



LAKE ~ SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

LakeXpress Task Force

AGENDA

Friday, February 18, 2011

10 a.m.

MEETING LOCATION:

Lake County Administration Building
315 W. Main St. (Commission Chambers)
Tavares, Florida

LakeXpress Task Force Committee Members

Commissioner Jennifer Hill, Lake County
Commissioner Sean Parks, Lake County
Commissioner Jimmy Conner, Lake County
Commissioner Leslie Campione, Lake County
Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County
Mayor Jim Richards, Town of Lady Lake
Mayor Pro-Tem Sanna Henderson, City of Leesburg
Commissioner Sharon Kelly, City of Fruitland Park
Councilmember Kirby Smith, City of Tavares
Commissioner William Ferree, City of Eustis
Vice-Mayor Robert Thielhelm, City of Mount Dora
Councilmember Eric Olson, City of Umatilla
Commissioner Don Burgess, Sumter County
Commissioner Doug Gilpin, Sumter County

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ITEMIZED AGENDA

OPENING

- A. Call to Order **Jennifer Hill, MPO Chairman**
- B. Proper Noticing

TASK FORCE ITEMS

- I. Lake County Public Transportation Staff Update Ken Harley / David Hope
- II. MV Transportation Staff Update Harrison Neilly, General Manager
- III. MPO Staff Update TJ Fish / Michael Woods
- IV. Discussion Items:

A. Bus Shelter Installation and Maintenance Agreement:

Lake County currently has an agreement with Mark Cook Builders, Inc. to provide scheduled maintenance functions as stated in the attached section of the executed installation and maintenance agreement. *(Lake County Installation and Maintenance Agreement and Brasco #18 shelter photo attached)*

B. TDP Minor Update:

The Transit Development Plan (TDP) is a ten-year planning, development, and operations guide for providing public transportation in Lake County. In accordance with Section 341.052, Florida Statutes, each transit agency that received FDOT block grant funding is required to prepare a TDP. As described in Chapter 14-73, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), a major update of the TDP must be completed every five years, with annual updates required. The last major update to the TDP was developed in 2008 and the next scheduled major update will be in 2013. *(a draft scope of services for the required minor update will be provided at the meeting for discussion).*

C. LakeXpress ITS Upgrades:

Lake County Public Transportation staff will discuss the implementation of ITS upgrades to the current LakeXpress fixed route fleet.

D. VanPool Program:

Lake County Public Transportation staff will discuss the next steps in the implementation of the Lake County VanPool Program.

E. Medicaid Reform Legislation Update:

The number one legislative issue of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD): *Ensure the funding for the Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation (NET) program is maintained in Florida's Coordinated Transportation system and managed by the CTD; and clearly identify transportation funding in the General Appropriations Act.*

V. Task Force Member Reports / Comments

VI. Staff Report / Comments

VII. Public Comments

VIII. Adjournment

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, Section 286.0105, if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the above named board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. All interested citizens are welcome to attend. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of the proceedings should contact the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization at (352) 315-0170, 48 hours in advance of the meeting.



4. Optional Maintenance Requirements: The County retains the option to require the contractor to provide the maintenance function stated in this section based on the pricing values stated by the vendor in the pricing section of this document. If this option is exercised, the contractor shall provide the County a performance schedule for maintaining the shelters. Maintenance of the shelters and amenities shall include but not be limited to repair of the shelter, shelter pad, and amenities; repair, cleaning and replacement of lighting to ensure lighting is in working and compliant condition; and cleaning, as detailed in the following paragraph, of the immediate area of the shelter to keep it safe and functional for all patrons to include full ADA compliance. The contractor will be reimbursed for the cost of any repair caused by circumstances outside of the control of the contractor. The reimbursement shall be based on the repair component costs initially stated by the contractor, and fair value for any additional effort or item.

