local Government Comprehensive Plans. Additionally, non-motorized transportation and ridesharing programs help to reduce traffic congestion in urbanized areas, as well as reducing fuel consumption, and improving air quality. Coordinated services for the **Transportation Disadvantaged** are mandated by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes in order to efficiently provide services for the elderly, handicapped, and the economically disadvantaged. Options for incorporating these modes of transportation into the transportation network are discussed below.

Coordinated Transportation Disadvantaged Services – The **Tri-County Community Council** has served as the designated provider of coordinated services for the **transportation disadvantaged** since 1983. Originally designated provider by the Holmes County Commission, the Tri-County Community Council provides client transportation services for local social service agencies for purposes such as medical, nutritional, shopping, educational and other purposes. The agency can also arrange non-sponsored transportation services for clients not sponsored by local social service agencies.

Under new legislation, the Holmes County **Transportation Disadvantaged** Coordinating Board will be responsible for recommending a Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinator to the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission in Tallahassee. It is recommended that Holmes County and local communities continue to support the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in the County by providing any required local funds and/or in-kind services to match state and federal funding.

Objective 8: **Transportation** services for the **disadvantaged** shall be supported.

Policy 8-1: Holmes County and its municipalities shall support the **transportation disadvantaged** program by providing any required local funds and/or in-kind services to match state and federal funds.

Objective 9: Public awareness of **alternative modes** of transportation shall be increased.

Policy 9-1: Holmes County and its municipalities shall make information on the Share-A-Ride Commuter Assistance Program, **Tri-County Community Council Coordinated Transportation Program**, and Bicycle/Pedestrian Programs at county and municipal offices.

### Washington County

Local governments who have developed a comprehensive plan and are located within Washington County are as follows: (1) Washington County (including the municipalities of Caryville, Ebro, Vernon, and Wausau) and (2) Chipley. These comprehensive plans are addressed in the following sections. A focus will be placed on the public transportation component of each of the plans.

The TDSP is consistent with the following items from the Comprehensive Plan of Washington County.

Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan: The purpose of the Transportation Element is to plan for a **multimodal** transportation system that places emphasis **on public transportation** systems for Washington County, the City of Caryville, the Town of Ebro, the City of Vernon, and the Town of Wausau. The Transportation Element will address all public roadways, bicycle facilities, sidewalks, multi-use walking trails and intermodal facilities (airports, park-and-ride lots etc.) where available. The Plan will continue to assess the needs for current and future transportation systems, establish policy guidelines for use by staff and decision makers at all levels of government, and set standards for the provision of **public transportation facilities**. There is a single goal with 16 objectives.

Transportation for the Disadvantaged Program: The **Tri-County Community Council** (a nonprofit organization) serves as the designated provider for the **Transportation for the Disadvantaged program** in Washington County and works in concert with the West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC). The primary goal of community transportation is to provide people with access to places for work, medical, and shopping so that they can live vital, productive and rewarding lives. It is easy to take such access for granted, yet the lack of transportation resources is a major barrier for many people who are unable to drive or do not have access to a car, and must depend on friends or family to help them meet their basic daily needs. The inability to travel often leads to isolation, withdrawal from society and neglect of medical needs, nutritional, shopping, education, and other purposes necessary to lead a healthy lifestyle.

The Washington County **Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP)** addresses the needs of elderly, disabled or economically disadvantaged people in Washington County, and reflects a careful review of various data, travel patterns, policies, agency responsibilities and funding to define a five-year detailed implementation plan to help meet those needs.

Public Transit and Rail: **Public Transportation System**. As the County is rural, **public transit** services are practically non-existent in Washington County. County residents rely on private automobiles and the arterial road system to get them to places of employment in Vernon, Chipley, Panama City, Marianna, and Dothan, Alabama. The Sunshine Express operated by Transportation for the Disadvantaged sponsored by the Tri-County Community Council has two regular routes within the City of Chipley during the day. The first route begins at 8:50 a.m. and the second route begins at 10:18 a.m., with both routes completed by noon. This service is limited to a three-day a week schedule. While it serves the residents of Chipley, it does not offer any

services to any area outside of Chipley. Other transportation can be arranged by appointment with the Council and may be used on occasion for transporting residents into to their employment locations on emergency basis or for medical.

Availability of Transportation Facilities and Services to Serve Existing Land Uses. Availability refers to the extent to which the transportation system provides access to serve existing land uses. Access to serve existing land uses requires an efficient network of connections. Roadways, **public transit**, bikeways, and pedestrian ways are transportation modes that require an extensive network of connections in order to serve existing uses. Due to the rural nature of Washington County, these modes of transportation are not practical except within the urban area of Chipley and Vernon, and to some extent, Wausau. Most residents living in Caryville, Ebro, Wausau, and Vernon are employed in other areas of the County as opposed to those municipalities. The 2000 Census reveals that the mean travel time to work (the total number of minutes it takes a person from home to work each day), is 28.9 minutes with the Florida average being 26.2. There are no delays within the County between points of departure and arrival.

Transportation needs of the County are to be addressed as well as the long-range objectives and projected needs of the FDOT transportation system from a regional perspective. To meet these needs, the County will continue to work with FDOT in formulating agreements that promote safety improvements, fast and effective disaster-related evacuation, and the FDOT Adopted Work Program. Cooperating with FDOT, the municipalities of Caryville, Ebro, Vernon, and Wausau, will implement transportation strategies which include access management, operational improvements, physical highway improvements, parking restrictions, **transit facility improvements**, and the provision of pedestrian/bicycle facilities. Traffic counts and projections will be determined for State Roads by FDOT.

Goals 1: The primary goal of the County will be to **provide and maintain a multi-modal transportation system** that meets required concurrency standards and to provide for safe, efficient, and effective travel for automobiles, pedestrians, and bicyclists throughout Washington County.

Objective 1: Throughout the planning period, roadway facilities and the LOS shall be maintained and improved to maintain no less than minimum levels of service (LOS) until such time as the County has adopted an adequate **multi-modal** Transportation Plan that more accurately determines LOS standards.

Policy 2-2: Provide incentive for developers to construct multi-modal elements within their projects including but not limited to nature trails, sidewalks, multi-use paths, bike lanes, and **public transportation stops**. Consideration for bonus point system on density of development or reductions of traffic concurrency fees through the Development Order approval process. The County will retain the right to approve other **multi-modal** elements at their discretion.

Policy 8-12: Allow flexibility in state and local participation in funding of **public transit projects** and encourage construction and use of toll facilities in order to meet transportation needs.

Policy 8-16: Establish parameters through Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners for point system that encourages **multi-modal** elements with a project.

Policy 13-1: The County and municipalities shall **support the transportation for disadvantaged program** by providing, when possible, any local funds/and in kind services to match state and federal funds.

Policy 13-2: The County and municipalities shall make information available on the RideOn Commuter Assistance Programs, **Tri-Community Council Transportation Disadvantaged Program**, and Bicycle/Pedestrian Programs at all county and municipal offices.

Policy 13-3: Initiate development of a plan for a **future public transportation system** with a hub in each municipality.

Policy 14-1: Use comprehensive planning efforts and policy incentives to create and encourage "**transitready**" development patterns in major metropolitan regions (or parts of metropolitan regions) that do not yet have **public transit**. Change federal transit investment review criteria to better acknowledge climate impacts, economic development impacts, and supportive comprehensive planning.

Policy 14-2: Ensure that schools and public facilities are accessible by walking, biking or **transit**; these facilities should be jointly located whenever appropriate. GHG emission impacts, particularly through potential for VMT reduction, should be considered in all location and investment decisions for public facilities.

Policy 14-4: Support development of **transit access** to airports and long-distance rail networks to increase national connectivity and reduce vehicle use for freight and long-distance passenger trips.

Policy 14-6: Support integrated **multi-modal** goods movement networks that minimize financial and environmental costs by making choices about operational methods and transportation modes that minimize greenhouse gas emissions.

Policy 14-7: Incorporate planning for **transit**, bicycle and pedestrian networks within local and regional comprehensive planning. Encourage development patterns that support transit and multi-modal transportation networks. Restructure state and federal funding to incentivize projects that demonstrate coordination and provide demonstrable impacts on reducing GHG emissions through supportive land use-transportation decisions.

Policy 14-8: Use community design and development review processes to secure rights-of-way and require provision of facilities needed to provide highly-connected street, **transit**, bicycle and pedestrian networks in neighborhoods, communities and regions.

Policy 14-9: Transportation programs and policies should support substantially increased investment in **transit**, including commuter rail, heavy rail, light rail, **bus rapid transit**, and **bus service**. **Transit investment** should be given greater priority in the allocation of funding. **Transit** has demonstrated significant GHG reduction capacity. Investment should support both the development of new systems and the expansion/maintenance of existing systems. **Transit** options that include alternative energy, renewables or low-emission systems should be encouraged.

Policy 15-3: Plan for local and regional development with higher density mixed-use development centers near **transit stops** and stations, and in other key locations such as historic town squares. Regulatory and other incentives should be adopted to encourage higher density development, particularly near transit. Development reviews policies and processes should acknowledge the GHG emission reduction impacts of higher density development and the negative climate impacts of sprawling, low density projects.

Policy 15-8: Implement zoning and development standards that promote significant changes in zoning and development standards. New policies and regulations should be developed that promote mixed use development, **transit-oriented design**, and greater development intensity to create communities with land use patterns with reduced energy consumption, fewer vehicle miles traveled and reduced greenhouse gases. New zoning and development standards should incorporate climate change impacts and implications in required environmental reviews and decision-making. Climate change should be incorporated into comprehensive planning that meets new emission goals and targets.

Objective 13: Throughout the planning period, **alternative methods of transportation** shall be supported and promoted by the County.

Rule 9J-5.019(2), FAC provides the County's Transportation Element be based upon the following analysis: (1) land use and transportation system interaction; (2) existing and projected transportation system level of service and system needs, including existing and projected **intermodal needs**; (3) maintaining the adopted transportation level of service standards; (4) consistency between the future land use and transportation

elements, and consistency with other transportation plans; and (5) promotion and support of **public transportation system** in designated **public transportation corridors**.

However, Washington County is primarily a rural county characterized mainly by low-density residential development throughout the County in areas that have a future land use of Agriculture/Silviculture. This type of land use is not conducive to a **public transportation system**. There has been no build-out in any of the older subdivisions within the County and none is expected now. New subdivision development is not allowed on any unpaved roads, and the County accepts only newly constructed paved roads as county-maintained roadways. The exception to subdivision is that in the past ten platted lots of one acre or more have been allowed as a clustered subdivision in Agriculture/Silviculture areas on unpaved roads.

#### City of Chipley (1990)

Traffic Circulation Element: Alternate Modes – Alternatives to traditional automotive travel in Chipley include efforts to promote bicycle and pedestrian travel, as well as ridesharing/vanpooling programs and coordinated services for the **transportation disadvantaged**. The need for incorporating these modes of transportation into the overall transportation network is predicated on the fact that Florida Statutes require the consideration of alternative transportation as a component of Local Government Comprehensive Plans. Additionally, non-motorized transportation and ridesharing programs help to reduce traffic congestion in urbanized areas, as well as reducing fuel consumption, and improving air quality. Coordinated services for the Transportation Disadvantaged are mandated by Chapter 427 of the Florida Statutes in order to efficiently provide services for the elderly, handicapped, and the economically disadvantaged.

Share A Ride Commuter Assistance Program – The Share A Ride Commuter Assistance Program was initiated in Washington County and the City of Chipley in 1983. The commuter Assistance Program is supported by fund from the FDOT and staffed by the West Florida Regional Planning Council. The goals of the Share A Ride Program are to decrease traffic congestions, air pollution, energy consumption and costs of commuting to work by reducing the demand for single occupant vehicle travel. The objectives are to increase the number of commuters arriving at work by carpool, vanpool, **bus**, and bicycle, and to increase the number of commuters who work on a variable hour schedule or work at home. These objectives are accomplished by implementing an array of strategies to influence commuting behavior.

Coordinated Transportation Disadvantaged Services – The **Tri-County Community Council** has served as the designated provider of coordinated services for the **transportation disadvantaged** since 1983. Originally designated provider by the Washington County Commission, the Tri-County Community Council provides client transportation services for local social service agencies for purposes such as medical, nutritional, shopping, educational and other purposes. The agency can also arrange non-sponsored transportation services for clients not sponsored by local social service agencies.

Under new legislation, the Washington County **Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board** will be responsible for recommending a **Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinator** to the **Transportation Disadvantaged Commission** in Tallahassee. It is recommended that the City of Chipley continue to support the **Transportation Disadvantaged Program** by providing any required local funds and/or in-kind services to match state and federal funding.

Objective 8: Transportation services for the **disadvantaged** shall be supported.

Policy 8-1: The City shall support the **transportation disadvantaged program** by providing any required local funds and/or in-kind services to match state and federal funds.

Objective 9: Public awareness of alternative modes of transportation shall be increased.

Policy 9-1: The City shall make information available on the Share-A-Ride Commuter Assistance Program, **Tri-County Community Council Coordinated Transportation Program**, and Bicycle/Pedestrian Programs at City Hall.

## **Regional Policy Plans**

The Bay County Transportation Planning Organization, and the counties of Gulf, Holmes and Washington established a new regional transportation partnership on September 28, 2005. This partnership was created by Interlocal Agreement using Chapter 163, Florida Statutes as its basis and written to comply with the new requirements for regional transportation coordination in Paragraph 339.175(5)(i)(2), approved by the Legislature in 2003. The new legislation authorized one or more TPO and one or more contiguous counties that are not members of a TPO, to enter into agreements to coordinate transportation plans and policies.

This transportation partnership was formed in response to a growing statewide awareness that transportation has become more regional in nature. Rapid growth and development has expanded across city limits and county boundaries. Roads that once primarily connected nearby towns now serve as major commuter routes and arteries for the delivery of goods to customers in expanding regions. The 2000 Census confirmed that one in five Floridians commutes to a job in neighboring counties.

The Bay, Gulf, Holmes, Washington Regional Transportation Partnership (RTP) was created for two purposes: (1) to implement regional coordination, which is a state planning emphasis area, between the Bay County TPO and the three surrounding rural counties, and (2) to establish the regional partnership required under Section 339.2819 F.S. to be eligible to apply for State Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funding. TRIP funds are state funds, available throughout Florida to provide incentives for local governments and the private sector to help pay for critically needed projects that benefit regional travel and commerce.

Voting Members (Executive Committee) are elected officials from the Bay County TPO and counties of Gulf, Holmes and Washington that constitute the RTP, as stated in the local agreement. The Voting Membership consists of eight members - with two members each appointed by the Member Agencies. Each Member serves a four- year term.

Regionally significant transportation facilities and services are those that serve regional transportation needs, such as access within the region and access to and from areas outside of the region. These facilities and service include: (a) Corridor – highway, waterway, rail, fixed guideway, and regional transit corridors serving military, major regional commercial, industrial, or medical facilities; and (b) Regional Transportation Hubs – military installations, passenger terminals (e.g., commuter rail, light rail, intercity transit, etc.), commercial service and major reliever airports, deepwater and special generator seaports, and major regional freight terminals and distribution centers.

## **Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged 5Yr/20Yr Plan**

The TDSP is consistent with the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged 5Yr/20Yr Plan, specifically the following key areas:

CTD Mission: To ensure the availability of efficient, cost effective and quality transportation services for transportation disadvantaged persons.

Guiding Principles: (1) Remember the customer/rider's needs first. (2) The Commission should work together in a collaborative and creative manner. (3) Promote the value and quality of service while looking for opportunities.

The Commission will be able to measure progress towards vision attainment by evaluating annual changes in the following performance measures: (1) cost per trip; (2) CTD cost as a percentage of total trip cost; (3) federal funding for TD; and (4) state funding for TD.

The quality of TD services will be measured by the expectation that a qualified individual will be picked up in a reasonably reliable, timely, safe and professional manner, as appropriate, given the locale.

The Commission will be able to measure progress towards vision attainment by evaluating annual changes in the following performance measures: (1) number of trips provided; (2) number of passengers/customers served; and (3) number of passenger complaints.

Maintain and preserve an efficient and effective transportation infrastructure that is accessible to all eligible transportation disadvantaged citizens while meeting the needs of the community.

The Commission will be able to measure progress towards vision attainment by conducting annual surveys and evaluating changes in the survey responses.

Establish a statewide and transportation disadvantaged system that functions seamlessly by coordinating service and operations across local government lines and that is flexible enough to accommodate and link special riders with providers.

The Commission will be able to measure progress toward vision attainment by evaluating annual changes in the following performance measures: (1) cost per trip; (2) number of passengers/customers served; and (3) trips per passenger.

### **Public Participation**

Tri-County Community Council, Inc. includes representatives of public, private and non-profit and human services providers as well as the public to participate in the developments and updates of the Holmes-Washington Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. The Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan is developed through input of the Holmes-Washington Local Coordinating Board whose membership includes citizens, local government, and human services providers.

It is essential that stakeholders such as: transportation providers, passengers, advocates, social service agencies, and other community groups are involved with input in the development and implementation of the local coordinated TDSP. This is culminated with the required annual local board public hearing that gives the public an overview of the CTC performance, TDSP Goals and Strategies and other public concerns, which will be held this year on May 21, 2013.

The Holmes-Washington Transportation Program Manager contacts three (3) human service agencies each month to discuss transportation services and obtains comments about transportation service. The contracts and comments are documented on the Monthly Operations Report.

Holmes-Washington Transportation Program Manager has partnered with local businesses and individual citizens to assist with locating employment and maintaining employment through the use of transportation services. Hours of operation and routes have been expanded to meet the needs of citizens that do not have transportation to and from work.



Holmes-Washington Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Meeting held on May 15, 2012.

A public hearing was held on May 17, 2016 to offer an opportunity for anyone with comments or questions to address the Local Coordinating Board.

## SERVICE AREA PROFILE/DEMOGRAPHICS

For this annual update, it was decided to not include the entire section on demographics since the data from the last 5-year update is outdated and the 2010 census information has not been released. The demographics data will be updated once the 2010 census information is made available.

### Service Area Description

Holmes County, located in northwest Florida on the northern edge of the panhandle, encompasses an area of 490 square miles or 313,728 acres. Boundaries include the State of Alabama on the north; Walton County on the west; Washington County on the south and east; and Jackson County on the east. Bonifay has been the county seat since 1905.

Washington County is located in the central portion of the northwest panhandle of Florida and occupies a total land area of 597 square miles, consisting primarily of rolling terrain utilized for tree, crop and dairy farming. The County Seat is located in the City of Chipley. Holmes County borders north and west, Walton County on the west, Bay County on the south and Jackson County on the east and north. A major state government employer is the Florida Department of Transportation District Office in Chipley. Leading manufacturers are lumber and wood product firms. In the 2000 Census, the per capita income was \$14,980, the median household income was \$27,922 and approximately 19.2% of the households were below the poverty level.

## SERVICE ANALYSIS

The analysis of Tri-County Community Council's service is composed of three criteria: forecasts of transportation disadvantaged population, needs assessment, and barriers to coordination.

### Forecasts for Transportation Disadvantaged Population

Guidelines were developed for the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and intended to provide consistency among TD population estimates across the state. The state's Coordinated Transportation System serves two population groups. The first group, the Potential TD Population includes persons who are elderly, disabled, or low-income and children who are a high risk or at-risk.

Persons in the first group are eligible to receive government and social service agency subsidies for transportation trips. In addition to the subsidies received by the first group, the TD Population is eligible to receive transportation trips paid for with TD Trust Fund monies for general transportation requirements which include trips to such places as: work, the grocery store and for non-Medicaid medical appointments.

Table 1 below summarizes the Forecasts of the "Potential" Transportation Disadvantaged Population in Holmes County from 2007 – 2012.

**TABLE 1**

<b>Forecasts of Holmes County's Potential Transportation Disadvantaged Population 2007 – 2012</b>						
Market Segment	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Disabled, Non-Elderly, Low Income	295	295	295	296	296	296
Disabled, Non-Elderly, Non-Low Income	903	904	905	906	907	908
Disabled, Elderly, Low Income	557	564	571	577	584	591
Disabled, Elderly, Non-Low Income	1,682	1,701	1,720	1,741	1,761	1,781
Non-Disabled, Elderly, Low Income	440	445	450	456	461	466
Non-Disabled, Elderly, Non-Low Income	1,326	1,342	1,358	1,373	1,389	1,406
Non-Disabled, Non-Elderly, Low Income	3,054	3,057	3,060	3,063	3,066	3,069
Potential TD Population	8,257	8,308	8,359	8,412	8,464	8,517

Source: CUTR and WFRPC.

The second group, the TD Population, is a subset of the first group and includes those persons who are Transportation Disadvantaged according to the eligibility guidelines in Chapter 427 F.S. The County's estimated Transportation Disadvantaged Population for 2007 was 3,046 which totaled 15% of the County's Population. The Transportation Disadvantaged Population is estimated to increase to 3,144 by the year 2012. A forecast of each market segment for the Transportation Disadvantaged Population for 2007 to 2012 is located in Table 2.

**TABLE 2**

<b>Forecasts of Holmes County's Transportation Disadvantaged Population 2007 - 2012</b>						
Market Segment	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Transportation Handicapped, Non-Elderly, Low Income	224	225	225	225	225	225
Transportation Handicapped, Non-Elderly, Non-Low Income	688	688	689	690	691	692
Transportation Handicapped, Elderly, Low Income	373	377	382	386	391	395
Transportation Handicapped, Elderly, Non-Low Income	1,125	1,138	1,151	1,165	1,178	1,192
Non-Transportation Handicapped, Low Income, No Auto, No Public Transit	636	637	637	638	639	640
<b>Transportation Disadvantaged Population</b>	<b>3,046</b>	<b>3,065</b>	<b>3,084</b>	<b>3,104</b>	<b>3,124</b>	<b>3,144</b>

Source: CUTR and WFRPC.

Table 3 below summarizes the Forecasts of the "Potential" Transportation Disadvantaged Population in Washington County from 2007 – 2012.

