

September 12, 2016

Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
605 Suwanee Street, Mail Station 49
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450

Re: Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Mobility Enhancement Grant

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to respectfully support and encourage your approval of a Mobility Enhancement Grant application filed by the St. Lucie County Community Transportation Coordinator.

If approved, this grant would enhance mobility for Transportation Disadvantaged citizens in St. Lucie County by providing free rides for a six month duration. By offering free fares, a barrier to mobility will be lifted for the economically disadvantaged population of St. Lucie County.

Among the goals of this unique pilot program would be to increase transit ridership by a minimum of twenty percent, while also providing a fare-study consisting of the final outcome data. This information will provide staff with momentum to explore additional funding sources to sustain a fare-free system.

I look forward to your support and thank you for your consideration.