

Meeting Minutes
LEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 18, 2018
COLTS Facility – 112 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, NC 27330

Present: Sid Morgan, Kendra Martin, Meg Moss, Sarah Stone, Tim Lawson, David Montgomery, Nikisha McNeill, LaRonda Reid, Michelle McCorrison, Billy Henderson, Christie Terry, Bob McCarthy, Nelson Burke, Roger Bailey, Melanie Rodgers, Debbie Davidson

10:00 AM Nelson Burke called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and noted a quorum is present. Nelson asked for additional items for the agenda. With no further items, Bob McCarthy made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Sarah Stone, all in favor. There were no changes to the minutes from the July 19, 2018 meeting. Bob McCarthy made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by David Montgomery, all in favor.

Nelson Burke advised there are no public comments.

Debbie Davidson provided the FY18 OpStats year-end report.

- 457,940 revenue miles
- 27,795 revenue hours
- 63,569 trips, of which 55% wheel chair (total trips increased 4500 from previous year)
- 2.29 passengers per hour average
- \$1.83 cost per mile, \$13.19 cost per trip
- 260 average trips per day and as many as 375 reservations for a particular day in October 2018

Nelson Burke asked if a local vendor can perform COLTS' wheel chair lift service and maintenance. Debbie Davidson advised yes, a local vendor could perform maintenance, but only one vendor in NC has the ability to purchase parts at wholesale from Braun, Grants Service, LLC. Therefore, we continue the vendor relationship with Grants Service.

Sid Morgan advised each of COLTS' lift equipped vehicles are getting safety plates. The safety plate prevents the wheel chair passenger from rolling off the lift unattended. David Grant invented the safety plate and has a patent in process. The plates are \$675 each and no installation charge.

10:10 a.m. Roger Bailey arrives.

Sid Morgan provided the FY19 Q1 operations report.

- 6536 service hours
- 111,275 service miles
- 16,004 trips

Roger Bailey asked if passengers per hour for fares is in the annual statistics. Debbie Davidson advised no, it is not in the OpStats for the fiscal year report. Debbie explained how fares are calculated. The fully allocated cost for a trip considers all COLTS' costs and revenues. The fully allocated cost per trip for FY18 was \$13. Passengers using the fares system pay \$4.00 each time they board the COLTS vehicle. The Rural General Public portion of the ROAP, Rural Operating Assistance Program grant, pays \$9.00 towards each trip, which totals the FAC of \$13.00. ROAP funds for Lee County depleted in February 2018 for the FY18. This left almost five months of fares to support. Lee County Government continued to allow the service to continue even though the grant funds depleted. The growth comes from employment trips. The Stevens Center Rideability program works in a similar fashion, offering transportation at a reduced cost through a grant.

Debbie Davidson advised Lee County's Mobility Specialist at NCDOT Public Transportation Division is Tony Sumpter. On October 15, 2018, the Lee Co. Board of Commissioners approved the FY20 Administrative and Capital grants. There are five vehicles scheduled for replacement in FY2020. Nelson Burke asked what happens to the replaced vehicles. Debbie answered they go to the Raleigh state surplus lot and auction. Proceeds from auction sales deposit into COLTS revenues and assist in covering COLTS' operational expenses. Lee County Government pays the required local match of 10% in Capital and 15% in Administrative grants.

Debbie Davidson asked the group if they are aware of any local cab companies. Day Taxi is a local cab company.

Old Business – None. New Business – Debbie Davidson announced The Enrichment Center's annual Fall Festival takes place Saturday, October 27, 8 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. A Veterans Appreciation Breakfast sponsored by The Enrichment Center and Miller Boles Funeral Home takes place November 8 at the Dennis A. Wicker Conference and Civic Center. Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the COLTS office on Hillcrest Drive. 10:43 a.m. With no further business, Sarah Stone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Meg Moss, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted - Debbie Davidson, Secretary,

Bob McCarthy, Vice Chairman

Robert Nelson, Chair