**TABLE 3**

<b>Forecasts of Washington County's Potential Transportation Disadvantaged Population 2007 – 2012</b>						
Market Segment	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Disabled, Non-Elderly, Low Income	397	398	400	402	403	405
Disabled, Non-Elderly, Non-Low Income	1,456	1,463	1,469	1,474	1,481	1,487
Disabled, Elderly, Low Income	645	660	674	689	704	720
Disabled, Elderly, Non-Low Income	2,102	2,147	2,195	2,243	2,292	2,342
Non-Disabled, Elderly, Low Income	596	609	622	636	650	664
Non-Disabled, Elderly, Non-Low Income	1,939	1,982	2,026	2,070	1,116	2,163
Non-Disabled, Non-Elderly, Low Income	2,828	2,840	2,851	2,863	2,875	2,887
<b>Potential TD Population</b>	<b>9,963</b>	<b>10,099</b>	<b>10,237</b>	<b>10,377</b>	<b>9,521</b>	<b>10,668</b>

Source: CUTR and WFRPC.

The second group, the TD Population, is a subset of the first group and includes those persons who are Transportation Disadvantaged according to the eligibility guidelines in Chapter 427 F.S. The County's estimated Transportation Disadvantaged Population for 2007 was 3,027 which totaled 14.4% of the County's Population. The Transportation Disadvantaged Population is estimated to increase to 3,248 by the year 2012. A forecast of each market segment for the Transportation Disadvantaged Population for 2007 to 2012 is located in Table 4.

**TABLE 4**

<b>Forecasts of Washington County's Transportation Disadvantaged Population 2007 – 2012</b>						
Market Segment	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Transportation Handicapped, Non-Elderly, Low Income	148	149	150	150	151	151
Transportation Handicapped, Non-Elderly, Non-Low Income	545	547	549	552	554	557
Transportation Handicapped, Elderly, Low Income	376	384	393	401	410	419
Transportation Handicapped, Elderly, Non-Low Income	1,224	1,252	1,279	1,307	1,336	1,365
Non-Transportation Handicapped, Low Income, No Auto, No Public Transit	734	738	742	747	751	756
<b>Transportation Disadvantaged Population</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>3,070</b>	<b>3,113</b>	<b>3,157</b>	<b>3,202</b>	<b>3,248</b>

Source: CUTR and WFRPC.

According to the "Forecasting Paratransit Services Demand - Review and Recommendations" Final Report prepared by the National Center for Transit Research (NCTR) for the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD), the paratransit demand methodology utilized by many was developed in 1993. The methodology was based on trip rates that were derived from a 1988 Urban Mass Transportation Administration (the predecessor of today's Federal Transit Administration) study that utilized trip rates derived from travel behavior in the San Francisco area.

The report states that while the methodology was appropriate at the time, the CTD has matured, and with the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990, significant changes have occurred in terms of the mobility options that are available for persons with disabilities.

Additionally, the existing methodology was based on 1990 U.S. Census data. This outdated data source could not account for changes in the population that have occurred in the 20 years since the methodology's development. Much of the demographic and socio-economic data that is necessary for the preparation of TD population and demand forecasts are now collected by the U.S. Census Bureau on an annual basis. This richer data source captures changing population characteristics that influence transportation demand.

Also, as a result of this research effort, a dynamic spreadsheet that can be frequently updated with new data was developed to assist Florida transportation planners with TD demand forecasting. Unlike the existing forecasting tool, this approach does require some user input, and the inputs are straightforward and can be completed by most anyone with basic spreadsheet skills. This new analytical tool does not require complex data sets or specialized software often required of more sophisticated model resources that may not be available to all agencies.

Step-by-step instructions are provided for accessing the required inputs, including the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) age, income, disability, and county level population data. Other data used in the model, such as those from the National Household Travel Survey (NHTS) and the U.S. Census Bureau's Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), have been pre-coded in the spreadsheet tool for ease of use.

Therefore, Tables 1-4 will be updated as soon as possible using this new methodology.

## Needs Assessment

In assessing the transportation (service and capital purchase) needs and demands for individuals with disabilities, elderly, low income, and high risk and at-risk children, the following projects with estimated costs and funding sources have been identified and are summarized in Table 5 below.

**TABLE 5**

Project	County	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Formula (competitive) grant to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services.	Holmes & Washington	To be determined	Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - 5310
Capital and/or operating assistance to provide rural transportation service in Holmes & Washington Counties.	Holmes & Washington	\$304,239	Non-Urbanized Area – 5311
Capital funding to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses, vans, and related equipment, and to construct bus-related facilities. Funds are eligible to be transferred by the state to supplement urban and rural formula grant programs (e.g., 5307 and 5311).	Holmes & Washington	To be determined	Bus & Bus Facilities (5339)
To determine whether a new or innovative technique or measure can be used to improve or expand public transit services. Service Development Projects specifically include projects involving the use of new technologies; services, routes, or vehicle frequencies; the purchase of special transportation services; and other such techniques for increasing service to the riding public.	Holmes & Washington	To be determined	Public Transit Service Development Funds
Provide transportation services for other human services organizations through the transportation services coordinated by the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC).	Holmes & Washington	\$ 471,350 \$ 450,000 \$ 10,000 \$ 4,000 \$ 100,000 \$ 5,000 \$ 3,000 \$ 42,421	TD-CTD Medicaid Broker Head Start Older Americans APD County United Way Farebox

### Barriers to Coordination

The following are continued barriers to adequate coordination:

- Large County TD population spread throughout the county creating longer trips.
- Lack of specialty doctors in county creates need for long distance out-of-county trips to other medical specialists.
- Lack of cooperation from medical specialists in scheduling medical appointments on designated transportation days provided for out-of-county trips.
- Lack of commitment with scarce tax dollars.
- Perception that coordinated transportation is for the poor.
- Not enough funding to cover demand.
- Lack of medical providers and failure of their willingness to cooperate with transportation coordinator.
- Specific issues related to funding sources.

## **GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND STRATEGIES**

Develop goals, objectives and strategies for the local coordinated transportation program. Goals, objectives, and strategies are critical to the implementation of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. They are important policy statements that have been carefully considered by the Coordinator and the Planning Agency with the direction and support of the Coordinating Board. They represent a statement of local policy that will be used to manage the future transportation disadvantaged program within the service area. The plan for advancing from where you are today to where you need to be should be presented in this section through long range goals, specific measurable objectives, and strategies.

A goal is a statement of purposed intended to define an ultimate end or condition. It reflects a direction of action, and is a subjective value statement. Goals may include more than one objective. That is, there may be more than one milestone necessary to achieve a goal.

An objective is a specific, measurable action that can be taken toward achieving the goal. Objectives should be dated. Deficiencies and corresponding corrective actions, as well as any service improvements or expansions should be identified within this section as dated objectives.

Strategies are specific actions that will be taken to achieve the objectives. These represent priority actions that will be carried out as part of the planning or quality assurance activities. For accountability purposes, the annual evaluation of the Coordinator should assess both the progress on the strategies themselves and how well the strategies that have been implemented advance the progress towards reaching or achieving the corresponding objectives.

The following Goals and Objectives were updated. The Objectives and Strategies are consistent with previous year's Objectives and Strategies. Some wording has been updated to include specific dates and proposed JARC and New Freedom Projects. The goals are categorized into service availability, efficiency, quality of service, necessary funding and program accountability. The strategies are pursuant to adequate funding available.

Also, to ensure quality of service is provided to the transportation disadvantaged (Goal 3), Tri-County Community Council has a training plan that is intended to facilitate the training needs of their Transportation Program. A copy of Tri-County Community Council Transportation Training Plan is included after the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies spreadsheets.

<b>GOAL 1: Ensure availability of transportation services to the Transportation Disadvantaged</b>	
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>STRATEGIES</b>
1. Increase service to meet trip demand, with available funding, while maintaining existing services. (Continuous)	a. Continue to pursue grants/funds to support transportation services.
2. Increase collaboration with entities involved in the FCTS.	a. Network with other Community Transportation Coordinators by sharing system improvements and funding opportunities. (Continuous) b. Identify potential Coordination and Purchase of Service Contracts including the VA Shuttle to Pensacola.
3. Increase passenger and general public awareness of Transportation Services.	a. Update information for marketing plan for educating public on transportation services. (Continuous) b. Enhance informational materials (brochures) for riders of the system and upgrade when necessary. c. Initiate workshops, health fairs, expos, by providing brochures and staff representation and seek out new outreach efforts. (Continuous)
<b>GOAL 2: Ensure cost-effective and efficient transportation services.</b>	
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>STRATEGIES</b>
1. Deliver efficient service by the most cost effective means.	a. Establish and maintain desirable load factor by improving trip coordination. (Continuous) b. Report monthly to administration system efficiency and cost effectiveness (Monthly).
<b>GOAL 3: Ensure quality of service provided to the Transportation Disadvantaged</b>	
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>STRATEGIES</b>
1. Maintain courteous and respectful customer relations.	a. Ensure that customer service standards are met and monitored monthly and reported quarterly to the Local Coordinating Board. (Immediate and Future) b. Provide employee customer service training three times per year. Hold quarterly dinners for drivers as a forum to express their opinions and concerns to the administration. (Quarterly) c. Use rider surveys to review feedback from riders and agencies as a tool to encourage the system to consistently provide excellent service. (Continuous) d. Monitor AOR complaints/recommendations and make corrections, when necessary. (Immediate)
2. Improve customer comfort, safety and security.	a. Highlight safety practices by employees through internal safety recognition program. (Continuous). b. Conduct safety training as required for new employees and updated for existing employees. c. Report all accident and road call records. (Quarterly)

3. Reduce customer travel and wait time.	a. Maintain dialogue with health care facilities to enhance coordination of appointment times. (Continuous)
<b>GOAL 4: Ensure necessary funding to support the program</b>	
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>STRATEGIES</b>
1. Solicit funds to meet more of the trip demand.	a. Seek funding from local government and private entities to provide local match for transportation services. (Continuous)
2. Encourage all human service agencies to identify and assign adequate funding to meet transportation needs of their clients.	a. Encourage all area human service providers to attend Local Coordinating Board meetings. b. Encourage all agencies to list transportation costs as a separate budget line item to encourage a dedicated transportation allocation for their clients.
<b>GOAL 5: Ensure program accountability</b>	
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>STRATEGIES</b>
1. Comply with procedures, rules and regulations outlined by Florida Legislature and the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission.	a. Comply with contract standards and submit an accurate Annual Operating Report (AOR) including all Purchase of Service and Coordination Contracts data. (Continuous)
2. Provide uniform, accurate, and timely submittal of data for contract requirements. (Continuous)	a. Comply with the Community Transportation Disadvantaged contract requirements.
3. Collect, compile, report and maintain necessary data for program evaluation.	a. Prepare a quarterly report to the LCB outlining activities over the quarter. (Quarterly)

**Tri-County Community Council, Inc.  
2016/17 Transportation Training Plan**

The following training plan is intended to facilitate the training needs of the Tri-County Community Council, Inc. Transportation Program. Records of training will be maintained on a spreadsheet at the Administrative Office identifying employee training. Additional training will be provided as needed and noted in training records.

January	Defensive Driving & Backing
February	QUARTERLY MEETING - Driver Handbook, SSPP, HIPPA
March	Passenger Assistance & Securement
April	Operation of wheelchair lift and other special equipment; Driving conditions
May	QUARTERLY MEETING - HSP, Handling of Emergencies & Security Threats
June	Operations Bus and Equipment Inspections, Bus Equipment Familiarization; Pre-& Post-Trip Inspections
July	Safe Transport of Oxygen; Wireless Communication Plan/Cell phone safety
August	QUARTERLY MEETING - Basic Operations and Maneuvering
September	Security & Threat Awareness
October	Boarding & Alighting Passengers; Evacuations
November	QUARTERLY MEETING - Drug and Alcohol Training; BBP
December	Training for incidents that have happened throughout the year & Accident Policy, Broker Training

*At orientation, each employee is given a copy of the Transportation Handbook, System Safety Program Plan, DOT Substance Abuse Policies, Zero Tolerance and Core Competency Training, and shown videos: DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing: Your Rights and Responsibilities, A Drug Free Workplace-What an Employee Can Do, Recognizing Drug And Alcohol Abuse and Blood Borne Pathogens for Transit Employees. Employees are also required to complete on-line courses for The Agency for Persons with Disabilities as well as a course that satisfies The Department of Children & Families HIPPA requirements. First Aid Training will be given as needed.*

## IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Tri-County Community Council's implementation plan, as detailed below, builds upon the primary goal of community transportation being provided for people to access places for work, medical, and shopping so that they can live vital, productive and rewarding lives. The table below provides an overview of the ongoing system improvements and review steps, as well as provide a timeline for actions and strategies to meet the above stated goals.

Action/Strategy	Responsible Agency	Time Frame to be Completed
Continue to partner with agencies such as Vocational Rehab, FDOT and Workforce Development.	CTC	Continuous
Network with other Community Transportation Coordinators by sharing system improvements and funding.	CTC	Continuous
Identify potential Coordination and Purchase of Service Contracts including VA Shuttle to Pensacola.	CTC	Continuous
Update information for marketing plan for educating public on transportation services.	CTC	Continuous
Enhance informational materials (brochures) for riders of the system and upgrade when necessary.	CTC	Continuous
Initiate workshops, health fairs, expos, by providing brochures and staff representation and seek out new outreach efforts.	CTC	Quarterly
Establish and maintain desirable load factor by improving trip coordination.	CTC	Continuous
Report monthly to administration system efficiency and cost effectiveness.	CTC	Monthly
Identify areas of service that can be combined with neighboring counties to provide better customer service and efficiency.	CTC	Continuous
Reward employees for excellent service through internal customer service recognition program.	CTC	Quarterly
Provide employee customer service training throughout the year. Pursue additional employee training opportunities.	CTC	Monthly
Educate individual and agency customers of all applicable transportation policies and procedures.	CTC	Continuous
Use rider survey feedback and AOR complaints/ commendations as tools to encourage drivers to consistently provide excellent service in the safest manner.	CTC	Continuous
Highlight safety practices by employees through internal safety recognition program.	CTC	Continuous
Conduct safety training as required for new employees and updated for existing employees.	CTC	Continuous
Report all accident and road call records.	CTC	Quarterly
Maintain dialogue with health care facilities to enhance coordination of appointment time.	CTC	Continuous
Seek funding from local government and private entities to provide local match for transportation services.	CTC	Continuous
Encourage all area human service providers to attend Local Coordinating Board meetings.	CTC	Continuous
Encourage all agencies to list transportation costs as a separate budget line item to encourage a dedicated transportation allocation for their clients.	CTC	Continuous
Comply with contract standards and submit an accurate Annual Operating Report (AOR) including all Purchase of Service and Coordination Contracts data.	CTC	Annually
Comply with the Community Transportation Disadvantaged contract requirements.	CTC	Continuous
Prepare a quarterly report to the LCB outlining activities over the quarter.	CTC	Quarterly
Utilize a centralized Maintenance Facility for all fleet maintenance/repairs.	CTC	Continuous

The Holmes-Washington paratransit vehicle replacement plan is summarized in Table 6 below and illustrates the projected schedule for replacing paratransit vehicles.

**TABLE 6  
HOLMES-WASHINGTON PARATRANSIT VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN**

Type of Purchase	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Fleet Replacement	4-W/C	2 - 12 passenger & 4-W/C	N/A	2 - W/C	N/A
Maintenance Shop/ Office Equipment	Replacement Equipment	Replacement Equipment	Replacement Equipment	Replacement Equipment	Replacement Equipment
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$260,000</b>	<b>\$344,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

# Service Plan

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## OPERATIONS

The operations element is a profile of the Coordinator’s current system which provides basic information about the Coordinator’s daily operations. This element is intended to give someone with little or no knowledge of the transportation operations an adequate level of understanding. A Glossary of Terms is provided in the appendices of this plan.

### Types, Hours and Days of Service

Ambulatory, Non-Ambulatory and Stretcher services are the types of transportation services available through Tri-County Community Council, Inc.’s coordinated system. Trips are arranged under the following classifications:

- a. Subscription (scheduled): Routes which operate on a regular schedule each day for the same passengers who are picked up at the same location and time and then returned to the point of origin in the same manner.
- b. Advance Reservation: Trips that request advance reservation by noon the prior working day.
- c. Demand Response: Trips that are provided with less than 24 hour advance notice depending upon driver/vehicle availability.
- d. Stretcher: Non-emergency trips provided by stretcher or gurney. Non-sponsor Stretcher services are contracted. We can contract stretcher services for clients in excluded groups.

Coordinated transportation service is curb to curb. Specific transportation needs are included in Contracts, Purchase of Service Agreements, and Client Intake Forms. All trips must be preauthorized. Advance reservation is required by noon the prior working day. Transportation services can be scheduled Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. with the exception of agency recognized holidays. Transportation service is provided twenty-four (24) hours a day - seven (7) days per week.

Non-emergency after hour and weekend transportation services are provided or arranged in accordance with advance notification arrangements. If prior scheduling has not been made, transportation service is provided through established procedures with riders and facilities. Tri-County provides Facilities with the contact information of our contracted EMS Providers. The Discharge Planner contacts the EMS Provider to arrange the trip and provides Tri-County with required information on the following business day. Transportation service for clients who are enrolled in a plan will be handled by Medicaid Broker.

Will call trips are provided as rider calls for return trips. Same day service is available if schedule permits and drivers or vehicles are available. Will call and same day service will be provided at a minimal level.

Agency recognized holidays are New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Day After, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Transportation services are provided on these holidays if trips have been preauthorized.

Group trips are trips targeted for specific group activities. Group trips require three (3) days advance notice and are on a first come first serve basis. Charges for group trips are based on a vehicle mile rate.

Subscription trips are scheduled trips that recur in the same manner each day. The rider/sponsoring agency provides required information on initial call and does not have to continually call to arrange for transportation service.

### **Accessing Services**

This section includes detailed information regarding: (a) the phone number and office hours in which services can be scheduled. Include alternative communications such as internet reservations and Relay Service; (b) the method and advanced notification time required to obtain services; (c) an explanation of the cancellation process and requirements; (d) no show procedure (both Coordinator and rider), including any applicable penalties; and (e) procedures for dispatching backup service or after-hours service.

(a) The phone numbers for Holmes County and Washington County transportation services are as follows:

Phone #: (850) 547-3688  
Fax #: (850) 547-2504  
FL Relay System 1-800-955-8770 Voice  
1-800-955-8771 TTY

Riders who want to make reservations in person may do so at the office location at 312 N. Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, FL. Office hours in which Holmes County and Washington County transportation services can be scheduled are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. with the exception of agency recognized holidays.

(b) Advance reservations are recommended for more efficient scheduling of service. Please make advance reservations as soon as you can. Advance notification will increase the likelihood of meeting your specific transportation needs. Reservations will be scheduled based on driver/vehicle availability. Sponsoring agencies, riders, etc. can call or fax trip information to transportation staff. Riders may make transportation arrangements in person at the office location. A stand-by list is maintained for riders who call in after the maximum level driver/vehicle availability has been reached. It is the responsibility of the rider to call within the established time frame to verify if trip will be provided. The CTC is responsible for verifying eligibility for the Transportation Disadvantaged Non-Sponsored program. To become eligible for this program, an application must be completed and submitted to the CTC's office and the individual must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- 1) Individual does not have a vehicle; or
- 2) Individual cannot operate a vehicle; or
- 3) Individual has no alternate means of transportation.

- (c) Trips should be canceled at least 24 hours prior to scheduled pickup but must be canceled at least one hour prior to pick up time. The rider will call the same number called to arrange transportation service or call dispatch to cancel. An answering machine is available to cancel service after hours. Riders who are absent for return trips and have not notified CTC or left message with appropriate personnel will be considered a no-show.
- (d) The Holmes-Washington Local Coordinating Board has established a No-Show Policy to enhance cost effectiveness. Riders are educated on the No-Show Policy and the effects No-Shows have on transportation services. No shows are enforced according to policy. The No-Show Policy is as follows:

Trips should be canceled at least 24 hours prior to scheduled pickup but must be canceled at least one hour prior to pick up time. Cancellations at the door will be considered a "No Show" and may result in suspension from the program. Riders who are absent for return trips and have not notified CTC or left message with appropriate personnel will be considered a no-show. The rider will call the same number called to arrange transportation to cancel transportation.

If a rider fails to notify the Community Transportation Coordinator of trip cancellation and an expense is incurred due to a vehicle being dispatched and the rider is not available or decides not to go, then the rider is classified as a "No Show".

- 1st No Show: Driver will leave "No Show" Notice on door.
- 2nd No Show: A letter of warning, outlining dates, times and pickup locations causing no shows will be sent from the Community Transportation Coordinator to the rider and user agency.
- 3rd No Show: If third No Show occurs within 60 days, a letter notifying rider of suspension from service for a 30 day period will be sent from the Community Transportation Coordinator to the rider and user agency.

After first reinstatement to Transportation Program, if three No Shows occur within a 60-day period, suspension of service will be increased to 60 days.

Sponsoring agency will be notified in writing when a rider is suspended. Riders may only be removed from suspension by the sponsoring agency.

Riders will be counseled by sponsoring agency on the No Show Policy and responsibilities of using the Coordinated Transportation System.

The sponsoring agency may reinstate a rider with the provision that a "No Show" within 30 days will result in automatic 30-day suspension with no reinstatement. Sponsoring agencies may choose not to reinstate riders if they determine that the rider refuses to follow correct policy.

The Community Transportation Coordinator reserves the right to modify the No Show Policy as the Local Coordinating Board finds best for the Transportation Disadvantaged population of Holmes and Washington Counties.

It is imperative that agencies adhere to and support the "No Show" Policy to achieve consistent results. The Community Transportation Coordinator utilizes an educational program to inform riders and user agencies of the No Show Policy.

Riders may call anytime to cancel trips. Medicaid riders must call Broker as well to cancel trip. An answering machine is available after hours to cancel service.

- (e) Procedures for dispatching back up service and after-hours service are as follows. In the event of vehicle breakdown, the following back up service procedures are followed.