The contractor shall keep the bus shelters and adjacent areas, including the sidewalks, in a safe condition and free from litter, graffiti, weeds and debris. Graffiti shall be removed within two (2) business days. The contractor shall inspect and maintain each shelter a minimum of once every week as stated herein, or more frequently if needed at high use areas. Maintenance shall include at a minimum: emptying trash receptacles, wiping the bench, sweeping the ground, mowing the grass and cleaning the shelter glass. The contractor shall high-pressure wash each shelter unit and adjacent sidewalk areas at least once every month during the term of the contract.

The contractor shall repair or replace any items due to minor damage or defaced items (including graffiti) on the shelters within two (2) business days after notification by Lake County. Damage which creates or causes a shelter to present a risk of injury to the patrons or public shall be repaired or the item or unit replaced immediately. In the event a shelter is substantially or totally destroyed, the contractor shall remove the shelter within 24 hours and replace such shelter within (30) thirty days of such destruction. Removal costs shall be reimbursed to the vendor at fair market value. Provision and installation of a new shelter shall be based on current contract pricing. The same repair and replacement requirements shall apply to furniture units associated with the shelters. The contractor shall maintain an adequate supply of spare parts to perform the repairs described above.

The contractor will keep current daily and monthly maintenance logs covering both scheduled and on call service of the bus shelters and associated street furniture. The contractor shall provide the County a copy of all logs on a monthly basis.



2011 Legislative Platform:



- Ensure the funding for the Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation (NET) Program is maintained in Florida's Coordinated Transportation System and managed by the Commission; clearly identify funding in the General Appropriations Act.

- Ensure that the current Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund level is maintained and support all opportunities to increase revenue for transportation services.

- Monitor all Legislation and take actions to ensure program integrity is maintained.

2010 Performance Statistics:

- Total Trips Provided Statewide- 51,596,487
- Medical Unmet Trips- 29,391
- Employment Unmet Trips- 37,455
- Education/Training Unmet Trips- 25,116
- Nutritional Unmet Trips- 13,124
- Life-Sustaining/Other Unmet Trips- 572,824
- Unduplicated Passenger Head Count- 827,469

It's all about Medicaid next week

By Jim Saunders

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Florida Senate leaders next week will release their first detailed proposal for overhauling the Medicaid system, calling for a shift of hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries to managed-care plans.

Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Chairman Joe Negron, R-Stuart, said this morning he will release a bill next Thursday about how to re-make the \$20 billion program. Designed to cover low-income children, the elderly and disabled, Medicaid has been a lightning rod during budget discussions because of its growth in bad economic times.

Negron said Senate President Mike Haridopolos, R-Merritt Island, has scheduled a special meeting Tuesday on the Senate floor to discuss ideas for changing the system.

Negron said the bill remains a "work in progress."

"We started literally with a blank sheet of paper, and we tried to construct a new Medicaid program that transforms the way we provide care to our fellow citizens," he said.

Meanwhile, aides to Gov. Rick Scott said he will not propose a detailed Medicaid overhaul but will work with the House and Senate to agree on a plan. Like Republican legislative leaders, Scott backs a major shift to managed care to help hold down spiraling costs in the program.

Scott released a budget proposal this week that says the state could save \$1.2 billion during the 2012-13 fiscal year by revamping Medicaid. Such savings would not be possible during the upcoming 2011-12 year because of time it would take to put the mandatory managed-care system in place.

But Negron said he expects to propose a budget during the upcoming legislative session that will cut overall Medicaid spending, at least in part through the program overhaul.

"Our goal is to achieve immediate savings," he said.

Florida is not alone in looking to use managed care to help solve Medicaid budget problems --- other states are considering such moves or have already made them. But many patient advocates and health-provider groups are worried that the overhaul could lead to reduced services for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Two controversial issues during the Medicaid debate will focus on whether a managed-care requirement should apply to people with developmental disabilities such as Down syndrome and to seniors who need long-term care. Jane Johnson, a health-budget aide to Scott, told Negron's committee this morning the governor backs including those groups, though indicated it could take time.

