

TD101: An Overview of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) System

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COMMISSION FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION
DISADVANTAGED



The “Transportation Disadvantaged”



OLDER ADULTS



PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES



PEOPLE WITH
LOW INCOME



AT-RISK
CHILDREN

They Could Need A Ride To...



Medical Services



Work



School



Grocery Store

...And May Have Limited Transportation Options

- Personal or Family Vehicle
- Public Transit
- Government “Sponsored” Transportation (e.g., Medicaid)
- Private On-Demand Services (e.g., taxi, Uber or Lyft, etc.)

Today's Objectives

1. Why Do We Exist? – Our Purpose
2. How Do We Serve Our Customers? – Our Mission
3. Who Are Our Stakeholders? – Our System
4. What Are Our Outcomes? – Our Services
5. Where Are We Headed? – Our Future





“The purpose of the commission is to accomplish the coordination of transportation services provided to the transportation disadvantaged”

OUR PURPOSE

Creation of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program

Established by the Florida Legislature in 1979.

Intended to ensure TD customers have access to transportation services across the state.

Created Commission and TD Trust Fund in 1989.

Designated provider network responsible for coordinating services in all 67 counties.

Defined “coordination” as services provided in manner that is “cost-effective, efficient, and reduces fragmentation or duplication”.

TD Trust Fund subsidizes a part of a TD person’s transportation “not sponsored” by another agency.



TD Non-Sponsored Eligibility Criteria (adopted in 1997)

No Other Funding Available – Individual has no other purchasing agency “sponsoring” a trip to a certain activity

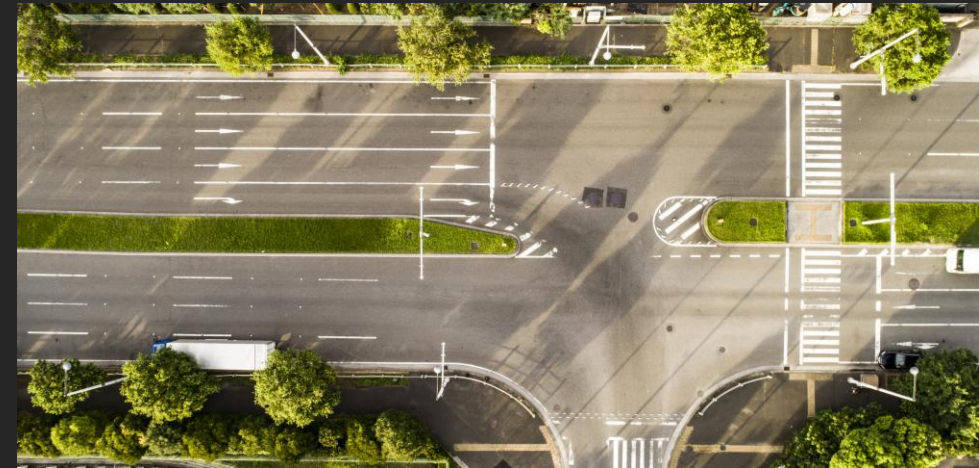
No Other Means of Transportation – Individual does not own a vehicle, have a family member, or others who can provide a trip to an activity.

Public Transit – Individual does not have access to a fixed bus route, or one is not available in their community, to access an activity.

Disability – Individual has a disability as defined by the ADA that presents a barrier to transportation.

Age – The individual’s age presents a barrier to transportation [the age limit is defined by the CTC and LCB].

Income – The individual or household income presents a barrier to transportation [the income threshold is defined by the CTC and LCB].



Our Governing Documents



Chapter 427 Part I, Florida Statutes (F.S.) – Legislative Authority

Rule Chapter 41-2, Florida Administrative Code (FAC) – Implementing Guidelines

Our Organization:

Independent state agency, housed in FL Dept of Transportation (FDOT).

Consists of 11 board members appointed by the Governor.

Appoints Executive Director and oversees staff in Tallahassee.

Administers TD Trust Fund and grant programs that support TD Services.

Adopts policies and rules governing the Coordinated System.

Designates Community Transportation Coordinators (CTCs) and Planning Agencies in all 67 counties.

Collects data on TD service operations and presents Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature (January 1 each year).

Serves as a clearinghouse of information on TD services.



Legislative Budget Process

CTD operates on a state fiscal year cycle (July 1 – June 30).

TD Trust Fund revenues are collected, monitored and forecasted.

In Fall, CTD makes a Legislative Budget Request (LBR) through FDOT to support grant programs and administrative expenses for upcoming fiscal year.

Governor considers LBR as part of Recommended Budget to the Legislature.