The Program Manager is notified immediately of the vehicle breakdown and is advised if there are riders on the vehicle. If the vehicle is non-operable and there are riders on board, the following steps are taken:

Immediate dispatch of a back-up vehicle, if riders cannot remain in disabled vehicle, they should be assisted to a safe area where they can wait for the backup vehicle. Program Manager must be notified of the location where riders are waiting. If adverse weather conditions exist, riders should be taken to a building/shaded area where they can wait safely inside for the back-up vehicle. If there will be an excessive delay, the Program Manager will notify someone at the riders' destination or family member as to the delay.

If the vehicle is non-operable and was en route to pick up riders (there are no passengers on board), the following steps will be taken: Immediate dispatch of back up vehicle to pick up scheduled riders. Program Manager will contact riders waiting for pick-up to alert them of the delay.

After hour transportation services are provided through established procedures with riders and facilities and in accordance with advance notification arrangements.

### Policies

This section addresses any policies the local coordinating board has established in regards to: (a) eligibility, as determined locally, for services funded by the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund; (b) prioritization, as determined locally, for services funded by the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund; and (c) other procedures.

- a) Policies the local coordinating board has established in regards to eligibility for services funded by the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds are all persons are eligible and may ride subject to share of costs. Transportation services depend on driver and vehicle availability.
- b) Trips are not prioritized for services funded by the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund.
- c) Other procedures may occur such as rescheduling trips. If rescheduling must occur, transportation staff asks if we can assist rider with calls to facility, doctor's appointment, etc. to ensure we have appropriate vehicle to provide transportation service and service is provided to that area on that day.

### **Transportation Operators and Coordination Contractors**

The process that is used to contract with an operator is based on the need for service. The agency has issued a Request for Proposal and negotiates for stretcher services.

Holmes County Emergency Medical Service provides stretcher service. The telephone number is 850-547-4671. The Holmes County EMS serves non-sponsored clients. Their hours of operation are 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The EMS will provide service 24 hours per day if advance notice has been given.

Neither Holmes County nor Washington County has any coordination contracts.

### **Public Transit Utilization**

Tri-County Community Council, Inc. operates as the CTC for Holmes and Washington Counties. There is no fixed-route public transit system in either county.

### **School Bus Utilization**

Tri-County Community Council, Inc. does not utilize the public school bus transportation system.

## **Vehicle Inventory**

A Vehicle Inventory Report of the vehicles utilized in the Holmes and Washington Counties coordinated system is included in the appendices.

## **System Safety Program Plan Certification**

Each Coordinator and any transportation operators from whom service is purchased or funded by local government, state or federal transportation disadvantaged funds, shall ensure the purchasers that their operations and services are in compliance with the safety requirements as specified in Section 341.061, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 14-90, F.A.C.

Tri-County Community Council, Inc. has developed and implements a Safety System Program Plan. A copy of the current Department of Transportation System Safety Program Plan Certification appears in the appendices.

## **Intercounty Services**

Coordinators are required to plan and work with Community Transportation Coordinators in adjacent and other areas of the state to coordinate the provision of community trips that might be handled at a lower overall cost to the community by another Coordinator,

Tri-County Community Council, Inc. works within the counties of **Santa Rosa**, Walton, Holmes, and Washington in providing transportation services for out of service area medical trips and local discharges. Long distance trips are coordinated within the four county area for reduction of costs, as well as eliminating several drivers/vehicles being at the same location at the same time. The local coordinating board has approved transportation services to Gainesville - South; Birmingham - North; Pensacola - West; and Jacksonville - East.

## **Emergency Preparedness and Response**

Tri-County Community Council, Inc. coordinates with Local Emergency Management Services during natural disasters, emergency preparedness and response. Transportation staff participates in local emergency management meetings.

Tri-County Community Council, Inc. solicits drivers from its staff to assist in evacuations as directed by EMS. Tri-County Community Council, Inc. cooperates with EMS and law enforcement in the use of vehicles, communications equipment, etc. during a natural disaster, emergency preparedness and response.

The agency will assist in evacuating the special needs population including the elderly, handicapped and transportation disadvantaged. The agency will assist by transporting to and from designated shelter areas.

## **Educational Efforts/Marketing**

Tri-County Community Council, Inc. uses public speaking engagements, public service announcements, pamphlets and the local media to market its transportation system to potential purchasers of service, disadvantaged public and non-sponsored persons.

Rider and User Agency surveys are used to evaluate the performance of the Community Transportation Coordinator.

The CTC's vehicles are used as marketing tools as they are clearly marked with telephone numbers.

A User's Guide, provided to all riders, User Agencies and other interested parties upon request, highlights eligibility for transportation services, how to access service, information needed to schedule trip, how to cancel appointments, complaint process and safety system requirements. The LCB also markets the transportation system. The CTC publishes its transportation schedule on agency website.

All publications/announcements should include and comply with the following: *Florida Law and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination in public accommodation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or of marital status. Persons believing they have been discriminated against on these conditions may file a complaint with the Florida Commission on Human Relations at 850-488-7082 or 800-342-8170 (voice messaging).*

Information about transportation service is continually provided through brochures, public service announcements, speaking engagements, TPO meetings, West Florida Regional Planning Council programs, and the agency website.

The CTC staff visits user agencies quarterly to discuss transportation services and implements suggestions received from user agencies.

### **Acceptable Alternatives**

Tri-County Community Council, Inc. is Holmes County's and Washington County's public transit system. If acceptable alternatives are identified, they are discussed during the Annual Evaluation and presented to the LCB. Costs associated with insurance requirements, standards, training and other safety features prohibit private providers from being brought into the coordinate system.

### **Service Standards**

Service standards are integral to the development and implementation of a quality transportation program to the transportation disadvantaged in a service area. Local service standards have been developed jointly by the Local Coordinating Board, the Planning Agency, and the Coordinator, consistent with those of the Commission. The following standards have been implemented by Tri-County Community Council.

**Drug and Alcohol Policy.** The drug and alcohol policy is for safety sensitive job positions within the coordinated system regarding pre-employment, randomization, post-accident, and reasonable suspicion as required by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. The CTC participates in the Drug and Alcohol State Consortium administered by FirstLab.

**Driver Criminal Background Screening.** All drivers in the coordinated system must have a clear Level 2 background screening prior to employment.

**Escorts and children.** Escorts are required when transporting anyone under 16 years of age and for riders who cannot access vehicles without minimal support or require personal assistance. Escorts must be scheduled at the same time riders are scheduled to ensure adequate seating. The purchasing agency is required to provide an escort trained to respond to their client's specific needs. If agencies or clients are not providing escorts as required, the CTC reserves the right to refuse service. (Exceptions will be permitted with prior approval of the Executive Director).

**Child Restraints.** All riders under the age of six must use a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device. The child restraint devices will be provided by the CTC, funding source, or family. Request for child restraint device must be made at the time the trip is scheduled. In no event, will a child under six be transported by a vehicle without a child restraint device.

**Rider Property.** Riders will be allowed to have personal property, which they can hold or secure, in vacant seats - if it does not present safety hazard. Riders must be able to carry any items brought onto vehicle. Drivers may assist as necessary with packages when entering and exiting the vehicle. Riders must have prior authorization. (Portable oxygen tanks are allowed and must be secured.)

**Vehicle Transfer Points.** Transfer points will be located in a safe, secure place centered around the CTC office or public facilities.

**Local Toll Free Phone Number for Consumer Comment.** Phone number will be included in the complaint process. The numbers are clearly posted in all vehicles for rider's reference.

TD Ombudsman - 1-800-983-2435.  
Tri-County Community Council, Inc. – 1-800-395-2696.

**Out of Service Area Trips.** These trips are provided for out of county medical purposes to areas approved by LCB. Transportation service to approved areas will depend upon driver/vehicle availability. Areas approved: Pensacola - West; Birmingham - North; Gainesville - South; and Jacksonville - East.

**Vehicle Cleanliness.** Cleanliness is the responsibility of the driver with inspections of vehicles by Program Manager. Vehicles will be free of dirt, trash, etc. All vehicles will be clean. A daily preventative maintenance check, which includes cleanliness, is performed on all vehicles.

**Billing Requirements to Contracted Operators.** The CTC will reimburse operators within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of payments from funding sources.

**Rider/Trip Data.** The CTC will collect the name, phone number, address, sponsoring agency and special requirements/needs on each rider. Purchasing agencies may be required to provide written documentation for their clients.

**Adequate Seating.** The CTC will ensure adequate seating for each rider. No more riders than the registered seating capacity shall be transported in a vehicle at any time.

**Driver Identification.** The CTC's drivers will wear identification badges and uniform. The driver will introduce themselves to riders.

**Passenger Assistance.** Drivers will provide boarding and disembarkment assistance to all riders. Drivers will be courteous.

**Smoking and Eating on Vehicles.** The CTC does not allow smoking in any vehicle. Eating and drinking will be at the discretion of the Program Manager.

**No-Show Policies.** No-Shows are trips not canceled prior to scheduled pick up and an expense is incurred due to vehicle being dispatched and the rider is not available or decides not to go. If the rider receives 3 No-Shows within 60 days a letter notifying rider of suspension from service for 30 days will be sent to rider and sponsoring agency.

**Communication Equipment.** All vehicles are equipped with cell phones in good working order.

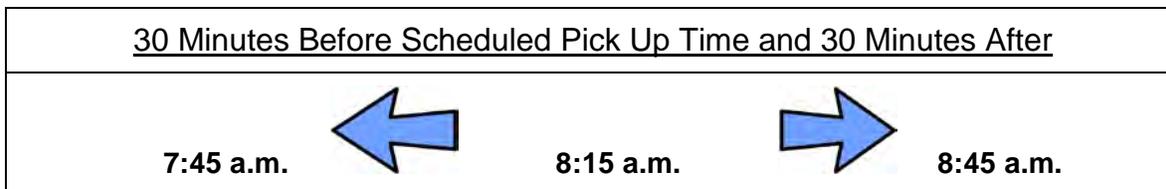
**Vehicle Air Conditioning and Heating Equipment.** Air conditioning and heating in all vehicles will be in safe operating condition. If the air conditioning/heating does not work properly, a backup vehicle will be assigned to trip, and repairs will be made to ensure proper working condition.

**First Aid Policy.** The CTC's staff will have First Aid training.

**Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.** The CTC does not require CPR unless mandated by funding source.

**Pick-Up Window.** Tri-County Community Council, Inc. has a pick-up window of 60 minutes. Clients are to be ready for pick up 30 minutes prior to their scheduled pick-up time. The "pick up window" for your trip will be 30 minutes before or 30 minutes after your scheduled pick up time. The driver will only wait five minutes for you to board from the beginning of the pick-up window. If you do not board within five minutes, the driver will notify dispatch, depart without you, and you will be considered a no-show.

For example: Be ready at the beginning of the pickup window. If your scheduled pick-up time is 8:15 a.m., your pick-up window begins at 7:45 a.m., so be ready at 7:45 a.m.



Trips of greater distances may require a larger pick-up window. When calling in for a reservation, the client will be told when they need to be ready based on the appointment time and the length of trip. The first 30 minutes of that hour is utilized to pick-up clients.

For scheduled returns, pick-up should occur within **60** minutes after that time. For those times that a client is unable to provide a return time (e.g., surgery, release from hospital, etc.), a demand-response trip will be worked into the existing schedule. This could result in an extended wait. Tri-County Community Council's pick-up window is 60 minutes.

**On-Time Performance.** Tri-County Community Council anticipates at least 90% of scheduled pickups meet the on-time standards of 30 minutes before scheduled pickup to 30 minutes after scheduled pickup.

**Advance Reservation Requirements.** If an advance reservation is requested, riders should call by noon the prior working day for next day transportation services. Appointments are taken Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Trip requests made after noon will be met if vehicle and driver are available.

**Public Transit Ridership.** There is no fixed route public transit in Holmes County or Washington County. All persons may ride Tri-County Community Council coordinated transportation system.

**Complaints.** Total complaints per year shall not exceed one-half of one percent (0.5% or 0.005) of the total trips per year. Each complaint will be addressed by the CTC. The LCB shall be briefed of each complaint and its status/resolution on a quarterly basis.

**Accidents.** Allowable number of accidents for the evaluation period will be 1.0 per 100,000 miles.

**Road Calls.** There should be no less than 10,000 miles between road calls.

**Call Hold Time.** The CTC attempts to answer each call within five rings. If customers are placed on hold, every effort is made to respond within a two minute time frame.

**Weapons.** No weapons will be allowed on vehicle.

**Profanity.** No profanity will be allowed on vehicle.

**Alcoholic Beverages.** Drinking of alcoholic beverages is not allowed on vehicle.

## Local Complaint and Grievance Procedure/Process

The Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) has established the following grievance procedure as authorized by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged pursuant to Chapter 427, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, F.A.C.

A formal grievance is a written complaint to document any concerns or an unresolved service complaint regarding the operation or administration of TD services. The CTC shall make every effort to resolve any problems at the complaint stage prior to becoming a grievance.

Any service complaints received by the CTC will be immediately investigated and every effort made to seek an appropriate and prompt resolution.

Step 1:



The CTC formal grievance process shall be open to addressing concerns by any person or agency including but not limited to: purchasing agencies, users, potential users, private-for-profit operators, private non-profit operators, the designated official planning agency, elected officials, and drivers.

By contacting the CTC office, a written copy of the grievance process and rider policies will be made available to anyone, upon request. The CTC will be responsible for posting on all vehicles in plain view of riders, including transportation subcontractors and coordination contractors, the contact person and telephone number for access to information regarding reporting service complaints or filing a formal grievance.

All grievances filed must contain the following information:

1. The name and address of the complainant.
2. A statement of the reasons for the grievance and supplemented by supporting documentation, made in a clear and concise manner.
3. An explanation of the requested relief desired by the complainant.

All formal grievances submitted shall be mailed to:

Tri-County Community Council, Inc.  
Attention: Executive Director  
PO Box 1210  
Bonifay, FL 32425  
1-800-395-2696

If parties concerned are still not in agreement, the grievance will be presented to the CTC's Board of Directors, within 10 working days of written notification that agreement by all parties has not been reached. The final decision of the CTC's Board of Directors, will be binding.

Step 2:

**LCB** • Local Coordinating Board

If the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the CTC decision, they may have the Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Grievance Committee hear the grievance and make recommendations to the CTC on their behalf.

To request a LCB Grievance Committee contact the Holmes-Washington Counties Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Chair at P.O. Box 11399, Pensacola, FL 32524-1399 (phone 850-332-7976 x231 or 1-800-226-8914).

Step 3:

**CTD** • Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

If satisfaction cannot be achieved at the local level, a grievance/complaint can be submitted to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Ombudsman Program/TD Hotline at 1-800-983-2435.

Similar to the LCB, the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged can hear a grievance and make recommendations or advise the CTC. Apart from these grievance processes, aggrieved parties also have recourse through Chapter 120, F.S., administrative hearing process or the judicial court system.

**Note:** At any point in the grievance process, the grievant may submit the grievance to the, CTC, Local Coordinating Board (LCB) or the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged Ombudsman.

### **CTC Monitoring Procedures of Operators and Coordination Contractors**

The agency conducts an annual evaluation of its Operators and Coordination Contractors to ensure contractual compliance. The agency monitors Operators and Coordination Contractors by examining the areas listed in the Safety Compliance Review. The review is conducted on an annual basis to ensure compliance with the Safety System Program Plan, Commission and locally approved standards, and insurance requirements. The evaluation report is provided to the Local Coordinating Board for review.

A written letter and report are issued to the Operators and Coordination Contractors citing items that require corrections. A deadline is given for corrections to be made. A follow up monitoring is conducted if necessary. Neither Holmes County nor Washington County has any coordination contracts.

### **Coordination Contract Evaluation Criteria**

Since Holmes County and Washington County do not have any coordination contracts, there are no evaluation criteria to report.

## **COST/REVENUE ALLOCATION & RATE STRUCTURE JUSTIFICATION**

The Commission has established the Rate Calculation Model, a standard process for the development of rates for transportation services that are arranged or provided by the Coordinator. This model can be used by the Commission in comparing and approving rates to be paid to and used by Coordinators and in determining cost-based rates to be charged to all purchasing agencies.

The Rate Calculation Model Worksheets and Rates for Services are reviewed and updated annually. The Rate Calculation Model allows for annual changes to occur based on changes to the level of service, expenditures and revenues.

The Commission's rate calculation model is used to develop rates for non-sponsored trips.

Rates for transportation services are included in the service rates summary table below. The summary details type of service provided, unit rate whether passenger mile or trip, and cost per unit. The rate calculation model worksheets and rates for services are reviewed and updated annually.

The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged determined that combination rates would no longer be applicable and allowed each CTC to determine whether to use the passenger mile rate or passenger trip rate. The CTC for Holmes and Washington Counties has chosen to use the passenger mile rates. The Rate Model Worksheets are located in the appendices for reference.

### **Holmes-Washington Counties Service Rates Summary**

<b>Provided Service Type</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>2015/16 Passenger Mile Rate Only</b>	<b>2016/17 Passenger Mile Rate Only</b>
Ambulatory	Passenger Mile	\$ 1.91	\$ 1.37
Wheelchair	Passenger Mile	\$ 3.27	\$ 2.35
Stretcher	Passenger Mile	\$ 6.81	\$ 4.89

# Quality Assurance

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The Local Coordinating Board reviews and approves the Service Plan and it is submitted to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for final action. The Commission provides feedback on what areas of the plan need to be modified for next year.

The previous Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) signed review letter and roll call sheet are included in the appendices. The previous TDSP was approved and no items were cited as deficient or inadequate.

## **Community Transportation Coordinator Evaluation Process**

A Local Coordinating Board subcommittee assists the planning agency in evaluating the Community Transportation Coordinator on an annual basis. The evaluation of the CTC is based on performance indicators, measures of effectiveness and efficiency, and level of coordination. The 2012 evaluation worksheets are included in the appendices.

In an effort to monitor the services provided to the transportation disadvantaged by the CTC, an annual survey of the riders is conducted. The data is used to identify areas where the CTC is achieving its goals and objectives and areas where they are not. The rider surveys were conducted at the beginning of the year.

A summary of the survey results along with a comparison of the previous two years are included in the appendices along with the comments that were submitted. Most all of the comments submitted were very positive.

A vast majority of riders rated the service as “very good.” The survey results indicate that 71% of the trips are for medical/dental purposes.

If community transportation was not provided, 44% indicated that they would not be able to make the trip while 40% said they would ride with someone else.

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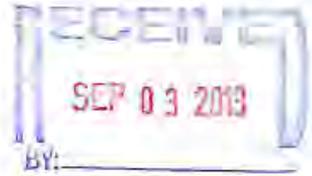
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August 29, 2013



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RE: **Holmes and Washington** Counties Community Transportation  
Coordinator Designation -Memorandum of Agreement #TD-1352

Dear Mr. Paul,

Congratulations! At the May 21, 2013 meeting of the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, the Commission approved Tri-County Community Council, Inc. to serve as the Community Transportation Coordinator for **Holmes and Washington Counties**. This designation is effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018. I am including your fully executed copy of the MOA as an enclosure to this correspondence.

The new TDSP is due within 120 days of the effective date of this MOA.

The Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged appreciates your continued support and participation in the coordinated transportation system of Holmes and Washington Counties. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at (850) 410-5704.

Sincerely,

  
Terry Lynne Goodwin  
Area 3 Project Manager

Enclosures: Memorandum of Agreement

cc: Howard Vanselow, West Florida Regional Planning Council (letter only)

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED  
**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

This Memorandum of Agreement is between the COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED, hereby referred to as the "Commission," and TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC., PO BOX 1210, BONIFAY, FLORIDA, 32425 the COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, designated pursuant to Chapter 427, F.S., to serve the transportation disadvantaged for the community that includes the entire area of HOLMES & WASHINGTON county(ies), and hereafter referred to as the "Coordinator."

This Agreement is made in consideration of the mutual benefits to both parties; said consideration acknowledged hereto by the parties as good and valuable consideration.

The Parties Agree:

I. The Coordinator Shall:

- A. Become and remain totally apprised of all of the Transportation Disadvantaged resources available or planned in their designated service area. This knowledge will be used to plan, coordinate, and implement the most cost effective transportation disadvantaged transit system possible under the economic and other conditions that exist in the designated service area.
- B. Plan and work with Community Transportation Coordinators in adjacent and other areas of the state to coordinate the provision of community trips that might be handled at a lower overall cost to the community by another Coordinator. This includes honoring any Commission-approved statewide certification program that allows for intercounty transportation opportunities.
- C. Arrange for all services in accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, FAC, and as further required by the Commission and the local Coordinating Board approved Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan.
- D. Return any acquired profits or surplus funds originating through the course of business as the Coordinator that are beyond the amounts(s) specifically identified and approved in the accompanying Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. Such profits or funds shall be returned to the Coordinator's transportation system or to any subsequent Coordinator, as a total transportation system subsidy, to be applied to the immediate following operational year. The Coordinator will include similar language in all coordination contracts to assure that transportation disadvantaged related revenues are put back into transportation disadvantaged services.

E. Accomplish this Project by:

1. Developing a Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan for approval by the local Coordinating Board and the Commission. Coordinators who are newly designated to a particular service area shall submit a local Coordinating Board approved Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan, within 120 calendar days following the execution of the Coordinator's initial memorandum of agreement with the Commission, for approval by the Commission. All subsequent Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plans shall be submitted and approved with the corresponding memorandum of agreement. The approved Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan will be implemented and monitored to provide for community-wide transportation services for purchase by non-sponsored transportation disadvantaged persons, contracting social service agencies, and other entities that use local, state, or federal government funds for the purchase of transportation for the transportation disadvantaged.
2. Maximizing the use of available public school transportation resources and public fixed route or fixed schedule transit services and assuring that private or public transit, paratransit operators, and school boards have been afforded a fair opportunity to participate to the maximum extent feasible in the planning process and in the development of the provisions of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan for the transportation disadvantaged.
3. Providing or arranging 24-hour, 7-day per week transportation disadvantaged service as required in the designated service area by any Federal, State or Local Government agency sponsoring such services. The provision of said services shall be furnished in accordance with the prior notification requirements identified in the local Coordinating Board and Commission approved Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan.
4. Complying with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations that apply to the provision of transportation disadvantaged services.
5. Submitting to the Commission an Annual Operating Report detailing demographic, operational, and financial data regarding coordination activities in the designated service area. The report shall be prepared on forms provided by the Commission and according to the instructions of said forms.