"I think eventually, he would like to see all the Medicaid programs wrapped up in that umbrella," Johnson said.

As Scott and lawmakers get ready to revamp Medicaid, a major unknown is whether the federal government will go along with the state's plans. Federal officials last year declined to grant Florida a straight extension of a five-county Medicaid pilot program that began in 2006, leading to talks that remain ongoing.

That pilot program requires most beneficiaries in Broward, Duval, Nassau, Clay and Baker counties to use HMOs or other types of managed-care plans.

The Senate last year backed expanding the pilot program to 19 additional counties. But senators did not develop a detailed plan to make those changes --- or to go further.

The House, meanwhile, approved a comprehensive bill last year to gradually shift virtually all Medicaid beneficiaries into managed care. House leaders have already said they will use that bill --- which the Senate did not approve --- as a starting point for Medicaid discussions during the upcoming 2011 legislative session.

Exact details of the Senate draft bill remain unknown. But broadly, Negron and Haridopolos have already made clear they will propose a statewide managed-care system.

Legislative leaders also have been looking at the possibility of trying to shield doctors who serve Medicaid patients from costly lawsuits. Negron said such an idea will be included in the Senate bill, though details need to be worked out.

That likely will touch off a controversy, with trial lawyers arguing that lawsuit limits shouldn't be imposed on patients injured by malpractice just because they can't afford private coverage.

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Fla. Senate bill may cut optional Medicaid services, including mental-health care

(Tallahassee Democrat, February 11, 2011, p. 1 -- Associated Press)

MIAMI — State Senate leaders may propose cutting dentistry, optometry and mental-health services for Medicaid patients as they try to curb the program's budget, which is expected to top \$21 billion next year.

The emerging Senate bill calls for making cuts in so-called optional services as well as increasing reimbursement rates and limiting legal liabilities for primary care doctors. Although the increased reimbursement rates would cost more, senators want to encourage primary care doctors to continue taking Medicaid patients.

Sen. Joe Negron, R- Stuart, did not specify an amount, but said the reimbursement rate increase would be more than 2 percent.

The bill will require patients to make an appointment with a primary care physician within 30 days of signing up for Medicaid.

"We're only going to be able to fund essential services," said Negron, who chairs the budget subcommittee that oversees Medicaid. "My goal is that the Medicaid benefit will be comparable to what a citizen in the private sector has, not worse and certainly not better."

The Senate will release its proposed Medicaid budget next week, and it comes as federal health officials are trying to guide state lawmakers to save money by limiting certain benefits.

Meanwhile, Gov. Rick Scott this week proposed saving \$1 billion by reducing Medicaid fees paid to hospitals by 5 percent. But Scott has not released additional details for how he would reduce Medicaid spending. The House's proposals are still being drafted.

Florida's Medicaid program for low-income and disabled residents is projected to cost about \$20 billion during the current fiscal year, with the federal government footing more than half the bill. The cost is expected to rise to more than \$21 billion next fiscal year, which starts July 1. The state is also dealing with a \$3.6 billion deficit.

Scott, along with other Republican governors around the country, sent a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius asking her to tighten the eligibility guidelines so states could cut patients from the Medicaid rolls. Sebelius said she is reviewing the request and instead urged states to find savings by charging higher co-payments for some services, limiting certain benefits and cracking down on fraud and other improper payments.

Federal health officials estimate that roughly 40 percent, or \$100 billion, of all 2008 Medicaid spending nationally was on optional services. They are encouraging states to find savings by limiting optional services that include hospice care, physical therapy and prosthetics.

States have wide discretion in their coverage of optional services. They can eliminate a service or cover it only for targeted groups. Scott said he's reviewing Sebelius' letter, but "doubts that there's a lot of ways that it's going to allow us to make a lot of savings."

Negron also said the Medicaid budget has grown to the "detriment of education," an assertion that has drawn criticism from health advocates.

