

**Meeting Minutes**  
**LEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Thursday, January 23, 2014**  
**10:00 am at the Enrichment Center, Classroom A**

**Present:** Melanie Rodgers, Bill Dugan, Evangeline Smith, Diane Sinnamon, Jan Hayes, Roger Bailey, Sidney Morgan, Tim Simmons, Shane Seagroves, David Montgomery, Daveida Murphy-Hasan, Shirley Rjkse, Debbie Davidson, Bob McCarthy, Josephus Thompson, Pamela Glover

10:00 a.m. Bob McCarthy called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The Board approved the minutes from the October 24, 2013 meeting.

Sidney Morgan provided a COLTS quarterly update for October 2013 – December 2013: service miles were 158,000 and revenue miles were 102,899; trips were 14,614; service hours were 7,702. A Federal and State safety audit will be performed in January 2014. To plan for the next 20 years in public transportation, the NC Dept. of Transportation's MAP-21, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 Century, continues to meet. MAP-21 was signed into law June 2012 by President Obama.

- Funding surface transportation programs at over \$105 billion for fiscal years (FY) 2013 and 2014, MAP-21 is the first long-term highway authorization enacted since 2005. MAP-21 is a milestone for the U.S. economy and the Nation's surface transportation program. By transforming the policy and programmatic framework for investments to guide the system's growth and development, MAP-21 creates a streamlined and performance-based surface transportation program and builds on many of the highway, transit, bike, and pedestrian programs and policies established in 1991.  
<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/>

Sidney Morgan reported that a new connection to assist Harnett County Transportation passengers will be established in the Hwy 87/Swann Station area. COLTS is researching zoning routes for Lee County. Roger Bailey asked if COLTS stops in Broadway on South Main Street. Debbie Davidson advised yes, the stop will be added soon.

Debbie Davidson provided staffing updates in the COLTS office for Routing Specialist and Dispatch/Administrative Support Assistant. The COLTS Inclement Weather Policy has changed. COLTS makes its inclement weather decisions independently. Announcements will be broadcasted on local radio stations, WRAL-TV and WTVD-TV. Each contractor should contact Sidney Morgan with their closings and delays. Understand that all efforts will be made to accommodate passengers; however, safety is first.

Debbie Davidson provided additional updates. The recently hired NCDOT/PTD Director is Debbie Collins. Ms. Collins was previously employed by ITRE at NCSU, the department that designed programming for computerized route systems. Fiscal Year 2014 Administrative & Capital contracts were made official January 2014. Request for reimbursement of expenses may now be entered. Central Carolina Community College received JARC funding (Job Access Reversal Commute). Roger Bailey at the Stevens Center has reapplied for Section 5310 grant funding. An order has been submitted for four (4) replacement vehicles for COLTS. They will arrive spring 2014. The FY15 grant request includes six (6) replacement vehicles. COLTS is on target with the 5-year plan. Co-locating COLTS offices with vehicles is still in process. The

County Manager's office is seeking property possibilities. The 5-year plan includes a contract with a phone service to assist with language barriers. COLTS has access to employees who can assist with language barriers; therefore, a contract is not needed at this time.

Old/New Business

Josephus Thompson advised the Employment Security Commission is working towards being a Certified Career Center. Downsizing and integrating of programs is taking place. There will be a grand opening March 2014.

Roger Bailey provided information about the Stevens Center's Rideability program. Anyone with a disability can apply with the program. Rideability provides transportation through COLTS Thursdays & Fridays 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Contact Roger Bailey at the Stevens Center for complete details and to apply, 919-776-4048.

Shane Seagroves announced Emergency Management has approved funding for frequency updates. This will provide better coordination of communications during emergencies and otherwise.

David Montgomery advised that the City of Sanford approved the bicycle plan.

Tim Simmons announced there is now a satellite site for the ambulance service. This will assist with better response time.

With no further business, the Board agreed to adjourn. The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at The Enrichment Center.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Rodgers on behalf of Debbie Davidson, Secretary,

*Debbie Davidson*

Bob McCarthy, Chairman

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