F. Comply with Audit and Record Keeping Requirements by:

1. Utilizing the Commission recognized Chart of Accounts defined in the *Transportation Accounting Consortium Model Uniform Accounting System for Rural and Specialized Transportation Providers* (uniform accounting system) for all transportation disadvantaged accounting and reporting purposes. Community Transportation Coordinators with existing and equivalent accounting systems are not required to adopt the Chart of Accounts in lieu of their existing Chart of Accounts but shall prepare all reports, invoices, and fiscal documents relating to the transportation disadvantaged functions and activities using the chart of accounts and accounting definitions as outlined in the above referenced manual.

2. Assuming the responsibility of invoicing for any transportation services arranged, unless otherwise stipulated by a purchase of service contract or coordination contract.
  3. Maintaining and filing with the Commission, local Coordinating Board, and all purchasing agencies/entities such progress, fiscal, inventory, and other reports as those entities may require during the period of this Agreement.
  4. Providing copies of finance and compliance audits to the Commission and local Coordinating Board as requested by the Commission or local Coordinating Board.
- G. Retain all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents pertinent to this Agreement for a period of five (5) years after termination of this Agreement. If an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of five (5) years, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings. The Coordinator shall assure that these records shall be subject to inspection, review, or audit at all reasonable times by persons duly authorized by the Commission or this Agreement. They shall have full access to and the right to examine any of the said records and documents during the retention period.
- H. Comply with Safety Requirements by:
1. Complying with Section 341.061, F.S., and Rule 14-90, FAC, concerning System Safety; or complying with Chapter 234.051, F.S., regarding school bus safety requirements for those services provided through a school board; and
  2. Assuring compliance with local, state, and federal laws, and Commission policies relating to drug testing. Conduct drug and alcohol testing for safety sensitive job positions within the coordinated system regarding pre-employment, randomization, post-accident, and reasonable suspicion as required by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.
- I. Comply with Commission insurance requirements by maintaining at least minimum liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$200,000 for any one person and \$300,000 per occurrence at all times during the existence of this Agreement for all transportation services purchased or provided for the transportation disadvantaged through the Community Transportation Coordinator. Upon the execution of this Agreement, the Coordinator shall add the Commission as an additional **named insured** to all insurance policies covering vehicles transporting the transportation disadvantaged. In the event of any cancellation or changes in the limits of liability in the insurance policy, the insurance agent or broker shall notify the Commission. The Coordinator shall insure that contracting transportation operators and coordination contractors also maintain the same minimum liability insurance, or an equal governmental insurance program. Insurance coverage in excess of \$1 million per occurrence must be approved by the Commission and the local Coordinating Board before inclusion in the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan or in the justification of rates and fare structures. Such coverage may be provided by a self-insurance program established and operating under the laws of the State of Florida and written verification of insurance protection in accordance with Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, shall be provided to the Commission upon request.

- J. Safeguard information by not using or disclosing any information concerning a user of services under this Agreement for any purpose not in conformity with the local, state and federal regulations (45 CFR, Part 205.50), except upon order of a court, written consent of the recipient, or his/her responsible parent or guardian when authorized by law.
- K. Protect Civil Rights by:
1. Complying with state and federal laws including but not limited to laws regarding discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, or national origin. The Coordinator gives this assurance in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining federal grants, loans, contracts (except contracts of insurance or guaranty), property, discounts, or other federal financial assistance to programs or activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance and agreeing to complete a Civil Rights Compliance Questionnaire if so requested by the Commission.
  2. Agreeing that compliance with this assurance constitutes a condition of continued receipt of or benefit from federal financial assistance, and that it is binding upon the Coordinator, its successors, subcontractors, transferee, and assignees for the period during which such assistance is provided. Assure that all operators, subcontractors, subgrantee, or others with whom the Coordinator arranges to provide services or benefits to participants or employees in connection with any of its programs and activities are not discriminating against those participants or employees in violation of the above statutes, regulations, guidelines, and standards. In the event of failure to comply, the Coordinator agrees that the Commission may, at its discretion, seek a court order requiring compliance with the terms of this assurance or seek other appropriate judicial or administrative relief, to include assistance being terminated and further assistance being denied.
- L. To the extent allowed by Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and only to the monetary and other limitations contained therein, indemnify and hold harmless the Commission and all of the Commission's members, officers, agents, and employees; purchasing agency/entity officers, agents, and employees; and the local, state, and federal governments from any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge or expense arising out of any act, action, neglect or omission by the Coordinator during the performance of this Agreement, whether direct or indirect, and whether to any person or property to which the Commission or said parties may be subject, except that neither the Coordinator nor any of its sub-contractors will be liable under this section for damages arising out of injury or damage to persons or property directly caused or resulting from the sole negligence of the Commission or any of its members, officers, agents or employees; purchasing agency/entity, officers, agents, and employees; and local, state, or federal governments. Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any agency/entity or Coordinator to which sovereign immunity may be applicable. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by a state agency/entity or political subdivision of the State of Florida or the federal government to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any Agreement or contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, pursuant to Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, no agency or subdivision of the state shall be required to indemnify, insure, or assume any liability for the Commission's negligence.

- M. Comply with standards and performance requirements of the Commission, the local Coordinating Board approved Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan, and any purchase of service contracting agencies/entities. Failure to meet the requirements or obligations set forth in this MOA, and performance requirements established and monitored by the local Coordinating Board in the approved Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan, shall be due cause for non-payment of reimbursement invoices until such deficiencies have been addressed or corrected to the satisfaction of the Commission.
- N. Comply with subcontracting requirements by executing or negotiating contracts for transportation services with Transportation Operators and Coordination Contractors, and assuring that the conditions of such contracts are maintained. The requirements of Part 1, Paragraph E.5. through M are to be included in all contracts, subcontracts, coordination contracts, and assignments made by the Coordinator for services under this Agreement. Said contracts, subcontracts, coordination contracts, and assignments will be reviewed and approved annually by the Coordinator and local Coordinating Board for conformance with the requirements of this Agreement.
- O. Comply with the following requirements concerning drivers and vehicles:
1. Drivers for paratransit services, including coordination contractors, shall be required to announce and identify themselves by name and company in a manner that is conducive to communications with the specific passenger, upon pickup of each rider, group of riders, or representative, guardian, or associate of the rider, except in situations where the driver regularly transports the rider on a recurring basis. Each driver must have photo identification that is in view of the passenger. Name patches, inscriptions or badges that affix to driver clothing are acceptable. For transit services, the driver photo identification shall be in a conspicuous location in the vehicle.
  2. The paratransit driver 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. In certain paratransit service categories, the driver may also be required to open and close doors to buildings, except in situations in which assistance in opening/closing building doors would not be safe for passengers remaining on the vehicle. Assisted access must be in a dignified manner. Drivers may not assist wheelchair up or down more than one step, unless it can be performed safely as determined by the passenger, guardian, and driver.
  3. All vehicles shall be equipped with two-way communications in good working order and be audible to the driver at all times to the base.
  4. All vehicles providing service within the coordinated system, shall have working air conditioners and heaters in each vehicle. Vehicles that do not have a working air conditioner or heater will be scheduled for repair or replacement as soon as possible.

P. Comply with other requirements as follows:

1. Transport an escort of a passenger and dependent children as locally negotiated and identified in the local Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan.
2. Determine locally in the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan, the use, responsibility, and cost of child restraint devices.
3. Transport with the passenger at no additional charge, passenger property that can be carried by the passenger and/or driver in one trip and can be safely stowed on the vehicle. Additional requirements may be negotiated for carrying and loading rider property beyond this amount. Passenger property does not include wheelchairs, child seats, stretchers, secured oxygen, personal assistive devices, or intravenous devices.
4. Provide shelter, security, and safety of passengers at vehicle transfer points.
5. Post a local or other toll-free number for complaints or grievances inside each vehicle. The local complaint process shall be outlined as a section in the local Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan including advising the dissatisfied person about the Commission's Ombudsman Program as a step within the process as approved by the local Coordinating Board.
6. Provide out-of-service-area trips, when determined locally and approved by the local Coordinating Board, except in instances where local ordinances prohibit such trips.
7. Keep interior of all vehicles free from dirt, grime, oil, trash, torn upholstery, damaged or broken seats, protruding metal or other objects or materials which could soil items placed in the vehicle or provide discomfort for the passenger.
8. Determine locally by the local Coordinating Board and provide in the local Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan the billing requirements of the Community Transportation Coordinator. All bills shall be paid to subcontractors within 7 calendar days after receipt of said payment by the Coordinator, in accordance with Section 287.0585, Florida Statutes.
9. Maintain or have access to a passenger/trip database on each rider being transported within the system.
10. Provide each rider and escort, child, or personal care attendant adequate seating for paratransit services. No more passengers than the registered passenger seating capacity shall be scheduled or transported in a vehicle at any time. For transit services provided by transit vehicles, adequate seating or standing space will be provided to each rider and escort, child, or personal care attendant, and no more passengers than the registered passenger seating or standing capacity shall be scheduled or transported in a vehicle at any time.
11. First Aid shall be determined locally and provided in the local Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan.

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12. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation shall be determined locally and provided in the local Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan.

II. The Commission Shall:

- A. Recognize the Coordinator as the entity described in Section 427.011(5), Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2.002(4), F.A.C.
- B. Attempt to insure that all entities with transportation disadvantaged funds will purchase transportation disadvantaged services through the Coordinator's system.

III. The Coordinator and the Commission Further Agree:

- A. Nothing in this Agreement shall require the Commission to observe or enforce compliance with any provision thereof, perform any other act or do any other thing in contravention of any applicable state law. If any of the provisions of this Agreement is found by a court of law to violate any applicable state law, the purchasing agency/entity will at once notify the Commission in writing in order that appropriate changes and modifications may be made by the Commission and the Coordinator to the end that the Coordinator may proceed as soon as possible with the provision of transportation services.
- B. If any part or provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall be binding on the parties hereto.
- C. Termination Conditions:
  1. Termination at Will - This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon no less than thirty (30) days notice, without cause. Said notice shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt required, or in person with proof of delivery.
  2. Termination for Breach - Unless the Coordinator's breach is waived by the Commission in writing, the Commission may, by written notice to the Coordinator, terminate this Agreement upon no less than twenty-four (24) hours notice. Said notice shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or in person with proof of delivery. Waiver by the Commission of breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement, and shall not act as a waiver or estoppel to enforcement of any provision of this Agreement. The provisions herein do not limit the Commission's right to remedies at law or to damages.
- D. This agreement will expire unless an extension is granted to the Coordinator in writing by the Commission, in accordance with Chapter 287, Florida Statutes.
- E. Renegotiations or Modifications of this Agreement shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing, duly approved by the Commission, and signed by both parties hereto.

F. Notice and Contact:

The name and address of the contract manager for the Commission for this Agreement is: **Executive Director, 605 Suwannee Street, MS-49, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450**. The representative/position of the Coordinator responsible for administration of the program under this Agreement is:

Joel Paul, Jr., Executive Director  
P.O. Box 1210; 302 North Oklahoma Street  
Bonifay, FL 32425

In the event that either party designates different representatives after execution of this Agreement, notice of the name and address of the new representative will be rendered in writing to the other party and said notification attached to originals of this Agreement.

This document has been reviewed in its entirety and approved by the local Coordinating Board at its official meeting held on May 21, 2013.

Patricia Anne Holhard  
Coordinating Board Chairperson

WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION  
COORDINATOR:

STATE OF FLORIDA, COMMISSION FOR  
THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED:

Tri-County Community Council, Inc.

Agency Name

Joel Paul, Jr.

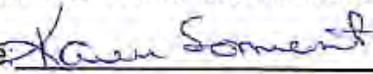
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Signature: 

Title: Executive Director

Steven Holmes

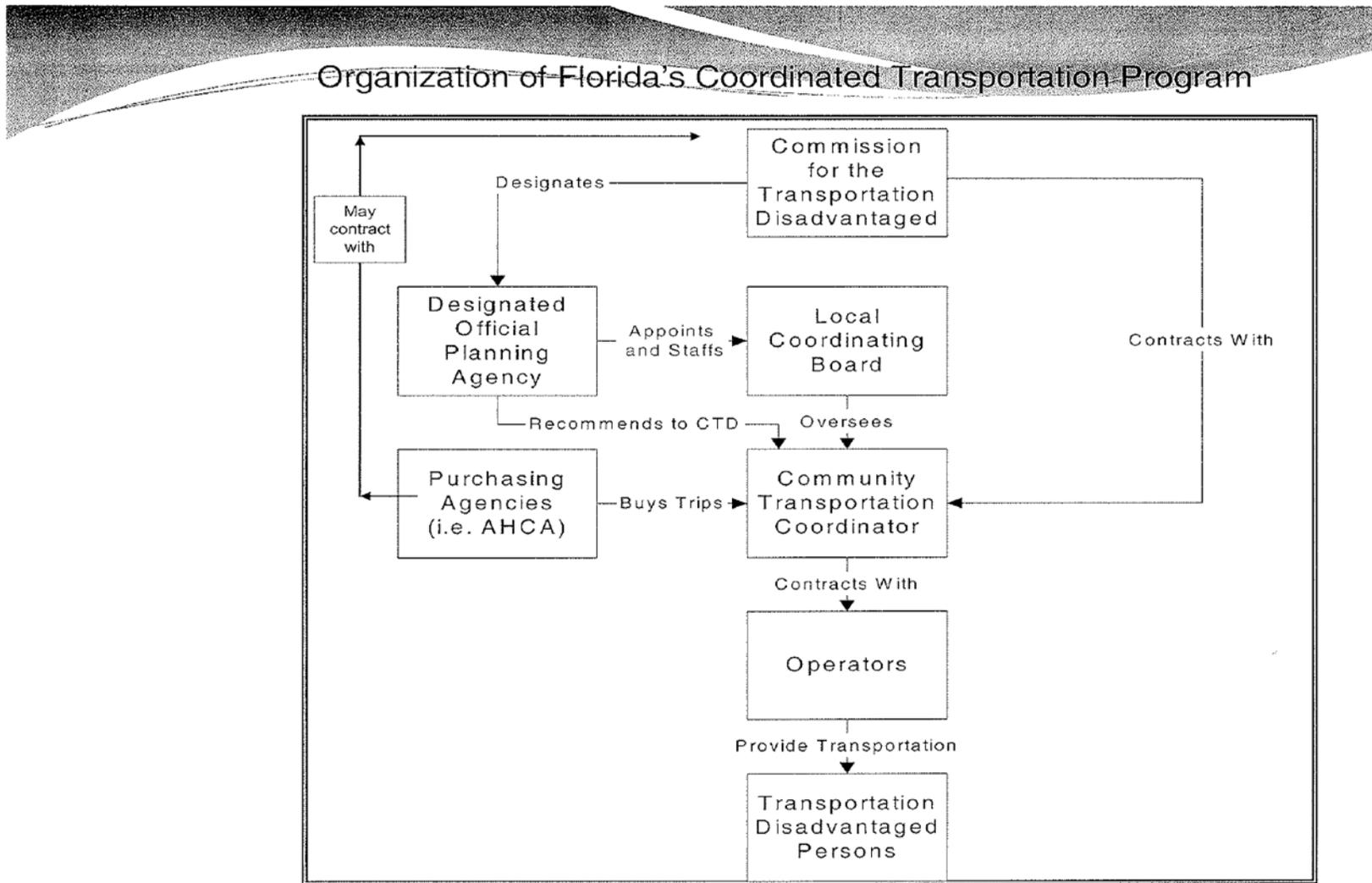
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Title: Executive Director

Transportation Disadvantaged Program Concept Chart

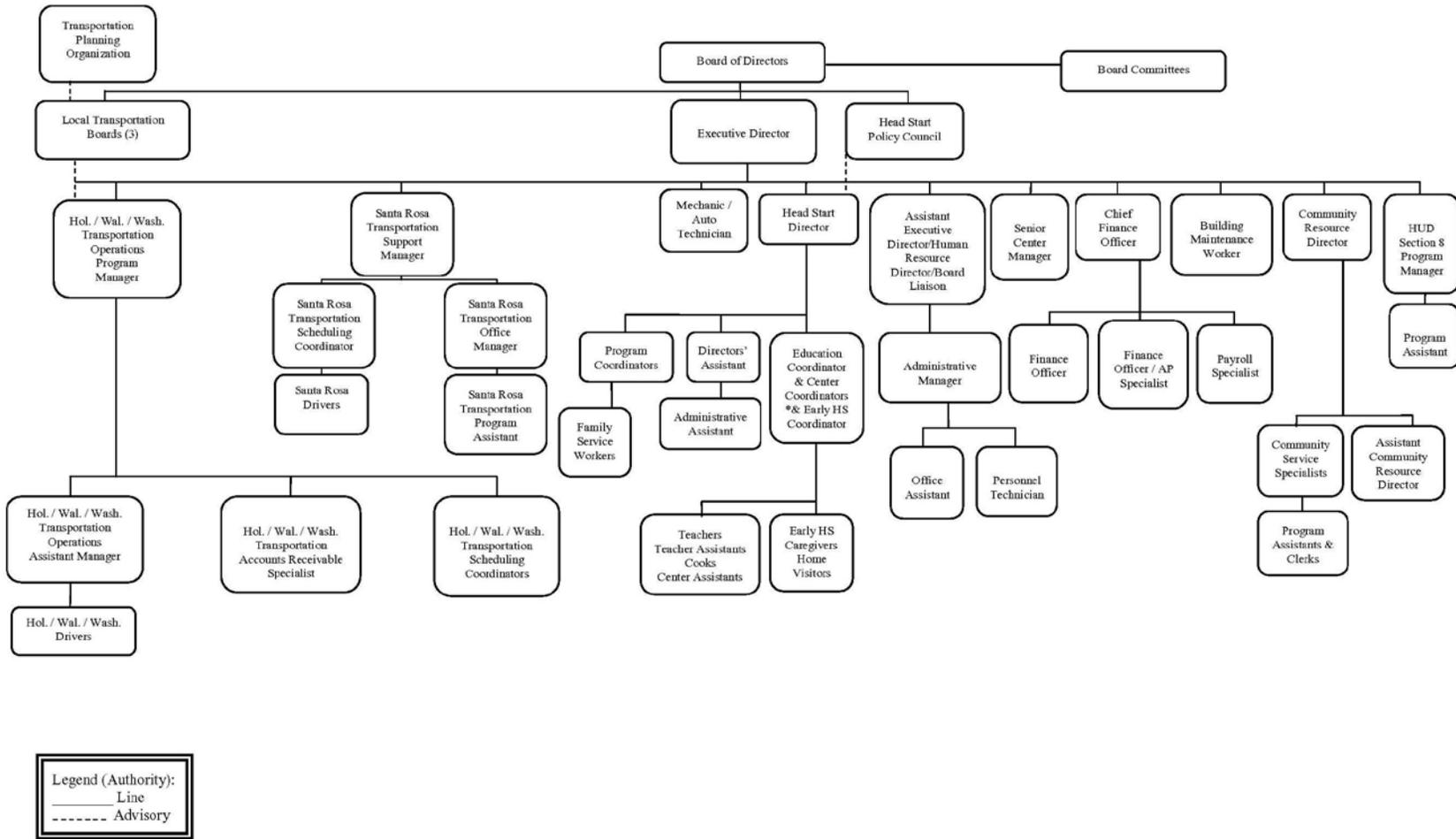
Figure 1



# Tri-County Community Council Organization Chart

**Figure 2**

## Tri-County Community Council, Inc. Organizational Chart



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TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.