"If you start cutting these services that are medically necessary, (patients) can't find it anywhere else," said Laura Goodhue, head of the patient advocacy group Florida CHAIN. "That's something you can't get somewhere else — dentures to eat or eyeglasses to see in school. They're trying to make them sound frivolous and like extras but they're not."

Scott and lawmakers also agree on expanding a controversial five-county Medicaid privatization program statewide to save money. Critics say the program saved money because for-profit HMOs delivered fewer services. Patients complain they don't have access to specialists. Several insurance companies dropped out of the program because they couldn't make a profit, leaving patients to find new doctors and navigate the red tape of another plan.

The Senate bill would penalize providers for pulling out of the program by requiring them to post performance bonds. The House bill will also require them to serve in both rural and urban areas to ensure equal access for patients, Republican Rep. Denise Grimsley said.

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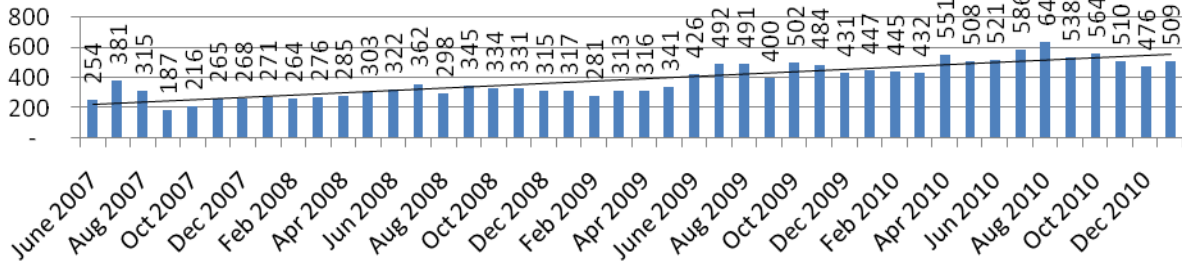
Paratransit

- Lake County Connection ridership for the month of November was 15,633 trips and for December 14,804 trips.
- Staff completed the annual evaluation of MV Transportation, Inc. and will be meeting with them to discuss the findings.
- Florida Association of Coordinated Transportation Systems held an Executive Committee meeting to discuss Medicaid Reform Legislative Effects on January 11, 2011. If this reform passes it will have an adverse impact on our transportation funding and will be detrimental to the coordinated system.
- Staff held a public/private partnership meeting on January 20, 2011 with other Community Transportation Coordinators.
- Staff attended the quarterly Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board meeting on February 7, 2011.
- Staff attended the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Regional meeting held on February 23, 2011. Discussion topics were:
 - a. TD Day
 - b. 2011 TD Conference
 - c. Legislative Updates
 - d. 2011/12 Grant Packages
 - e. Competitive Edge
 - f. Encounter Data
 - g. Coordination Contractors
 - h. Needs Assessments – FTA Funding
 - i. Annual Operating Report – Ideas for streamlining