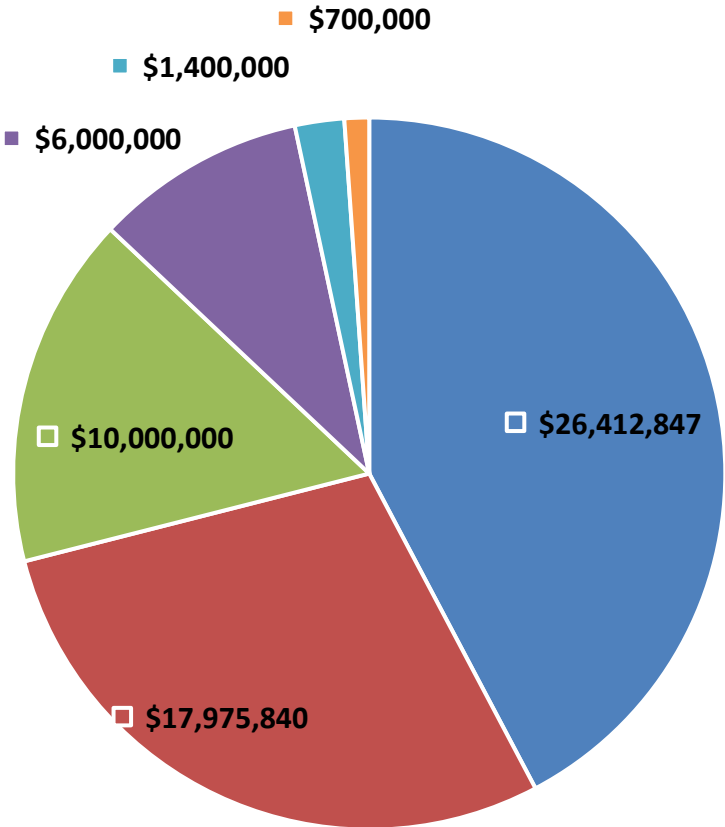
In Winter/Spring, Legislature convenes 60-day Session to pass General Appropriations Act (GAA) and other legislation (bills).

CTD allocates funding (appropriated in GAA) and executes grant agreements.

Funds not expended by June 30 are “reverted” to the TD Trust Fund.

Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Revenues FY2024-25

\$62,488,687



- HSMV - Registration, Parking, Donations
- FDOT Public Block Grant (15%)
- FDOT Trust Fund
- FDOT Trust Fund
- FDOT Trust Fund - Capital Equipment
- Interest

Grant Programs: FY 2024-25

Trip & Equipment (T&E) Grant – \$52.9M

Formula-based funding for CTCs to purchase "non-sponsored" paratransit services, bus pass subsidies, and capital equipment in every county.

Planning Grant – \$1.9M

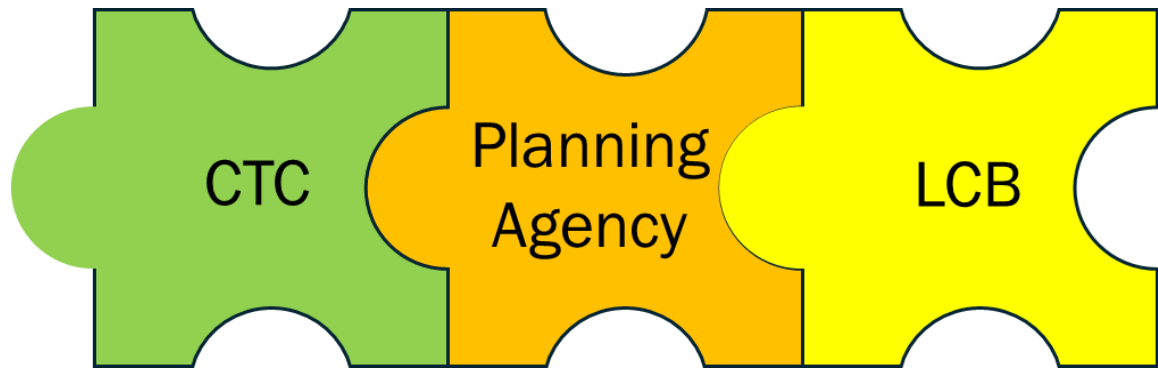
Formula-based funding to support Planning Agencies' responsibilities.

“Shirley Conroy” Rural Area Capital Assistance Grant – \$1.4M

Competitive grant for CTCs to support the purchase of capital equipment.

Innovative Service Development (ISD) Grant – \$3M

Competitive grant for CTCs to support innovative projects that promote new TD services that promote greater access to the community.



OUR PARTNERS

Planning Agency Responsibilities

Appoints LCB members & provides staff support

Procures & recommends CTC

Works with CTC & LCB to:

- Develop TD Service plan

- Implement local TD program

- Review AOR for submission

Can be a:

- Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organization

- Regional Planning Council

- Local Planning Organization



LCB Responsibilities

Represents local stakeholders and chaired by elected official

Identifies local service needs and assists with:

- Development of TD Service Plan

- Establishment of eligibility & trip prioritization guidelines

Appoints grievance committee

Evaluates the performance of the CTC



“Purchasing” Agencies

State or Local agencies that purchase trips or provides funding to support transportation operations.

Assist communities in designing transportation systems that meet the needs of TD customers.

Ensure their rules, procedures and guidelines are supportive of the TD population.

Department of
ELDER AFFAIRS
STATE OF FLORIDA



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

CTC Responsibilities

Delivers trips (directly, by contract, or both)

Assists with:

- Development of TD Service Plan

- Submitting performance data to CTD

- Determining rider eligibility

Invoices agencies for trips “purchased”

Can be a:

- Transit Agency

- Local Government

- Private For-Profit or Non-Profit



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