HOLMES COUNTY VEHICLE INVENTORY

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VEHICLE #	SERIAL #	MILEAGE	CAPACITY
2004	CHEV	EXPRESS G3500	109	1GBJG31U641162691	181,443	3 W/C 8 PASSENGER-LIFT
2005	FORD	ECONOLINE	112	1FBNE31L65HA74800	195,338	11 PASSENGER-VAN
2005	FORD	ECONOLINE	113	1FMRE11W85HA98443	174,212	7 PASSENGER-VAN
2004	BLUE BIRD	EXPRESS G3500	114	1GBJG31U541205479	147,137	30 PASSENGER-BUS
2007	CHEV	EXPRESS G3500	116	1GBJG31U471132187	137,381	2 W/C 8 PASSENGER-LIFT
2007	CHEV	EXPRESS G3500	117	1GBJG31U871134363	161,982	3 W/C 8 PASSENGER-LIFT
2007	CHEV	EXPRESS G3500	118	1GBJG31U771167340	162,665	3 W/C 8 PASSENGER-LIFT
2007	CHEV	MALIBU	119	1G1ZS57F67F286073	184,162	4 PASSENGER-SEDAN
2009	FORD	ECONOLINE	121	1FBNE31L99DA76571	120,064	11 PASSENGER-VAN
2009	FORD	ECONOLINE	122	1FMNE11W89DA76566	103,797	7 PASSENGER-VAN
2009	CHEV	MALIBU	123	1G1ZG57B49F224821	191,860	4 PASSENGER-SEDAN
2011	FORD	E-350	124	1FDEE3FLOBDA97122	67,427	3 W/C 8 PASSENGER-LIFT
2012	DODGE	GRAND CARAVAN	125	2C4RDGBG1CR166889	81,810	1 W/C 6 PASSENGER-LIFT
2014	DODGE	GRAND CARAVAN	126	2C7WDGCG3ER478249	32,119	1 W/C 6 PASSENGER LIFT
2014	DODGE	GRAND CARAVAN	127	2C7WDGCGXER478250	27,657	1 W/C 4 PASSENGER LIFT
2015	FORD	E350	128	1FDEE3FL1FDA37467	10,467	3 W/C 12 PASSENGER LIFT
2006	FORD	ECONOLINE	182	1FBNE31L16HB32507	178,686	11 PASSENGER-VAN
2015	TOYOTA	SIENNA	10	5TDZK3DC4FS656909	3,394	7 PASSENGER VAN

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.						
WASHINGTON COUNTY VEHICLE INVENTORY						
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VEHICLE #	SERIAL #	MILEAGE	CAPACITY
2005	FORD	ECONOLINE	176	1FBNE31L35HA91800	121,961	11 PASSENGER-VAN
2005	FORD	ECONOLINE	179	1FMRE11W35HA91805	101,106	7 PASSENGER-VAN
2005	BLUE BIRD	EXPRESS G3500	180	1GBJG31U041206233	178,419	28 PASSENGER-BUS
2006	FORD	E-350	183	1FDWE35S25HA30287	192,610	2 W/C 8 PASSENGER-LIFT EQUIP
2007	CHEV	EXPRESS G3500	184	1GBJG31U571134403	172,678	2 W/C 8 PASSENGER-LIFT EQUIP
2007	CHEV	EXPRESS G3500	185	1GBJG31U671134698	200,864	2 W/C 8 PASSENGER-LIFT EQUIP
2007	CHEV	EXPRESS G3500	186	1GBJG31U371167190	198,482	3 W/C 8 PASSENGER-LIFT EQUIP
2008	CHEV	EXPRESS G3500	187	1GBJG31K181126248	199,466	3 W/C 8 PASSENGER-LIFT EQUIP
2008	FORD	TAURUS	188	1FAHP24W68G172857	148,419	4 PASSENGER-SEDAN
2009	FORD	ECONOLINE	189	1FBNE31L09DA76569	91,296	11 PASSENGER-VAN
2009	FORD	ECONOLINE	190	1FMNE11W19DA76568	91,961	7 PASSENGER-VAN
2010	FORD	ECONOLINE	191	1FMNE1BL7ADA64417	65,542	7 PASSENGER-VAN
2011	CHEV	DEFENDER	192	1GBG5U1958F415252	120,677	4 W/C 20 PASSENGER-LIFT EQUIP
2011	CHEV	EXPRESS G3500	193	1GBJG31K391131839	152,903	3 W/C 8 PASSENGER-LIFT EQUIP
2011	FORD	E-350	194	1FDEE3FL4BDA83434	90,603	4 W/C 16 PASSENGER-LIFT EQUIP
2012	DODGE	GRAND CARAVAN	195	2C4RDGBG6CR166953	86,890	1 W/C 6 PASSENGER-LIFT EQUIP
2015	TOYOTA	SIENNA	196	5TDZK3DC7FS655205	4,346	7 PASSENGER-VAN

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**  
for  
SECTION 5311 SUBRECIPIENT  
(Certifying compliance with 49 CFR Part 40, 655)  
To  
Florida Department of Transportation

Date: 1-11-2016

**SECTION 5311 Subrecipient Information:**

**FDOT District Office Information:**

AGENCY NAME: Tri-County Community Council, Inc. Name: FDOT, District 3, Public Transit Office

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1210, Bonifay, FL 32425 ADDRESS: P. O. Box 607, Chipley, FL 32428

PHONE: (850) 547-3689 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I, Joel Paul, Jr., Executive Director  
(Name) (Title)

hereby certify that Tri-County Community Council, Inc. and its applicable contractor(s) (listing attached hereto) for  
(Name of Subrecipient)

Tri-County Community Council, Inc., has (have) established and implemented an anti-drug and alcohol misuse prevention  
(Name of Subrecipient)

programs in accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR Parts 40 and 655, as amended. I further certify that the employee training conducted under this part meets the requirements of 49 CFR Parts 40 and 655, as amended.

  
Signature

Attachment: (Applicable Contractor(s) - Name, Address, Phone#, Contact Person)

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**  
for  
PUBLIC-SECTOR BUS TRANSIT SYSTEMS  
(Certifying compliance with F.S. 341.061 & RULE14-90 F.A.C.)  
to  
Florida Department of Transportation

*This Certifies year 2015.*

DATE: 1-11-2016

TRANSIT SYSTEM: Tri-County Community Council, Inc.

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1210 ; 302 North Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, Florida 32425

In accordance with Florida Statute 341.061, the Bus Transit System named above and Private Contract Bus Transit System(s) (listed below), hereby certifies to the following:

1. The adoption of a System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) & Security Program Plan (SPP) pursuant to Florida Department of Transportation safety standards set forth in Rule Chapter 14-90, Florida Administrative Code.
2. Compliance with adopted safety standards in the SSPP & SPP.
3. Performance of annual safety inspections on all operational buses in accordance with Rule 14-90.009, FAC.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Joel Paul, Jr.

(Type or Print)

Title: Executive Director

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

Name/Company: Holmes/Washington Counties - Tri-County Community Council, Inc. Maintenance Shop

Address: 2896 North Hwy 81, Ponce De Leon, FL 32455

Contact: Tom Crisp/Inez Cassidy (850) 547-3688

Name/Company: Walton County - Rockman Enterprises, Inc.

Address: 207B 331 South, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433

Contact: Lawton Rockman / Inez Cassidy (850) 547-3688

## Glossary of Terms

### Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged - Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

The following glossary is intended to coordinate terminology within the Florida Coordinated Transportation System. It is imperative that when certain words or phrases are used, the definition must be universally acknowledged.

**Accidents:** when used in reference to the AOR, the total number of reportable accidents that occurred through negligence of the transportation provider whereby the result was either property damage of \$1,000.00 or more, or personal injury that required evacuation to a medical facility, or a combination of both.

**(AER)** Actual Expenditure Report: an annual report completed by each state member agency and each official planning agency, to inform the Commission in writing, before September 15 of each year, of the specific amount of funds the agency expended for transportation disadvantaged services.

**Advance Reservation Service:** shared or individual paratransit service that is readily delivered with at least prior day notification, seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

**Agency:** an official, officer, commission, authority, council, committee, department, division, bureau, board, section, or any other unit or entity of the state or of a city, town, municipality, county, or other local governing body or a private non-profit transportation service providing entity.

**(ADA)** Americans with Disabilities Act: a federal law, P.L. 101-336, signed by the President of the United States on July 26, 1990 providing protection for persons with disabilities.

**(AOR)** Annual Operating Report: an annual report prepared by the community transportation coordinator detailing its designated service area operating statistics for the most recent operating year.

**(APR)** Annual Performance Report: an annual report issued by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged that combines all the data submitted in the Annual Operating Reports and the CTD Annual Report.

**(ASE)** Automotive Service Excellence: a series of tests that certify the skills of automotive technicians in a variety of maintenance areas.

**Availability:** a measure of the capability of a transportation system to be used by potential riders, such as the hours the system is in operation, the route spacing, the seating availability, and the pickup and delivery time parameters.

**Bus:** any motor vehicle designed for carrying more than 10 passengers and used for the transportation of persons of compensation.

**Bus Lane:** a street or highway lane intended primarily for buses, either all day or during specified periods, but used by other traffic under certain circumstances.

**Bus Stop:** a waiting, boarding, and disembarking area, usually designated by distinctive signs and by curbs or pavement markings.

**(CUTR)** Center for Urban Transportation Research: a research group located at the University of South Florida's College of Engineering.

**(CMBE)** Certified Minority Business Enterprise: any small business concern which is organized to engage in commercial transactions, which is domiciled in Florida, and which is at least 51 percent owned by minority persons and whose management and daily operations are controlled by such persons. These businesses should be certified by the Florida Department of management Services.

**Chapter 427**, Florida Statutes: the Florida statute establishing the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and prescribing its duties and responsibilities.

**Commendation:** any written compliment of any aspect of the coordinated system, including personnel, vehicle, service, etc.

**(CDL)** Commercial Driver's License: a license required if a driver operates a commercial motor vehicle, including a vehicle that carries 16 or more passengers (including the driver), or a vehicle weighing more than 26,000 pounds.

**Commission: the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged** as authorized in Section 427.013, Florida Statutes.

**(CTD)** Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged: an independent agency created in 1989 to accomplish the coordination of transportation services provided to the transportation disadvantaged. Replaced the Coordinating Council on the Transportation Disadvantaged.

**(CTC)** Community Transportation Coordinator: (formerly referred to as A coordinated community transportation provider) a transportation entity competitively procured or recommended by the appropriate official planning agency and local Coordinating Board and approved by the Commission, to ensure that safe, quality coordinated transportation services are provided or arranged in a cost effective manner to serve the transportation disadvantaged in a designated service area.

**Competitive Procurement:** obtaining a transportation operator or other services through a competitive process based upon Commission-approved procurement guidelines.

**Complaint:** any written customer concern involving timeliness, vehicle condition, quality of service, personnel behavior, and other operational policies.

**Complete (or Full) Brokerage:** type of CTC network in which the CTC does not operate any transportation services itself, but contracts with transportation operators for the delivery of all transportation services.

**Coordinated Transportation System:** includes the CTC, the transportation operators and coordination contractors under contract with the CTC, the official planning agency, and local Coordinating Board involved in the provision of service delivery to the transportation disadvantaged within the designated service area.

**Coordinated Trips:** passenger trips provided by or arranged through a CTC.

**Coordinating Board:** an entity in each designated service area composed of representatives who provide assistance to the community transportation coordinator relative to the coordination of transportation disadvantaged services.

**Coordination:** the arrangement for the provision of transportation services to the transportation disadvantaged in a manner that is cost effective, safe, efficient, and reduces fragmentation and duplication of services. Coordination is not the same as total consolidation of transportation disadvantaged services in any given service area.

**Coordination Contract:** a written contract between the community transportation coordinator and an agency who receives transportation disadvantaged funds and performs some, if not all of, its own services, as well as services to others, when such service has been analyzed by the CTC and proven to be a safer, more effective and more efficient service from a total system perspective. The Commission's standard contract reflects the specific terms and conditions that will apply to those agencies who perform their own transportation, as well as joint utilization and cost provisions for transportation services to and from the coordinator.

**Deadhead:** the miles or hours that a vehicle travels when out of revenue service. From dispatch point to first pickup, and from last drop-off to home base, or movements from home base to maintenance garage or fuel depot, and return.

**Demand Response:** a paratransit service that is readily delivered with less than prior day notification, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. This service can be either an individual or shared ride.

**Designated Service Area:** a geographical area subject to approval by the Commission, which defines the community where coordinated transportation services will be provided to the transportation disadvantaged.

**Disabled Passenger:** anyone which a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits at least one of the major life activities (i.e., caring for one's self, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, learning).

**Dispatcher:** the person responsible for having every scheduled run leave the yard or garage on time and maintain a schedule, matching the work force with the workload on a minute-by-minute basis. In demand-response transportation, the person who assigns the customer to vehicles and notifies the appropriate drivers.

**Driver Hour:** the period of one hour that a person works whose main responsibility is to drive vehicles.

**Economies of Scale:** cost savings resulting from combined resources (e.g., joint purchasing agreements that result in a lower cost per gallon or quantity discount for fuel).

**Effectiveness Measure:** a performance measure that indicates the level of consumption per unit of output. Passenger trips per vehicle mile is an example of an effectiveness measure.

**Efficiency Measure:** a performance measure that evaluates the level of resources expended to achieve a given level of output. An example of an efficiency measure is operating cost per vehicle mile.

**Emergency:** any occurrence, or threat thereof, whether accidental, natural or caused by man, in war or in peace, which results or may result in substantial denial of services to a designated service area for the transportation disadvantaged.

**Emergency Fund:** transportation disadvantaged trust fund monies set aside to address emergency situations and which can be utilized by discreet contract, without competitive bidding, between the Commission and an entity to handle transportation services during a time of emergency.

**Employees:** the total number of persons employed in an organization.

**Fixed Route:** (also known as Fixed Route/Fixed Schedule) service in which the vehicle(s) repeatedly follows a consistent time schedule and stopping points over the same route, whereby such schedule, route or service is not at the users request (e.g. conventional city bus, fixed guideway).

**(FAC)** Florida Administrative Code: a set of administrative codes regulating the state of Florida.

**(FCTS)** Florida Coordinated Transportation System: a transportation system responsible for coordination and service provisions for the transportation disadvantaged as outlined in Chapter 427, Florida Statutes.

**(FDOT)** Florida Department of Transportation: a governmental entity. The CTD is housed under the Florida Department of Transportation for administrative purposes.

**(FS)** Florida Statutes: the laws governing the state of Florida.

**(FTE)** Full Time Equivalent: a measure used to determine the number of employees based on a 40-hour work-week. One FTE equals 40 work hours per week.

**(FAC)** Fully Allocated Costs: the total cost, including the value of donations, contributions, grants or subsidies, of providing coordinated transportation, including those services which are purchased through transportation operators or provided through coordination contracts.

**General Trips:** passenger trips by individuals to destinations of their choice, not associated with any agency program.

**Goal:** broad conditions that define what the organization hopes to achieve.

**Grievance Process:** a formal plan that provides a channel for the adjustment of grievances through discussions at progressively higher levels of authority, culminating in mediation, if necessary.

**In Service:** the time a vehicle begins the route to provide transportation service to the time the route is completed.

**In-Take Clerk/ Reservationist:** an individual whose primary responsibility is to accept requests for trips, enter dates on requests, determine eligibility and provide customer service.

**Latent Demand:** demand that is not active (I.E., the potential demand of persons who are not presently in the market for a good or service).

**Limited Access:** the inability of a vehicle, facility or equipment to permit entry or exit to all persons. Lack of accessibility of vehicle, facility or other equipment.

**Load Factor:** the ratio of use to capacity of equipment or a facility during a specified time period.

**Local Government:** an elected and/or appointed public body existing to coordinate, govern, plan, fund, and administer public services within a designated, limited geographic area of the state.

**Local Government Comprehensive Plan:** a plan that meets the requirements of Sections 163.3177 and 163.3178, Florida Statutes.

**(LCB)** Local Coordinating Board: an entity in each designated service area composed of representatives appointed by the official planning agency. Its purpose is to provide assistance to the community transportation coordinator concerning the coordination of transportation-disadvantaged services.

**(MIS)** Management Information System: the mechanism that collects and reports key operating and financial information for managers on a continuing and regular basis.

**(MOA)** Memorandum of Agreement: the state contract included in the transportation disadvantaged service plan for transportation disadvantaged services purchased by federal, state, or local government transportation disadvantaged funds. This agreement is between the Commission and the community transportation coordinator and recognizes the community transportation coordinator as being responsible for the arrangement of the provision of transportation-disadvantaged services for a designated service area.

**(MPO)** Metropolitan Planning Organization: the area-wide organization responsible for conducting the continuous, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning and programming in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C.s. 134, as provided in 23 U.S.C.s. 104(f)(3). Also serves as the official planning agency referred to in Chapter 427, F.S. Many MPOs have been renamed as TPOs (Transportation Planning Organizations).

**Network type:** describes how a community transportation coordinator provides service, whether as a complete brokerage, partial brokerage, or sole provider.

**Non-coordinated Trip:** a trip provided by an agency, entity, or operator who is in whole or in part subsidized by local, state, or federal funds, and who does not have coordinator/operator contract with the community transportation coordinator.

**Non-sponsored Trip:** transportation disadvantaged services that are sponsored in whole by the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund.

**Objective:** specific, measurable conditions that the organization establishes to achieve its goals.

**Off Peak:** a period of day or night during which travel activity is generally low and a minimum of transit service is operated.

**(OPA)** Official Planning Agency: the official body or agency designated by the Commission to fulfill the functions of transportation disadvantaged planning. The Metropolitan Planning Organization shall serve as the planning agency in areas covered by such organizations.

**Operating Cost:** the sum of all expenditures that can be associated with the operation and maintenance of the system during the particular period under consideration.

**Operating Cost per Driver Hour:** operating costs divided by the number of driver hours, a measure of the cost efficiency of delivered service.

**Operating Cost per Passenger Trip:** operating costs divided by the total number of passenger trips, a measure of the efficiency of transporting riders. One of the key indicators of comparative performance of transit properties since it reflects both the efficiency with which service is delivered and the market demand for the service.

**Operating Cost per Vehicle Mile:** operating costs divided by the number of vehicle miles, a measure of the cost efficiency of delivered service.

**Operating Environment:** describes whether the community transportation coordinator provides service in an urban or rural service area.

**Operating Expenses:** sum of all expenses associated with the operation and maintenance of a transportation system.

**Operating Revenues:** all revenues and subsidies utilized by the operator in the provision of transportation services.

**Operating Statistics:** data on various characteristics of operations, including passenger trips, vehicle miles, operating costs, revenues, vehicles, employees, accidents and roadcalls.

**Operator Contract:** a written contract between the community transportation coordinator and a transportation operator to perform transportation services.

**Organization Type:** describes the structure of a community transportation coordinator, whether it is a private-for-profit, private non-profit, government, quasi-government, or transit agency.

**Paratransit:** elements of public transit that provide service between specific origins and destinations selected by the individual user with such service being provided at a time that is agreed upon between the user and the provider of the service. Paratransit services are provided by sedans, vans, buses, and other vehicles.

**Partial Brokerage:** type of CTC network in which the CTC provides some of the on-street transportation services and contracts with one or more other transportation operators to provide the other portion of the on-street transportation disadvantaged services, including coordination contractors.

**Passenger Miles:** a measure of service utilization, which represents the cumulative sum of the distances ridden by each passenger. This is a duplicated mileage count. For example: If 10 people ride together for 10 miles, there would be 100 passenger miles.

**Passenger Trip:** a unit of service provided each time a passenger enters the vehicle, is transported, then exits the vehicle. Each different destination would constitute a passenger trip. This unit of service is also known as a one-way passenger trip.

**Passenger Trips per Driver Hour:** a performance measure used to evaluate service effectiveness by calculating the total number of passenger trips divided by the number of driver hours.

**Passenger Trips per Vehicle Mile:** a performance measure used to evaluate service effectiveness by calculating the total number of passenger trips divided by the number of vehicle miles.

**Performance Measure:** statistical representation of how well an activity, task, or function is being performed. Usually computed from operating statistics by relating a measure of service output or utilization to a measure of service input or cost.

**Potential TD Population:** (formerly referred to as TD Category I) includes persons with disabilities, senior citizens, low-income persons, and high risk or at risk children. These persons are eligible to receive certain governmental and social service agency subsidies for program-related trips.

**Program Trip:** a passenger trip supplied or sponsored by a human service agency for the purpose of transporting clients to and from a program of that agency (e.g., sheltered workshops, congregate dining, and job training).

**Public Transit:** means the transporting of people by conveyances or systems of conveyances traveling on land or water, local or regional in nature, and available for use by the public. Public transit systems may be governmental or privately owned. Public transit specifically includes those forms of transportation commonly known as paratransit.

**Purchased Transportation:** transportation services provided for an entity by a public or private transportation provider based on a written contract.

**(QAPE)** Quality Assurance and Program Evaluation.

**(RBF)** Request for Bids: a competitive procurement process.

**(RFP)** Request for Proposals: a competitive procurement process.

**(RFQ)** Request for Qualifications: a competitive procurement process.

**Reserve Fund:** transportation disadvantaged trust fund monies set aside each budget year to insure adequate cash is available for incoming reimbursement requests when estimated revenues do not materialize.

**Revenue Hours:** total vehicle hours used in providing passenger transportation, excluding deadhead time.

**Revenue Miles:** the total number of paratransit service miles driven while TD passengers are actually riding on the vehicles. This figure should be calculated from first passenger pick-up until the last passenger drop-off, excluding any breaks in actual passenger transport. For example: if 10 passengers rode 10 miles together, there would be 10 revenue miles.

**Ridesharing:** the sharing of a vehicle by clients of two or more agencies, thus allowing for greater cost efficiency and improved vehicle utilization.

**Roadcall:** any in-service interruptions caused by failure of some functionally necessary element of the vehicle, whether the rider is transferred or not. Roadcalls exclude accidents.

**Rule 41-2, F.A.C.:** the rule adopted by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged to implement provisions established in Chapter 427, F.S.

**Scheduler:** a person who prepares an operating schedule for vehicles on the basis of passenger demand, level of service, and other operating elements such as travel times or equipment availability.

**Shuttle:** a transit service that operates on a short route, or in a small geographical area, often as an extension to the service of a longer route.

**Sole Provider:** (also referred to as Sole Source) network type in which the CTC provides all of the transportation disadvantaged services.

**Sponsored Trip:** a passenger trip that is subsidized in part or in whole by a local, state, or federal government funding source (not including monies provided by the TD Trust Fund).

**Standard:** something established by authority, custom, or general consent as a model or example.

**Stretcher Service:** a form of non-emergency paratransit service whereby the rider is transported on a stretcher, litter, gurney, or other device that does not meet the dimensions of a wheelchair as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Subscription Service:** a regular and recurring service in which schedules are prearranged, to meet the travel needs of riders who sign up for the service in advance. The service is characterized by the fact that the same passengers are picked up at the same location and time and are transported to the same location, and then returned to the point of origin in the same manner.

**(SSPP) System Safety Program Plan:** a documented organized approach and guide to accomplishing a system safety program set forth in Florida Rule 14-90.

**Total Fleet:** this includes all revenue vehicles held at the end of the fiscal year, including those in storage, emergency contingency, awaiting sale, etc.

**(TQM) Total Quality Management:** a management philosophy utilizing measurable goals and objectives to achieve quality management practices.

**Transportation Alternative:** those specific transportation services that are approved by rule to be acceptable transportation alternatives, and defined in s.427.018, F.S.

**(TD) Transportation Disadvantaged:** those persons, including children as defined in s.411.202 F.S., who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or inability to drive due to age or disability are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation and have no other form of transportation available. These persons are, therefore, dependent upon others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, or medically necessary or life-sustaining activities.

**Transportation Disadvantaged Funds:** any local government, state or available federal funds that are for the transportation of the transportation disadvantaged. Such funds may include, but are not limited to, funds for planning, transportation provided pursuant to the ADA, administration of transportation disadvantaged services, operation, procurement and maintenance of vehicles or equipment, and capital investments. Transportation disadvantaged funds do not include funds expended by school districts for the transportation of children to public schools or to receive service as a part of their educational program.

**Transportation Disadvantaged Population:** (formerly referred to as TD Category II) persons, including children, who, because of disability, income status, or inability to drive due to age or disability are unable to transport themselves.

**(TDSP) Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan:** a three-year implementation plan, with annual updates developed by the CTC and the planning agency, which contains the provisions of service delivery in the coordinated transportation system. The plan shall be reviewed and recommended by the local Coordinating Board.

**(TPO) Transportation Planning Organization.**

**Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund:** a fund administered by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged in which all fees collected for the transportation disadvantaged program shall be deposited. The funds deposited will be appropriated by the legislature to the Commission to carry out the Commission's responsibilities. Funds that are deposited may be used to subsidize a portion of a transportation disadvantaged person's transportation costs, which are not sponsored by an agency.

**Transportation Operator:** a public, private for profit, or private non-profit entity engaged by the community transportation coordinator to provide service to the transportation disadvantaged pursuant to an approved coordinated transportation system transportation disadvantaged service plan.

**Transportation Operator Contract:** the Commission's standard coordination/operator contract between the community transportation coordinator and the transportation operator that outlines the terms and conditions for any services to be performed.

**Trend Analysis:** a common technique used to analyze the performance of an organization over a period of time.

**Trip Priorities:** various methods for restricting or rationing trips.

**Trip Sheet:** a record kept of specific information required by ordinance, rule or operating procedure for a period of time worked by the driver of a public passenger vehicle in demand-response service. Also known as a driver log.

**(UPHC) Unduplicated Passenger Head Count:** the actual number of people that were provided paratransit transportation services, not including personal care attendants, non-paying escorts, or persons provided fixed schedule/fixed route service.

**Unmet Demand:** the number of trips desired but not provided because of insufficient service supply.

**Urbanized Area:** a city (or twin cities) that has a population of 50,000 or more (central city) and surrounding incorporated and unincorporated areas that meet certain criteria of population size or density.

**(USDHHS)** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: a federal agency regulating health and human services.

**(USDOT)** U.S. Department of Transportation: a federal agency regulating the transportation field.

**Van Pool:** a prearranged ride-sharing service in which a number of people travel together on a regular basis in a van. Van pools are commonly a company-sponsored van that has a regular volunteer driver.

**Vehicle Inventory:** an inventory of vehicles used by the CTC, transportation operators, and coordination contractors for the provision of transportation disadvantaged services.

**Vehicle Miles:** the total distance traveled by revenue vehicles, including both revenue miles and deadhead miles.

**Vehicle Miles per Vehicle:** a performance measure used to evaluate resource utilization and rate of vehicle depreciation, calculated by dividing the number of vehicle miles by the total number of vehicles.

**Vehicles:** number of vehicles owned by the transit agency that are available for use in providing services.

**Volunteers:** individuals who do selected tasks for the community transportation coordinator or its contracted operator, for little or no compensation.

**Will-Calls:** these are trips that are requested on a demand response basis, usually for a return trip. The transportation provider generally knows to expect a request for a will-call trip, but can not schedule the trip in advance because the provider does not know the exact time a passenger will call to request his/her trip.

**HOLMES-WASHINGTON COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION  
2016 RIDER SURVEY COMMENTS**

**Holmes County Comments:**

1. Very nice driver.
2. Driver was awesome and courteous to us. Was a great trip. Thanks!!
3. Staywell makes it hard.
4. Very good service and courtesy from this company.
5. I love Tri-County for transportation.
6. The only thing I don't like is having to sit on the bus for an hour before we can leave to go home.
7. Drivers are excellent.
8. I like Mr. Lamar.
9. Amanda is a sweet girl. She is very helpful.
10. Drivers are very nice. Amanda is very sweet girl.
11. Employees are amazing. Very grateful for this service.
12. Was easy to schedule trip before I had to call my insurance.
13. I wish I could just call Cindy to schedule trips. I don't like having to call Prestige.
14. Enjoy Tri-County's service.
15. This company is great. I'm glad there the one's that pick me up.
16. I am well pleased!
17. Good service.

**Washington County Comments:**

1. Good
2. OK
3. Tri-County is good transportation.
4. Kim is the best driver you got.
5. They came at 7:15 am for my 9:15 am appt. because I was not called with an arrival time so I was not ready. The destination was only 15 miles from my home.
6. Very good for all drivers!
7. Awesome Awesome service.
8. I love all the drivers.
9. Keep the good work up guys.

## HOLMES-WASHINGTON RIDER SURVEY RESULTS & COMPARISONS

QUESTION	#	RESPONSE	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
DEPENDABILITY - Schedule a trip for the time period I need?	1	A - Very Good	72	76	80	75%	76%	82%
		B - Good	19	17	16	20%	17%	17%
		C - Neutral	3	7	1	3%	7%	1%
		D - Poor	2	0	0	2%	0%	0%
		E - Very Poor	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
		Total	96	100	97	100%	100%	100%
SERVICE RUNS WHEN I NEED IT?	2	A - Very Good	69	79	78	73%	79%	80%
		B - Good	20	15	17	21%	15%	18%
		C - Neutral	4	5	2	4%	5%	2%
		D - Poor	1	1	0	1%	1%	0%
		E - Very Poor	1	0	0	1%	0%	0%
		Total	95	100	97	100%	100%	100%
EASY TO ARRANGE TRIPS?	3	A - Very Good	71	73	79	79%	73%	82%
		B - Good	15	19	14	17%	19%	14%
		C - Neutral	2	8	3	2%	8%	3%
		D - Poor	2	0	0	2%	0%	0%
		E - Very Poor	0	0	1	0%	0%	1%
		Total	90	100	97	100%	100%	100%
IT IS CONVENIENT TO CHANGE SCHEDULED TRIPS WHEN NECESSARY?	4	A - Very Good	67	70	69	71%	70%	71%
		B - Good	20	20	22	21%	20%	23%
		C - Neutral	5	8	5	5%	8%	5%
		D - Poor	2	2	1	2%	2%	1%
		E - Very Poor	1	0	0	1%	0%	0%
		Total	95	100	97	100%	100%	100%
COMFORT / CLEANLINESS The vehicles are clean and maintained?	5	A - Very Good	81	77	82	85%	77%	85%
		B - Good	14	21	12	15%	21%	12%
		C - Neutral	0	2	3	0%	2%	3%
		D - Poor	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
		E - Very Poor	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
		Total	95	100	97	100%	100%	100%
THE DRIVER PROVIDES A SAFE AND COMFORTABLE RIDE?	6	A - Very Good	82	83	85	88%	83%	88%
		B - Good	10	14	9	11%	14%	9%
		C - Neutral	1	3	3	1%	3%	3%
		D - Poor	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
		E - Very Poor	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
		Total	93	100	97	100%	100%	100%
WAITING TIME - The vehicle picks me up within 30 minutes of my scheduled time?	7	A - Very Good	72	69	70	77%	69%	72%
		B - Good	18	25	20	19%	25%	21%
		C - Neutral	4	5	6	4%	5%	6%
		D - Poor	0	0	1	0%	0%	1%
		E - Very Poor	0	1	0	0%	1%	0%
		Total	94	100	97	100%	100%	100%
I ARRIVED AT MY DESTINATION AT THE SCHEDULED TIME?	8	A - Very Good	78	81	86	81%	81%	89%
		B - Good	14	14	9	15%	14%	9%
		C - Neutral	3	3	2	3%	3%	2%
		D - Poor	1	1	0	1%	1%	0%
		E - Very Poor	0	1	0	0%	1%	0%
		Total	96	100	97	100%	100%	100%

<u>QUESTION</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
COST - Amount I pay for my trip is reasonable?	9	A - Very Good	79	67	84	82%	67%	87%
		B - Good	16	19	9	17%	19%	9%
		C - Neutral	1	13	4	1%	13%	4%
		D - Poor	0	1	0	0%	1%	0%
		E - Very Poor	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
		Total	96	100	97	100%	100%	100%
THE RESERVATIONIST IS PLEASANT?	10	A - Very Good	78	76	80	82%	76%	83%
		B - Good	15	18	14	16%	18%	14%
		C - Neutral	2	5	3	2%	5%	3%
		D - Poor	0	1	0	0%	1%	0%
		E - Very Poor	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
		Total	95	100	97	100%	100%	100%
THE DRIVERS ARE COURTEOUS AND HELPFUL?	11	A - Very Good	83	85	87	89%	85%	90%
		B - Good	9	14	8	10%	14%	8%
		C - Neutral	1	0	2	1%	0%	2%
		D - Poor	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
		E - Very Poor	0	1	0	0%	1%	0%
		Total	93	100	97	100%	100%	100%
OVERALL COURTESY OF EMPLOYEES?	12	A - Very Good	82	88	84	87%	88%	87%
		B - Good	10	10	12	11%	10%	12%
		C - Neutral	2	1	1	2%	1%	1%
		D - Poor	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
		E - Very Poor	0	1	0	0%	1%	0%
		Total	94	100	97	100%	100%	100%
OVERALL SATISFACTION OF SERVICES?	13	A - Very Good	84	82	81	89%	82%	84%
		B - Good	8	13	14	9%	13%	14%
		C - Neutral	1	3	2	1%	3%	2%
		D - Poor	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
		E - Very Poor	1	2	0	1%	2%	0%
		Total	94	100	97	100%	100%	100%
WHERE ARE YOU GOING ON YOUR TRIP (FINAL DESTINATION)?	14	A. Med/Dent	50	67	69	45%	67%	71%
		B. Sch/Wrk	34	10	7	31%	10%	7%
		C. Groc/Shop	5	1	10	5%	1%	11%
		D. Rec/Errand	5	4	3	5%	4%	3%
		E. Other	17	18	8	15%	18%	8%
		Total	111	100	97	100%	100%	100%
ON AVERAGE, HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION A MONTH?	15	A. Rarely	9	13	7	10%	13%	7%
		B. 1-2 days	11	20	26	12%	21%	27%
		C. 3-4 days	30	24	30	33%	25%	31%
		D. 5-10 days	17	15	22	18%	15%	23%
		E. 11+ days	25	25	12	27%	26%	12%
		Total	92	97	97	100%	100%	100%
IF NOT BY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION, HOW WOULD YOU MAKE THIS TRIP?	16	A. Drive	9	7	8	9%	7%	8%
		B. Would not go	46	49	42	45%	50%	44%
		C. Carpool	31	32	39	30%	33%	40%
		D. Other	13	7	6	13%	7%	6%
		E. Bus Service	3	3	2	3%	3%	2%
		Total	102	98	97	100%	100%	100%

# ***CTC***

## ***EVALUATION WORKBOOK***

Florida Commission for the



## **Transportation Disadvantaged**

**CTC BEING REVIEWED: TRI COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**EVALUATION:**

1. OPERATING ENVIRONMENT:     RURAL     URBAN
2. ORGANIZATION TYPE:         PRIVATE-FOR-PROFIT  
     PRIVATE NON-PROFIT  
     GOVERNMENT  
     TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
3. NETWORK TYPE:                 SOLE PROVIDER  
     PARTIAL BROKERAGE  
     COMPLETE BROKERAGE
4. NAME THE OPERATORS THAT YOUR COMPANY HAS CONTRACTS WITH:  
       **Holmes County EMS**
5. NAME THE GROUPS THAT YOUR COMPANY HAS COORDINATION CONTRACTS WITH:  
       **NONE**
6. NAME THE ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES THAT PURCHASE SERVICE FROM THE CTC AND THE PERCENTAGE OF TRIPS EACH REPRESENTS?  
       (Recent APR information may be used)

Name of Agency	% of Trips	Name of Contact	Telephone Number
CTD	19.72%		
MEDICAID (AHCA)	34.61%		
APD	12.12%		
DOEA	2.20%		
DOE			
Other	31.34%		

7. REVIEW AND DISCUSS TD HELPLINE CALLS:

	Number of calls	Closed Cases	Unsolved Cases
Total Calls	<b>**Unavailable</b>		

**COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 427, F.S.**

**Review the CTC monitoring of its transportation operator contracts to ensure compliance with 427.0155(3), F.S.**

*“Review all transportation operator contracts annually.”*

WHAT TYPE OF MONITORING DOES THE CTC PERFORM ON ITS OPERATOR(S) AND HOW OFTEN IS IT CONDUCTED?

**Operators are monitored annually utilizing the Safety Compliance Report provided by the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged.**

Is a written report issued to the operator?      **X**      Yes       No

If NO, how are the contractors notified of the results of the monitoring?

WHAT TYPE OF MONITORING DOES THE CTC PERFORM ON ITS COORDINATION CONTRACTORS AND HOW OFTEN IS IT CONDUCTED?

**NA**

Is a written report issued?            Yes            No

If NO, how are the contractors notified of the results of the monitoring?

WHAT ACTION IS TAKEN IF A CONTRACTOR RECEIVES AN UNFAVORABLE REPORT?

**Operators are given a time period to correct deficiencies. Vehicles not in compliance are taken out of service until the deficiency is corrected.**

IS THE CTC IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION?      **X**      Yes       No

**COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 427, F.S.**

**Review the TDSP to determine the utilization of school buses and public transportation services [Chapter 427.0155(4)]**

*“Approve and coordinate the utilization of school bus and public transportation services in accordance with the TDSP.”*

HOW IS THE CTC USING SCHOOL BUSES IN THE COORDINATED SYSTEM?

**The CTC does not use school buses in the coordinated system.**

**Rule 41-2.012(5)(b):** *“As part of the Coordinator’s performance, the local Coordinating Board shall also set an annual percentage goal increase for the number of trips provided within the system for ridership on public transit, where applicable. In areas where the public transit is not being utilized, the local Coordinating Board shall set an annual percentage of the number of trips to be provided on public transit.”*

HOW IS THE CTC USING FIXED ROUTE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN THE COORDINATED SYSTEM?

**X N/A The CTC provides the public transportation for Holmes County, but there is no fixed route.**

IS THERE A GOAL FOR TRANSFERRING PASSENGERS FROM PARATRANSIT TO TRANSIT?

Yes **X No**

If YES, what is the goal?

Is the CTC accomplishing the goal?  Yes  No

IS THE CTC IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS REQUIREMENT? **X Yes**  No

**COMPLIANCE WITH 41-2, F.A.C.**

**Compliance with 41-2.006(1), Minimum Insurance Compliance** *“...ensure compliance with the minimum liability insurance requirement of \$200,000 per person and \$300,000 per incident...”*

WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS?

**\$200,000 per person and \$300, 000 per incident**

**Tri-County Community Council has:**

**\$1,000,000 per person and \$1,000, 000 per incident**

WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS IN THE OPERATOR AND COORDINATION CONTRACTS?

**Same**

HOW MUCH DOES THE INSURANCE COST (per operator)? **NA**

Operator	Insurance Cost

DOES THE MINIMUM LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS EXCEED \$1 MILLION PER INCIDENT?

Yes **X No**

If yes, was this approved by the Commission?  Yes  No

IS THE CTC IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION? **X Yes**  No

**COMPLIANCE WITH 41-2, F.A.C.**

**Compliance with 41-2.011(2), Evaluating Cost-Effectiveness of Coordination Contractors and Transportation Alternatives.**

*"...contracts shall be reviewed annually by the Community Transportation Coordinator and the Coordinating Board as to the effectiveness and efficiency of the Transportation Operator or the renewal of any Coordination Contracts."*

1. IF THE CTC HAS COORDINATION CONTRACTORS, DETERMINE THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE CONTRACTORS.

**NA, the CTC does not have any coordination contracts.**

2. DO YOU HAVE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES?  Yes  No

(Those specific transportation services approved by rule or the Commission as a service not normally arranged by the Community Transportation Coordinator, but provided by the purchasing agency. Example: a neighbor providing the trip)

IS THE CTC IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION?  Yes  No

**RULE 41-2**

**COMPLIANCE WITH 41-2, F.A.C.**

**Compliance with Commission Standards** *"...shall adhere to Commission approved standards..."*

Observed during LCB ride along and during visit.

Commission Standards	Comments
Local toll free phone number must be posted in all vehicles.	YES - Posted and easy to see.
Vehicle Cleanliness	YES - Clean
Passenger/Trip Database	YES - Driver completed manifest
Adequate seating	YES - Enough seating present
Driver Identification	YES - Driver had ID Badge
Passenger Assistance	YES - Driver assisted all passengers
No Smoking, Eating and Drinking	YES - Posted -- None occurred - TDSP
Two-way Communications	YES - Driver had two way radio – Push to talk
Air Conditioning/Heating	YES - Vehicle was a comfortable temperature and AC worked.
Billing Requirements	YES - Observed at office and TDSP

**COMMISSION STANDARDS**

Findings: The CTC is meeting all Commission Standards

Recommendations:

COMPLIANCE WITH 41-2, F.A.C.

Compliance with Local Standards “...shall adhere to Commission approved standards...”

Local Standards	Comments
Transport of Escorts and dependent children policy	Escorts are required when transporting anyone under 16 years old (exemptions are made by Program Manager or Director) and for any rider who cannot access vehicles without minimal support or assistance. Reservationist will need to know in advance if an escort is required.
Use, Responsibility, and cost of child restraint devices	Required for all riders under the age of 6. The child restraint device is provided by the CTC. Requests for the device must be made at the time the reservation is scheduled.
Out-of-Service Area trips	Trips are scheduled to out of area service area and are dependent on driver/ vehicle availability.
CPR/1st Aid	First Aid will be administered as needed & 911 will be called for additional assistance. Drivers are required to complete 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid and CPR training every 2 years.
Driver Criminal Background Screening	All transportation staff must have a “clean” Level II Background Screening letter on file stating no disqualifying criminal offenses were identified/ or disqualifies employee from working in the program.
Rider Personal Property	Riders are allowed to have personal property which they can hold in their lap or place under their seat – if it doesn’t present a safety hazard. Riders must be able to carry items brought onto the vehicle.
Advance reservation requirements	All trips must be must be requested by noon the prior working day. Appointments are taken Monday – Friday from 8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m. . HMO trips can be scheduled same day.
Pick-up Window	Riders are requested to be ready 30 minutes before scheduled pick up time and 30 minutes after. (Pick-up window of 60 Minutes)

Measurable Standards/Goal	Standard/Goal	Latest Figures	MET/NOT MET
Public Transit Ridership	NA	NA	NA
On-time performance	90%	More than 90%	YES
Passenger No-shows 88	No Goal follow TDSP		
Accidents 1 / 385,011 miles	<1/100,000 miles	.26 /100,000 miles	YES
Roadcalls 0 / 385,011 miles	< 1/10,000 miles	0 / 10,000	YES
Complaints Trips 5 / 29,584 trips	< .5% Trips	< .02%	YES
Call-Hold Time	NA	NA	NA

**LOCAL STANDARDS**

Findings: The CTC met all local Standards and Measureable Goals and Objectives.  
Recommendations: The CTC should strive to continue meeting all Local Standards-and Measureable Goals and Objectives.

## TRIP OBSERVATION

RIDE A VEHICLE WITHIN THE COORDINATED SYSTEM.

Date of Observation:

**January 7, 2016**

Person completing conducting the observation:

**Jonita Taylor**

Location:

**1413 Brickyard Rd.**

Number of Passengers picked up/dropped off:

**3**

Ambulatory

**1**

Non-Ambulatory

**2**

Was the driver on time?

Yes     No, how many minutes late/early?  
 Yes     No, how many minutes late/early?  
 Yes     No, how many minutes late/early?

Did the driver provide any passenger assistance?

Yes     No

Was the driver wearing any identification?

Yes     Uniform     Name Tag     ID Badge  
 No

Did the driver render an appropriate greeting?

Yes     No     Driver regularly transports the rider, not necessary

If CTC has a policy on seat belts, did the driver ensure the passengers were properly belted?

Yes     No

Was the vehicle neat and clean, and free from dirt, torn upholstery, damaged or broken seats, protruding metal or other objects?

Yes     No

Is there a sign posted on the interior of the vehicle with both a local phone number and the TD Helpline for comments/complaints/commendations?

Yes     No

Does the vehicle have working heat and air conditioning?

Yes     No

Does the vehicle have two-way communications in good working order?

Yes     No

If used, was the lift in good working order?

Yes     No

Was there safe and appropriate seating for all passengers?

Yes     No

Did the driver properly use the lift and secure the passenger?

Yes     No

If no, please explain:

**Comments:**

**TRIP OBSERVATION**

RIDE A VEHICLE WITHIN THE COORDINATED SYSTEM.

Date of Observation: January 13, 2016

Person completing conducting the observation: Jonita Taylor

Location: 1413 Brickyard Rd.

Number of Passengers picked up/dropped off: 1

Ambulatory  

Non-Ambulatory 1

Was the driver on time?  Yes  No, how many minutes late/early?

Did the driver provide any passenger assistance?  Yes  No

Was the driver wearing any identification?

Yes  Uniform  Name Tag  ID Badge  
 No

Did the driver render an appropriate greeting?

Yes  No  Driver regularly transports the rider, not necessary

If CTC has a policy on seat belts, did the driver ensure the passengers were properly belted?  
 Yes  No

Was the vehicle neat and clean, and free from dirt, torn upholstery, damaged or broken seats, protruding metal or other objects?  
 Yes  No

Is there a sign posted on the interior of the vehicle with both a local phone number and the TD Helpline for comments/complaints/commendations?  
 Yes  No

Does the vehicle have working heat and air conditioning?  Yes  No

Does the vehicle have two-way communications in good working order?  Yes  No

If used, was the lift in good working order?  Yes  No

Was there safe and appropriate seating for all passengers?  Yes  No

Did the driver properly use the lift and secure the passenger?  Yes  No

If no, please explain:

**Comments:** The lift gate rattled some – please grease lift and/or tighten

Date of Ride: NA

Funding Source	# TRIPS	% TRIPS
CTD	5,835	19.72%
AHCA	10,238	34.61%
APD	3,587	12.12%
DOEA	651	2.20%
DOE	0	
Other	9,273	31.34%
Totals	29,584	100.00%

**Passenger Satisfaction** - The planning agency conducts the rider survey each year. The results are included in the TDSP update.

Date of Rider Surveys: February 2015 – March 2015

OVERALL SATISFACTION OF SERVICE			
	A - Very Good	82	82%
B - Good	13	13%	
C - Neutral	3	3%	
D - Poor	0	0%	
E - Very Poor	2	2%	
Total	100	100%	

## Level of Cost Worksheet 1

### COSTS BY EXPENSE CATEGORY

CTC Expense category by account (500-599)	2012-2013 Trips: 33,110		2013-2014 Trips: 30,695		2014-2015 Trips: 29,584	
	Expense	Cost/ Trip	Expense	Cost/ Trip	Expense	Cost/ Trip

Labor (501)	\$225,696	\$6.82	\$222,462	\$7.25	\$254,700	\$8.61
Fringe Benefits (502)	57,447	1.74	47,142	1.54	54,679	1.85
Services (503)	5,013	0.15	4,529	0.15	16,454	0.56
Materials & Supplies Consumed (504)	164,773	4.98	131,540	4.29	165,803	5.60
Utilities (505)	14,0369	0.42	14,560	.47	14,818	.50
1.18Casualty and Liability Costs (506)	41,009	1.24	36,177	1.18	34,040	1.15
Taxes (507)	597	0.02	523	0.02	318	0.01
Purchased Transportation Service (508)	23,249	0.70	32,168	1.05	7,670	.26
Miscellaneous Expenses (509)	13,303	0.40	10,061	0.33	11,605	0.39
Interest Expense (511)	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Leases & Rentals (512)	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Annual Depreciation & Amortization (513)	8,394	0.25	8,934	0.29	25,846	0.87
Contributed Service - Allowable Expenses (530)	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Allocated Indirect Expenses (if applicable)	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
<b>SYSTEM TOTAL</b>	<b>\$553,517</b>	<b>\$16.72</b>	<b>\$508,096</b>	<b>\$16.55</b>	<b>\$585,933</b>	<b>\$19.81</b>

1. Which expenses are especially high? None

2. Are these high expenses acceptable? Are they approved?

3. What strategies could reduce the unacceptable costs?

**The CTC strives to provide safe and affordable service. They have established an in house maintenance service in Bonifay, available for the adjacent CTCs. They have established a two county service area to better coordinate trips.**

## Level of Competition Worksheet 2

### 1. Inventory of Transportation Operators in the Service Area

	Operators Available	Contracted	Trips	% of Trips
Private Non-Profit	1	1	29514	99.8%
Private For-Profit	0	0		
Government	1	1	70	.2%
Public Transit Agency	0	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29,584</b>	<b>100%</b>

2. How many of the operators are coordination contractors? 0
3. Of the operators included in the local coordinated system, how many have the capability of expanding capacity? 0  
Does the CTC have the ability to expand? **Yes with additional funding**
4. Indicate the date the latest transportation operator was brought into the system. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Does the CTC have a competitive procurement process? **NO**
6. In the past five (5) years, how many times have the following methods been used in selection of the transportation operators?

	Low bid
	Requests for qualifications
<b>X</b>	<b>Negotiation only</b>

	Requests for proposals
	Requests for interested parties

Which of the methods listed on the previous page was used to select the current operators?

**Negotiation only**

7. Which of the following items are incorporated in the review and selection of transportation operators for inclusion in the coordinated system?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capabilities of operator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scope of Work
	Age of company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safety Program
	Previous experience	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capacity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Training Program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Qualifications of staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Insurance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accident History
	Economies of Scale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quality
	Contract Monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Knowledge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reporting Capabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cost of the Contracting Process
	Financial Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Price
	Performance Bond		Distribution of Costs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Responsiveness to Solicitation		Other: (list)

8. If a competitive bid or request for proposals has been used to select the transportation operators, to how many potential operators was the request distributed in the most recently completed process? \_\_\_\_\_ How many responded? \_\_\_\_\_  
The request for bids/proposals was distributed:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Locally \_\_\_\_\_ Statewide \_\_\_\_\_ Nationally
9. Has the CTC reviewed the possibilities of competitively contracting any services other than transportation provision (such as fuel, maintenance, etc...)? N/A

## **Level of Availability (Coordination)**

### **Worksheet 3**

**Planning** – What are the coordinated plans for transporting the TD population? **TDSP**

**Public Information** – How is public information distributed about transportation services in the community?  
**Advertising in local paper, brochures at agencies, through the LCB and presentation at facilities.**

**Certification** – How are individual certifications and registrations coordinated for local TD transportation services?  
**The certifications are processed in the Bonifay office.**

**Eligibility Records** – What system is used to coordinate which individuals are eligible for special transportation services in the community? **Eligibility is maintained through the transportation software and applications**

**Call Intake** – To what extent is transportation coordinated to ensure that a user can reach a Reservationist on the first call? **There are four incoming lines.**

**Reservations** – What is the reservation process? How is the duplication of a reservation prevented? **Computer software allows for scheduling without duplication and scheduler verifies and checks trips.**

**Trip Allocation** – How is the allocation of trip requests to providers coordinated? **Holmes County EMS provides stretcher service as needed.**

**Scheduling** – How is the trip assignment to vehicles coordinated? **Through the software and rotating vehicles to prevent overuse of some vehicles and verified by the scheduler.**

**Transport** – How are the actual transportation services and modes of transportation coordinated? **The scheduler uses data collected for next day trips to develop manifests for drivers, by vehicle.**

**Dispatching** – How is the real time communication and direction of drivers coordinated? **Dispatch is available to drivers by two way communication and tablets.**

**General Service Monitoring** – How is the overseeing of transportation operators coordinated? **Annual monitoring for contracted operators.**

**Daily Service Monitoring** – How are real-time resolutions to trip problems coordinated? **Dispatch, receptions and supervisor are located in the same office. Two way communication is maintained with the drivers and tablets add real time data.**

**Trip Reconciliation** – How is the confirmation of official trips coordinated? **Through the driver manifests.**

**Billing** – How is the process for requesting and processing fares, payments, and reimbursements coordinated? **Through the office in Bonifay.**

**Reporting** – How is operating information reported, compiled, and examined? **Using the transportation software, the trip data is used to produce the necessary reports.**

**Cost Resources** – How are costs shared between the coordinator and the operators (s) in order to reduce the overall costs of the coordinated program? **NA, use of operators is minimal in this county.**

**Information Resources** – How is information shared with other organizations to ensure smooth service provision and increased service provision? **Through the local coordinating board, community meetings, and through advertising.**

**Overall** – What type of formal agreement does the CTC have with organizations, which provide transportation in the community? **The CTC has contracts with the stretcher provider.**

# ***CTC***

## ***EVALUATION WORKBOOK***

Florida Commission for the



## **Transportation Disadvantaged**

**CTC BEING REVIEWED: TRI COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**COUNTY: WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**ADDRESS: 302 N. OKLAHOMA STREET, BONIFAY, FL**

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**REVIEW PERIOD: FY 2014-2015**

**REVIEW DATE: JANUARY 13, 2015**

**REVIEW CONDUCTED BY:**

**HOLMES/WASHINGTON COUNTY LOCAL COORDINATION BOARD MEMBERS**

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**APPROVED FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

**USING THE AOR COMPILER THIS INFORMATION:**

**EVALUATION:**

1. OPERATING ENVIRONMENT:      RURAL      URBAN
2. ORGANIZATION TYPE:          PRIVATE-FOR-PROFIT  
     PRIVATE NON-PROFIT  
     GOVERNMENT  
     TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
3. NETWORK TYPE:                SOLE PROVIDER  
     PARTIAL BROKERAGE  
     COMPLETE BROKERAGE

4. NAME THE OPERATORS THAT YOUR COMPANY HAS CONTRACTS WITH:  
**Holmes County EMS, US Medical, Emerald Coast**

5. NAME THE GROUPS THAT YOUR COMPANY HAS COORDINATION CONTRACTS WITH:  
**The CTC does not have any Coordination Contracts in Washington County**

6. NAME THE ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES THAT PURCHASE SERVICE FROM THE CTC AND THE PERCENTAGE OF TRIPS EACH REPRESENTS?  
 (Recent APR information may be used)

Name of Agency	% of Trips	Name of Contact	Telephone Number
CTD	<b>33.15%</b>		
MEDICAID (AHCA)	<b>36.27%</b>		
APD	<b>15.56%</b>		
DOEA	<b>0.60%</b>		
DOE			
Other	<b>14.43%</b>		

**7. REVIEW AND DISCUSS TD HELPLINE CALLS:**

	Number of calls	Closed Cases	Unsolved Cases
Total Calls	<b>**Unavailable</b>		

**COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 427, F.S.**

**Review the CTC monitoring of its transportation operator contracts to ensure compliance with 427.0155(3), F.S. "Review all transportation operator contracts annually."**

WHAT TYPE OF MONITORING DOES THE CTC PERFORM ON ITS OPERATOR(S) AND HOW OFTEN IS IT CONDUCTED?

**Operators are monitored annually utilizing the Safety Compliance Report provided by the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged.**

Is a written report issued to the operator?  Yes  No

If NO, how are the contractors notified of the results of the monitoring?

WHAT TYPE OF MONITORING DOES THE CTC PERFORM ON ITS COORDINATION CONTRACTORS AND HOW OFTEN IS IT CONDUCTED?

**NA**

Is a written report issued?  Yes  No

If NO, how are the contractors notified of the results of the monitoring?

WHAT ACTION IS TAKEN IF A CONTRACTOR RECEIVES AN UNFAVORABLE REPORT?

**Operators are given a time period to correct deficiencies. Vehicles not in compliance are taken out of service until the deficiency is corrected.**

IS THE CTC IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION?  Yes  No

**COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 427, F.S.**

**Review the TDSP to determine the utilization of school buses and public transportation services [Chapter 427.0155(4)] "Approve and coordinate the utilization of school bus and public transportation services in accordance with the TDSP."**

HOW IS THE CTC USING SCHOOL BUSES IN THE COORDINATED SYSTEM?

**The CTC does not use school buses in the coordinated system.**

**Rule 41-2.012(5)(b): "As part of the Coordinator's performance, the local Coordinating Board shall also set an annual percentage goal increase for the number of trips provided within the system for ridership on public transit, where applicable. In areas where the public transit is not being utilized, the local Coordinating Board shall set an annual percentage of the number of trips to be provided on public transit."**

HOW IS THE CTC USING (FIXED ROUTE) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN THE COORDINATED SYSTEM?

**X N/A The CTC is the provider of public transportation in Washington County; however, there is no fixed route in the County.**

IS THERE A GOAL FOR TRANSFERRING PASSENGERS FROM PARATRANSIT TO TRANSIT?

Yes  No If YES, what is the goal?

Is the CTC accomplishing the goal?  Yes  No

IS THE CTC IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS REQUIREMENT?  Yes  No

COMPLIANCE WITH 41-2, F.A.C.

**Compliance with 41-2.006(1), Minimum Insurance Compliance** “...ensure compliance with the minimum liability insurance requirement of \$200,000 per person and \$300,000 per incident...”

WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS?

**\$200,000 per person and \$300, 000 per incident**

**Tri-County Community Council has:**

**\$1,000,000 per person and \$1,000, 000 per incident**

WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS IN THE OPERATOR AND COORDINATION CONTRACTS?

**Same**

HOW MUCH DOES THE INSURANCE COST (per operator)? **NA**

Operator	Insurance Cost

DOES THE MINIMUM LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS EXCEED \$1 MILLION PER INCIDENT?

Yes  **No**

If yes, was this approved by the Commission?  Yes  No

IS THE CTC IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION?  **Yes**  No

COMPLIANCE WITH 41-2, F.A.C.

**Compliance with 41-2.011(2), Evaluating Cost-Effectiveness of Coordination Contractors and Transportation Alternatives.** “...contracts shall be reviewed annually by the Community Transportation Coordinator and the Coordinating Board as to the effectiveness and efficiency of the Transportation Operator or the renewal of any Coordination Contracts.”

1. IF THE CTC HAS COORDINATION CONTRACTORS, DETERMINE THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE CONTRACTORS.

**NA, the CTC does not have any coordination contracts.**

2. DO YOU HAVE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES?  Yes  **No**

(Those specific transportation services approved by rule or the Commission as a service not normally arranged by the Community Transportation Coordinator, but provided by the purchasing agency. Example: a neighbor providing the trip)

IS THE CTC IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION?  **Yes**  No

COMPLIANCE WITH 41-2, F.A.C.

**Compliance with Commission Standards** “...shall adhere to Commission approved standards...”

Commission Standards	Comments
Local and CTD toll free phone numbers must be posted in all vehicles.	<b>YES</b> - Posted and easy to see.
Vehicle Cleanliness	<b>YES</b> - Clean
Passenger/Trip Database	<b>YES</b> - Driver completed manifest
Adequate seating	<b>YES</b> - Enough seating present
Driver Identification	<b>YES</b> - Driver had ID Badge
Passenger Assistance	<b>YES</b> - Driver assisted all passengers
No Smoking, Eating and Drinking	<b>YES</b> - Posted -- None occurred - TDSP
Two-way Communications	<b>YES</b> - Driver had two way radio – Push to talk
Air Conditioning/Heating	<b>YES</b> - Vehicle was a comfortable temperature and AC worked.
Billing Requirements	<b>YES</b> - Observed at office and TDSP

**COMMISSION STANDARDS**

Findings: The CTC is meeting all Commission Standards

Recommendations: The CTC should maintain the Commission Standards

**Compliance with Local Standards “...shall adhere to Commission approved standards...”**

Local Standards	Comments
Transport of Escorts and dependent children policy	Escorts are required when transporting anyone under 16 age (exemptions are made by Program manager or Director) and for any rider who cannot access vehicles without minimal support or assistance. Reservationist will need to know in advance if an escort is required.
Use, Responsibility, and cost of child restraint devices	Required for all riders under the age of 6. The child restraint device is provided by the CTC. Requests for the device must be made at the time the reservation is scheduled.
Out-of-Service Area trips	Only medical trips are scheduled to out of area service area dependent on driver/ vehicle availability
CPR/1st Aid	First Aid will be administered as needed & 911 will be called for additional assistance. Drivers are required to complete 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid and CPR training every 2 years.
Driver Criminal Background Screening	All transportation staff must have a “clean” Level II Background Screening letter on file stating no disqualifying criminal offenses were identified/ or disqualifies employee from working in the program.
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Pick-up Window	Riders are requested to be ready 30 minutes before scheduled pick up time and 30 minutes after. (Pick-up window of 60 Minutes)

Measurable Standards/Goals	Standard/Goal	Latest Figures	MET/NOT MET
Public Transit Ridership	NA	NA	NA
On-time performance	CTC 90%	CTC above 90%	YES
Passenger No-shows <b>136</b>	No Goal follow TDSP		
Accidents <b>1</b> / 386,946 miles	CTC 1/100,000 miles	CTC .26/100,000	YES
Roadcalls <b>2</b> / 386,946 miles	CTC 1/10,000 miles	CTC .05/10,000	YES
Complaints <b>3</b> / 21,405 trips	CTC <5% of trips	CTC < .01%	YES
Call-Hold Time	NA	NA	NA

**LOCAL STANDARDS**

Findings: The CTC has met all local standards.

Recommendations: The CTC should continue to meet all local standards.

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Number of Passengers picked up/dropped off:

**3**

Ambulatory

**1**

Non-Ambulatory

**2**

Was the driver on time?                    **X**    Yes        No, how many minutes late/early?  
   **X**    Yes        No, how many minutes late/early?  
   **X**    Yes        No, how many minutes late/early?

Did the driver provide any passenger assistance?            **X**    Yes        No

Was the driver wearing any identification?

**X**    Yes                    **X**    **Uniform**        **X**    **Name Tag**        **X**    **ID Badge**  
    No

Did the driver render an appropriate greeting?

**X**    Yes                    No        Driver regularly transports the rider, not necessary

If CTC has a policy on seat belts, did the driver ensure the passengers were properly belted?

**X**    Yes        No

Was the vehicle neat and clean, and free from dirt, torn upholstery, damaged or broken seats, protruding metal or other objects?

**X**    Yes        No

Is there a sign posted on the interior of the vehicle with both a local phone number and the TD Helpline for comments/complaints/commendations?

**X**    Yes        No

Does the vehicle have working heat and air conditioning?            **X**    Yes        No

Does the vehicle have two-way communications in good working order? **X**    Yes        No

If used, was the lift in good working order?                            **X**    Yes        No

Was there safe and appropriate seating for all passengers?            **X**    Yes        No

Did the driver properly use the lift and secure the passenger?            **X**    Yes        No

If no, please explain:

**Comments:**

## TRIP OBSERVATION

RIDE A VEHICLE WITHIN THE COORDINATED SYSTEM.

Date of Observation:

**January 13, 2016**

Person completing conducting the observation:

**Jonita Taylor**

Location:

**1413 Brickyard Rd.**

Number of Passengers picked up/dropped off:

**1**

Ambulatory

Non-Ambulatory

**1**

Was the driver on time?

X

Yes

No, how many minutes late/early?

Did the driver provide any passenger assistance?

X

Yes

No

Was the driver wearing any identification?

X

Yes

X

Uniform

X

Name Tag

X

ID Badge

No

Did the driver render an appropriate greeting?

X

Yes

No

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If CTC has a policy on seat belts, did the driver ensure the passengers were properly belted?

X

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X

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No

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X

Yes

No

Does the vehicle have working heat and air conditioning?

X

Yes

No

Does the vehicle have two-way communications in good working order?

X

Yes

No

If used, was the lift in good working order?

X

Yes

No

Was there safe and appropriate seating for all passengers?

X

Yes

No

Did the driver properly use the lift and secure the passenger?

X

Yes

No

If no, please explain:

**Comments:** The lift gate rattled some – please grease lift and/or tighten

Date of Rider Surveys: N/A

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b># TRIPS</b>	<b>% TRIPS</b>
CTD	7,095	33.15%
AHCA	7,763	36.27%
APD	3,330	15.56%
DOEA	128	0.60%
DOE		
Other	3,089	14.43%
Totals	21,405	100.00%

**Passenger Satisfaction** - The planning agency conducts the rider survey each year. The results are included in the TDSP update.

Date of Rider Surveys: February 2014 – March 2014

<b>OVERALL SATISFACTION OF SERVICE</b>			
A - Very Good	39	93%	
B - Good	3	7%	
C - Neutral	0	0%	
D - Poor	0	0%	
E - Very Poor	0	0%	
	Total	42	100%

## COSTS BY EXPENSE CATEGORY

CTC EXPENSE CATEGORY BY ACCOUNT	2012-2013 Trips: 27,513		2013-2014 Trips: 21,651		2015-2016 Trips: 21,405	
	Expense	Cost/ Trip	Expense	Cost/ Trip	Expense	Cost/ Trip
Labor (501)	\$252,554	\$9.18	\$272,790	\$12.60	\$274,494	\$12.82
Fringe Benefits (502)	61,589	2.24	55,238	2.55	62,154	\$2.90
Services (503)	70,064	2.55	6,367	.29	11,791	\$0.55
Materials & Supplies Consumed (504)	208,937	7.59	185,960	8.59	192,809	\$9.01
Utilities (505)	14,677	0.53	15,900	0.73	16,972	\$0.79
Casualty and Liability Costs (506)	38,224	1.39	38,963	1.80	42,906	\$2.00
Taxes (507)	619	0.02	583	0.03	311	\$0.01
Purchased Transportation Service (508)	28,717	1.04	46,544	2.15	8,515	.40
Miscellaneous Expenses (509)	12,233	0.44	8,271	0.38	21,751	\$1.02
Interest Expense (511)	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	\$0.00
Leases & Rentals (512)	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	\$0.00
Annual Depreciation & Amortization (513)	6,166	0.22	5,222	0.24	6,166	\$0.29
Contributed Service - Allowable Expenses (530)	3,288	0.12	4,901	0.23	0	\$0.00
Allocated Indirect Expenses (if applicable)	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	\$0.00
<b>SYSTEM TOTAL</b>	<b>\$697,068</b>	<b>\$25.34</b>	<b>\$640,739</b>	<b>\$29.59</b>	<b>\$637,869</b>	<b>\$29.80</b>

1.	Which expenses are especially high? <b>None</b>
2.	Are these high expenses acceptable? Are they approved? <b>NA</b>
3.	What strategies could reduce the unacceptable costs?

## Worksheet 2

### Level of Competition

1. Inventory of Transportation Operators in the Service Area

	Operators Available	Operators Contracted.	Column C Include Trips	Column D % of all Trips
Private Non-Profit	1	1	21,331	99.65%
Private For-Profit				
Government	1	1	74	.35%
Public Transit				
Total	2	2	21,405	100%

2. How many of the operators are coordination contractors? 0
3. Of the operators included in the local coordinated system, how many have the capability of expanding capacity? None
4. Does the CTC have the ability to expand? **Yes, with additional funding**
5. Indicate the date the latest transportation operator was brought into the system.
6. Does the CTC have a competitive procurement process? **NO**
7. In the past five (5) years, how many times have the following methods been used in selection of the transportation operators?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Low bid	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requests for proposals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requests for qualifications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requests for interested parties
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Negotiation only		

8. Which of the methods listed on the previous page was used to select the current operators? **Negotiation**
9. Which of the following items are incorporated in the review and selection of transportation operators for inclusion in the coordinated system?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capabilities of operator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scope of Work
<input type="checkbox"/>	Age of company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safety Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Previous experience	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capacity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Training Program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Qualifications of staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Insurance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accident History
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economies of Scale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quality
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contract Monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Knowledge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reporting Capabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cost of the Contracting Process
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Price
<input type="checkbox"/>	Performance Bond		Distribution of Costs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Responsiveness to Solicitation		Other: (list)

8. If a competitive bid or request for proposals has been used to select the transportation operators, to how many potential operators was the request distributed in the most recently completed process? NA  
 How many responded? NA  
 The request for bids/proposals was distributed:  
                     Locally                      Statewide                      Nationally
9. Has the CTC reviewed the possibilities of competitively contracting any services other than transportation provision (such as fuel, maintenance, etc...)?

## Level of Availability (Coordination)

### Worksheet 3

Planning – What are the coordinated plans for transporting the TD population? **TDSP**

Public Information – How is public information distributed about transportation services in the community?  
**Advertising in local paper, brochures at agencies, through the LCB and presentation at facilities.**

Certification – How are individual certifications and registrations coordinated for local TD transportation services? **The certifications are processed in the Bonifay office.**

Eligibility Records – What system is used to coordinate which individuals are eligible for special transportation services in the community? **Eligibility is maintained through the transportation software and applications**

Call Intake – To what extent is transportation coordinated to ensure that a user can reach a Reservationist on the first call? **There are four incoming lines.**

Reservations – What is the reservation process? How is the duplication of a reservation prevented?  
**Computer software allows for scheduling without duplication and scheduler verifies and checks trips.**

Trip Allocation – How is the allocation of trip requests to providers coordinated? **Holmes County EMS provides stretcher service as needed.**

Scheduling – How is the trip assignment to vehicles coordinated? **Through the software and rotating vehicles to prevent overuse of some vehicles and verified by the scheduler.**

Transport – How are the actual transportation services and modes of transportation coordinated? **The scheduler uses data collected for next day trips to develop manifests for drivers, by vehicle.**

Dispatching – How is the real time communication and direction of drivers coordinated? **Dispatch is available to drivers by two way communication and tablets.**

General Service Monitoring – How is the overseeing of transportation operators coordinated? **Annual monitoring for contracted operators.**

Daily Service Monitoring – How are real-time resolutions to trip problems coordinated? Dispatch, receptions and supervisor are located in the same office. **Two way communication is maintained with the drivers and tablets add real time data.**

Trip Reconciliation – How is the confirmation of official trips coordinated? **Through the driver manifests.**

Billing – How is the process for requesting and processing fares, payments, and reimbursements coordinated?  
**Through the office in Bonifay.**

Reporting – How is operating information reported, compiled, and examined? **Using the transportation software, the trip data is used to produce the necessary reports.**

Cost Resources – How are costs shared between the coordinator and the operators (s) in order to reduce the overall costs of the coordinated program? **NA, use of operators is minimal in this county.**

Information Resources – How is information shared with other organizations to ensure smooth service provision and increased service provision? **Through the local coordinating board, community meetings, and through advertising.**

Overall – What type of formal agreement does the CTC have with organizations, which provide transportation in the community? **The CTC has contracts with the stretcher provider.**

# Preliminary Information Worksheet

Version 1.4

<b>CTC Name:</b>	Tri-County Community Council, Inc.
<b>County (Service Area):</b>	Holmes/Washington County
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Joel Paul, Jr.
<b>Phone #</b>	850-547-3689

Check Applicable Characteristic:

ORGANIZATIONAL TYPE:	NETWORK TYPE:
<input type="radio"/> Governmental	<input type="radio"/> Fully Brokered
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Private Non-Profit	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Partially Brokered
<input type="radio"/> Private For Profit	<input type="radio"/> Sole Source

***Once completed, proceed to the Worksheet entitled "Comprehensive Budget"***

**Comprehensive Budget Worksheet**

Version 1.4

CTC: Tri-County Community Council, Inc.  
County: Holmes/Washington County

1. Complete applicable GREEN cells in columns 2, 3, 4, and 7

	Prior Year's ACTUALS from July 1st of 2014 to June 30th of 2015	Current Year's APPROVED Budget, as amended from July 1st of 2015 to June 30th of 2016	Upcoming Year's PROPOSED Budget from July 1st of 2016 to June 30th of 2017	% Change from Prior Year to Current Year	Proposed % Change from Current Year to Upcoming Year	Confirm whether revenues are collected as a system subsidy VS a purchase of service at a unit price.  Explain Changes in Column 6 That Are > ± 10% and Also > ± \$50,000
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**REVENUES (CTC/Operators ONLY / Do NOT include coordination contractors!)**

**Local Non-Govt**

Farebox	\$ 47,168	\$ 32,182	\$ 42,421	-31.8%	31.6%	FAREBOX USED AS MATCH FOR THE TIE CONTRACT. REMAINDER USED AS SYSTEM SUBSIDY & CAPITAL EQUIPMENT MATCH AS NEEDED.
Medicaid Co-Pay Received						
Donations/ Contributions						OTHER REVENUE IS DONATIONS FROM U-WAY DESIGNATED FOR OUR AGENCY used as system subsidy and capital match as needed.
In-Kind, Contributed Services						
Other	\$ 774	\$ 3,401	\$ 3,000	339.4%	-11.8%	
<b>Bus Pass Program Revenue</b>						

**Local Government**

District School Board						COUNTY CASH USED AS SYSTEM SUBSIDY and capital match as needed. COUNTY IN-KIND OR CONTRIBUTED SERVICES INCLUDES VOLUNTEERS, SPACE, & INMATE LABOR.
Compl. ADA Services						
County Cash	\$ 10,748	\$ 5,020	\$ 5,000	-53.3%	-0.4%	
County In-Kind, Contributed Services						
City Cash						
City In-kind, Contributed Services						
Other Cash						
Other In-Kind, Contributed Services						
<b>Bus Pass Program Revenue</b>						

**CTD**

Non-Spons. Trip Program	\$ 288,596	\$ 401,747	\$ 471,350	39.2%	17.3%	Trip & Equipment grant funds to be used for the purchase of a portion of the cost of the trip as generated by the rate model and or capital equipment. This grant requires a 10% match. Holmes: \$196,021 / Washington: \$222,783) Additional funding has been allotted through proviso for this grant cycle for these two counties totaling 52,546.00
Non-Spons. Capital Equipment						
Rural Capital Equipment						
Other TD (specify in explanation)						
<b>Bus Pass Program Revenue</b>						

**USDOT & FDOT**

49 USC 5307						Projected revenue source from 5311. Funding received from this source will be used as operating subsidy (50/50 match requirement).
49 USC 5310	\$ 78,439	\$ 61,227	\$ -	-21.9%	-100.0%	
49 USC 5311 (Operating)	\$ 232,046	\$ 298,436	\$ 298,436	28.6%	0.0%	
49 USC 5311 (Capital)						
Block Grant						
Service Development	\$ 44,850	\$ 189,522	\$ -	322.6%	-100.0%	
Commuter Assistance						
Other DOT (specify in explanation)		\$ 39,120	\$ -		-100.0%	
<b>Bus Pass Program Revenue</b>						

**AHCA**

Medicaid	\$ 37,442			-100.0%		Other AHCA is the Brokers for Medicaid.
Other AHCA (specify in explanation)	\$ 440,354	\$ 492,816	\$ 450,000	11.9%	-8.7%	
<b>Bus Pass Program Revenue</b>						

**DCF**

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health						
Family Safety & Preservation						
Comm. Care Dis./Aging & Adult Serv.						
Other DCF (specify in explanation)						
<b>Bus Pass Program Revenue</b>						

**DOH**

Children Medical Services						
County Public Health	\$ -					
Other DOH (specify in explanation)						
<b>Bus Pass Program Revenue</b>						

**DOE (state)**

Carl Perkins						
Div of Blind Services						
Vocational Rehabilitation						
Day Care Programs						
Other DOE (specify in explanation)						
<b>Bus Pass Program Revenue</b>						

**AWI**

WAGES/Workforce Board						
Other AWI (specify in explanation)						
<b>Bus Pass Program Revenue</b>						

**DOEA**

Older Americans Act	\$ 3,558	\$ 4,655	\$ 4,000	30.8%	-14.1%	THIS FUNDING IS USED TO PURCHASE TRIPS AT A DIFFERENT BUT SIMILAR PRICE OF THE RATE MODEL.
Community Care for Elderly						
Other DOEA (specify in explanation)						
<b>Bus Pass Program Revenue</b>						

**DCA**

Community Services						
Other DCA (specify in explanation)						
<b>Bus Pass Admin. Revenue</b>						

**Comprehensive Budget Worksheet**

Version 1.4

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1. Complete applicable GREEN cells in columns 2, 3, 4, and 7

1	2		3		4		5	6	7
	Prior Year's ACTUALS from July 1st of 2014 to June 30th of 2015	Current Year's APPROVED Budget, as amended from July 1st of 2015 to June 30th of 2016	Upcoming Year's PROPOSED Budget from July 1st of 2016 to June 30th of 2017	% Change from Prior Year to Current Year	Proposed % Change from Current Year to Upcoming Year				

Confirm whether revenues are collected as a system subsidy VS a purchase of service at a unit price.  
Explain Changes in Column 6 That Are > ± 10% and Also > ± \$50,000

**APD**

Office of Disability Determination	\$ 128	\$ 10	\$ 10	-92.2%	0.0%	THIS IS FUNDING IS USED TO PURCHASE TRIPS AT A DIFFERENT BUT SIMILAR PRICE OF THE RATE MODEL.
Developmental Services	\$ 89,209	\$ 108,375	\$ 100,000	21.5%	-7.7%	
Other APD (specify in explanation)						
Bus Pass Program Revenue						

**DJJ**

(specify in explanation)						
Bus Pass Program Revenue						

**Other Fed or State**

HEAD START	\$ 8,544	\$ 10,566	\$ 10,000	23.7%	-5.4%	HEAD START FUNDING IS USED TO PURCHASE TRIPS AT A DIFFERENT BUT SIMILAR PRICE OF THE RATE MODEL.
xxxx						
xxxx						
Bus Pass Program Revenue						

**Other Revenues**

Interest Earnings						Used as system subsidy.
Fuel Tax Refund	\$ 10,012	\$ 11,441	\$ 10,000	14.3%	-12.6%	
xxxx						
Bus Pass Program Revenue						

**Balancing Revenue to Prevent Deficit**

Actual or Planned Use of Cash Reserve	\$ -					
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Balancing Revenue is Short By =		None	None		
Total Revenues =	\$1,291,866	\$1,658,518	\$1,394,217	28.4%	-15.9%

**EXPENDITURES (CTC/Operators ONLY / Do NOT include Coordination Contractors!)**

**Operating Expenditures**

Labor	\$ 529,194	\$ 660,000	\$ 640,000	24.7%	-3.0%	WE HAVE NO LEASE EXPENSE. SUB CONTRACTORS: HOLMES COUNTY EMS IN-KIND EXPECTED FOR VOLUNTEERS, INMATE LABOR, & BUILDINGS. EXPENSES FULLY ALLOCATED- NO FUNDS INDIRECT ALLOCATE.
Fringe Benefits	\$ 116,833	\$ 167,000	\$ 167,150	42.9%	0.1%	
Services	\$ 28,245	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	6.2%	0.0%	
Materials and Supplies	\$ 358,612	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	-16.3%	0.0%	
Utilities	\$ 31,790	\$ 40,000	\$ 37,500	25.8%	-6.3%	
Casualty and Liability	\$ 76,946	\$ 85,000	\$ 83,000	10.5%	-2.4%	
Taxes	\$ 629	\$ 600	\$ 600	-4.6%	0.0%	
Purchased Transportation:						
Purchased Bus Pass Expenses						
School Bus Utilization Expenses						
Contracted Transportation Services						
Other	\$ 16,185	\$ 17,000	\$ 16,000	5.0%	-5.9%	
Miscellaneous	\$ 33,356	\$ 61,117	\$ 60,000	83.2%	-1.8%	
Operating Debt Service - Principal & Interest						
Leases and Rentals						
Contrib. to Capital Equip. Replacement Fund	\$ 12,916				-100.0%	
In-Kind, Contributed Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Allocated Indirect						

**Capital Expenditures**

Equip. Purchases with Grant Funds	\$ 76,439	\$ 283,681		261.7%	-100.0%
Equip. Purchases with Local Revenue	\$ 8,721	\$ 14,120		61.9%	-100.0%
Equip. Purchases with Rate Generated Rev.					
Capital Debt Service - Principal & Interest					
			\$ 50,007		
Total Expenditures =	\$1,291,866	\$1,658,518	\$1,394,217	28.4%	-15.9%

Once completed, proceed to the Worksheet entitled "Budgeted Rate Base"



# Budgeted Rate Base Worksheet

Version 1.4

CTC: Tri-County Community Council, Inc.

County: Holmes/Washington County

1. Complete applicable GREEN cells in column 3; YELLOW and BLUE cells are automatically completed in column 3
2. Complete applicable GOLD cells in column and 5

Upcoming Year's BUDGETED Revenues		What amount of the Budgeted Revenue in col. 2 will be generated at the rate per unit determined by this spreadsheet, OR used as local match for these type revenues?	Budgeted Rate Subsidy Revenue EXcluded from the Rate Base	What amount of the Subsidy Revenue in col. 4 will come from funds to purchase equipment, OR will be used as match for the purchase of equipment?
1	2			
<p>from July 1st of 2016 to June 30th of 2017</p>				
<b>APD</b>				
Office of Disability Determination	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ -	
Developmental Services	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	
Other APD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Bus Pass Program Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>DJJ</b>				
DJJ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Bus Pass Program Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Other Fed or State</b>				
HEAD START	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	
xxx	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
xxx	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Bus Pass Program Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Other Revenues</b>				
Interest Earnings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Fuel Tax Refund	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
xxx	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Bus Pass Program Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Balancing Revenue to Prevent Deficit</b>				
Actual or Planned Use of Cash Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Revenue =		\$ 1,394,217	\$ 308,436	\$ -

## EXPENDITURES (CTC/Operators ONLY)

<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	
Labor	\$ 640,000
Fringe Benefits	\$ 167,150
Services	\$ 30,000
Materials and Supplies	\$ 300,000
Utilities	\$ 37,500
Casualty and Liability	\$ 83,000
Taxes	\$ 500
Purchased Transportation:	
Purchased Bus Pass Expenses	\$ -
School Bus Utilization Expenses	\$ -
Contracted Transportation Services	\$ -
Other	\$ 16,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 60,000
Operating Debt Service - Principal & Interest	\$ -
Leases and Rentals	\$ -
Contrib. to Capital Equip. Replacement Fund	\$ -
In-Kind, Contracted Services	\$ -
Allocated indirect	\$ -
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>	
Equip. Purchases with Grant Funds	\$ -
Equip. Purchases with Local Revenue	\$ -
Equip. Purchases with Rate Generated Rev.	\$ -
Capital Debt Service - Principal & Interest	\$ -
Total Expenditures = \$ 1,394,217	
minus EXCLUDED Subsidy Revenue = \$ 308,436	
Budgeted Total Expenditures INCLUDED in Rate Base = \$ 1,085,781	
Rate Base Adjustment = \$ 67,607	
Adjusted Expenditures Included In Rate Base = \$ 1,153,388	

\$ 308,436  
Amount of Budgeted Operating Rate Subsidy Revenue

### <sup>1</sup> Rate Base Adjustment Cell

If necessary and justified, this cell is where you could optionally adjust proposed service rates up or down to adjust for program revenue (or unapproved profit), or losses from the Actual period shown at the bottom of the Comprehensive Budget Sheet. This is not the only acceptable location or method of reconciling for excess gains or losses. If allowed by the respective funding sources, excess gains may also be adjusted by providing system subsidy revenue or by the purchase of additional trips in a period following the Actual period. If such an adjustment has been made, provide notation in the respective explanation area of the Comprehensive Budget tab.

<sup>1</sup> The Difference between Expenses and Revenues for Fiscal Year: 2014 - 2015

Once Completed, Proceed to the Worksheet entitled "Program-wide Rates"

# Worksheet for Program-wide Rates

CTC: Tri-County Commu/Version 1.4  
 County: Holmes/Washington County

1. Complete Total Projected Passenger Miles and ONE-WAY Passenger Trips (GREEN cells) below

- Do **NOT** include trips or miles related to Coordination Contractors!
- Do **NOT** include School Board trips or miles UNLESS.....
- INCLUDE** all ONE-WAY passenger trips and passenger miles related to services you purchased from your transportation operators!
- Do **NOT** include trips or miles for services provided to the general public/private pay UNLESS..
- Do **NOT** include escort activity as passenger trips or passenger miles unless charged the full rate for service!
- Do **NOT** include fixed route bus program trips or passenger miles!

PROGRAM-WIDE RATES	
Total <u>Projected</u> Passenger Miles =	800,000
<b>Rate Per Passenger Mile = \$</b>	<b>1.44</b>
Total <u>Projected</u> Passenger Trips =	50,000
<b>Rate Per Passenger Trip = \$</b>	<b>23.07</b>

Fiscal Year

2016 - 2017

<b>Avg. Passenger Trip Length =</b>	<b>16.0 Miles</b>
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Rates If No Revenue Funds Were Identified As Subsidy Funds	
<b>Rate Per Passenger Mile = \$</b>	<b>1.83</b>
<b>Rate Per Passenger Trip = \$</b>	<b>29.24</b>

*Once Completed, Proceed to the Worksheet entitled "Multiple Service Rates"*

### Vehicle Miles

The miles that a vehicle is scheduled to or actually travels from the time it pulls out from its garage to go into revenue service to the time it pulls in from revenue service.

### Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM)

The miles that vehicles are scheduled to or actually travel while in revenue service. Vehicle revenue miles exclude:

- Deadhead
- Operator training, and
- Vehicle maintenance testing, as well as
- School bus and charter services.

### Passenger Miles (PM)

The cumulative sum of the distances ridden by each passenger.

**Worksheet for Multiple Service Rates**

CTC: Tri-County Comr Version 1.4  
 County: Holmes/Washington County

1. Answer the questions by completing the GREEN cells starting in Section I for all services
2. Follow the DARK RED prompts directing you to skip or go to certain questions and sections based on previous answers

**SECTION I: Services Provided**

1. Will the CTC be providing any of these Services to transportation disadvantaged passengers in the upcoming budget year?.....

Ambulatory	Wheelchair	Stretcher	Group
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> Yes
<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Go to Section II for Ambulatory Service	Go to Section II for Wheelchair Service	Go to Section II for Stretcher Service	STOP! Do NOT Complete Sections II - V for Group Service

**SECTION II: Contracted Services**

1. Will the CTC be contracting out any of these Services TOTALLY in the upcoming budget year?....

Ambulatory	Wheelchair	Stretcher	Group
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> Yes
<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Skip # 2, 3 & 4 and Go to Section III for Ambulatory Service	Skip # 2, 3 & 4 and Go to Section III for Wheelchair Service	Answer # 2 for Stretcher Service	Do NOT Complete Section II for Group Service

2. If you answered YES to #1 above, do you want to arrive at the billing rate by simply dividing the proposed contract amount by the projected Passenger Miles / passenger trips?.....

<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> Yes
<input checked="" type="radio"/> No			

3. If you answered YES to #1 & #2 above, how much is the proposed contract amount for the service?  
 How many of the total projected Passenger Miles relate to the contracted service?  
 How many of the total projected passenger trips relate to the contracted service?

Ambulatory	Wheelchair	Stretcher	Group
Leave Blank	Leave Blank	Leave Blank	Do NOT Complete Section II for Group Service

Effective Rate for Contracted Services:  
 per Passenger Mile -  
 per Passenger Trip -

Ambulatory	Wheelchair	Stretcher	Group
			Do NOT Complete Section II for Group Service
Go to Section III for Ambulatory Service	Go to Section III for Wheelchair Service	Go to Section III for Stretcher Service	

4. If you answered # 3 & want a Combined Rate per Trip PLUS a per Mile add-on for 1 or more services, INPUT the Desired per Trip Rate (but must be less than per trip rate in #3 above - Rate per Passenger Mile for Balance -

Combination Trip and Mile Rate			
Leave Blank and Go to Section III for Ambulatory Service	Leave Blank and Go to Section III for Wheelchair Service	Leave Blank and Go to Section III for Stretcher Service	Do NOT Complete Section II for Group Service

**Worksheet for Multiple Service Rates**

CTC: Tri-County Comm  
 County: Holmes/Washington County

1. Answer the questions by completing the GREEN cells starting in Section I for all services
2. Follow the DARK RED prompts directing you to skip or go to certain questions and sections based on previous answers

**SECTION III: Escort Service**

1. Do you want to charge all escorts a fee?  Yes  No  
Skip #2 - 4 and Section IV and Go to Section V
2. If you answered Yes to #1, do you want to charge the fee per passenger trip OR per passenger mile?  
 Pass. Trip  Pass. Mile Leave Blank
3. If you answered Yes to # 1 and completed # 2, for how many of the projected Passenger Trips / Passenger Miles will a passenger be accompanied by an escort?  Leave Blank
4. How much will you charge each escort?  Leave Blank

**SECTION IV: Group Service Loading**

1. If the message "You Must Complete This Section" appears to the right, what is the projected total number of Group Service Passenger Miles? (otherwise leave blank)  Do NOT Complete Section IV
- ..... And what is the projected total number of Group Vehicle Revenue Miles?  Loading Rate 0.00 to 1.00

**SECTION V: Rate Calculations for Multiple Services:**

1. Input Projected Passenger Miles and Passenger Trips for each Service in the GREEN cells and the Rates for each Service will be calculated automatically  
\* Miles and Trips you input must sum to the total for all Services entered on the "Program-wide Rates" Worksheet, MINUS miles and trips for contracted services if applicable (see question #2 in Section II)  
 \* Be sure to leave the service BLANK if you answered NO in Section I or YES to question #2 in Section II

		RATES FOR FY: 2016 - 2017				
		Ambul	Wheel Chair	Stretcher	Group	
Projected Passenger Miles (excluding totally contracted services addressed in Section II) =	800,000	752,000	44,000	4,000	Leave Blank	0
Rate per Passenger Mile =		\$1.37	\$2.35	\$4.89	\$0.00	\$8.00
					per passenger	per group
Projected Passenger Trips (excluding totally contracted services addressed in Section II) =	50,000	47,000	2,750	250	Leave Blank	
Rate per Passenger Trip =		\$21.92	\$37.58	\$78.30	\$0.00	\$0.00
					per passenger	per group

2. If you answered # 1 above and want a COMBINED Rate per Trip PLUS a per Mile add-on for 1 or more services,...

		Combination Trip and Mile Rate				
		Ambul	Wheel Chair	Stretcher	Group	
...INPUT the Desired Rate per Trip (but must be less than per trip rate above) =					Leave Blank	\$0.00
Rate per Passenger Mile for Balance =		\$1.37	\$2.35	\$4.89	\$0.00	\$0.00
					per passenger	per group

		Rates if No Revenue Funds Were Identified As Subsidy Funds				
		Ambul	Wheel Chair	Stretcher	Group	
Rate per Passenger Mile =		\$1.74	\$2.98	\$6.20	\$0.00	\$0.00
					per passenger	per group
Rate per Passenger Trip =		\$27.79	\$47.54	\$99.24	\$0.00	\$0.00
					per passenger	per group

Program These Rates into Your Medicaid Encounter Data