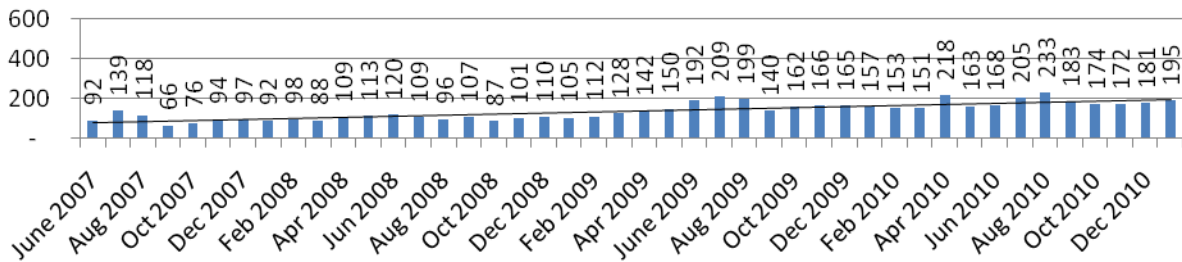
LakeXpress

- LakeXpress ridership for the month of December was 19,452 trips.
- Staff continues to meet with Leesburg Partnership, Lake~Sumter MPO and the Lake County Sheriff's Office regarding proposed LakeXpress shuttle the Leesburg Bikefest. This three-day event will take place April 8-10, 2011.
- Staff attended the Florida Department of Transportation Transit Development Plan and T-Best training that occurred January 13, 2011 and January 14, 2011.
- Staff met with Lake County Facilities Management to discuss the proposed changes that will be taking place at the current Fleet Maintenance facility on Griffin Road in Leesburg.
- Staff completed the annual National Transit Database report that is required by the Federal Transit Administration.
- Staff conducted the DBE review on January 21, 2011.
- Staff attended the Central Florida Transportation Planning Group meeting held at the FDOT Orlando Urban Office on February 3, 2011.
- Staff met with the Planning Officials with the City of Mount Dora to discuss the placement of the LakeXpress Bus Shelters within the Mount Dora City limits on February 11, 2011.
- Staff met with the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority on February 16, 2011 to discuss...
- Staff attended the REACT Drug & Alcohol training held at the Center for Urban Transit Research in Tampa on February 16, 2011.
- Staff attended the Statewide Accessibility & Facility Design Training on February 23, 2011.
- Staff attended the Florida Public Transportation Association Board meeting in Tampa on February 24, 2011.

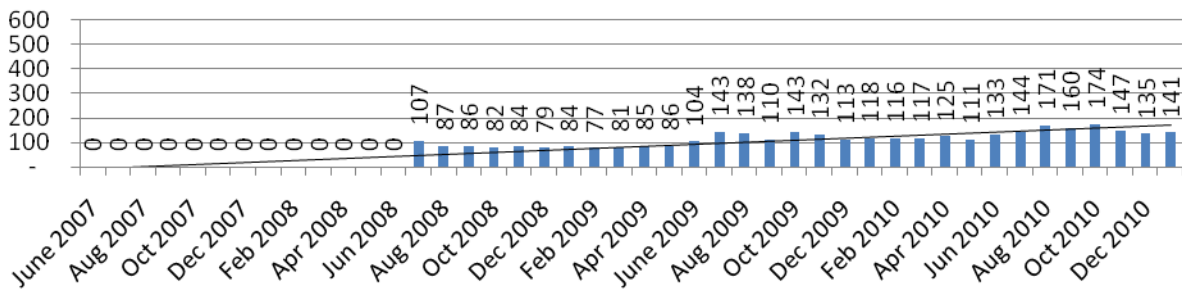
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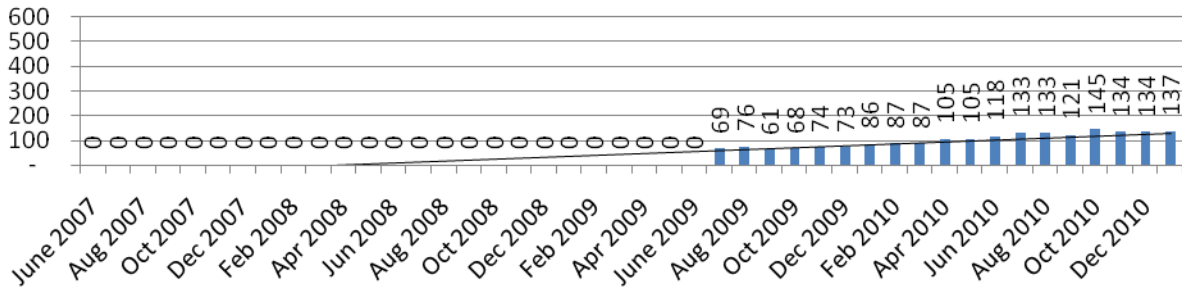
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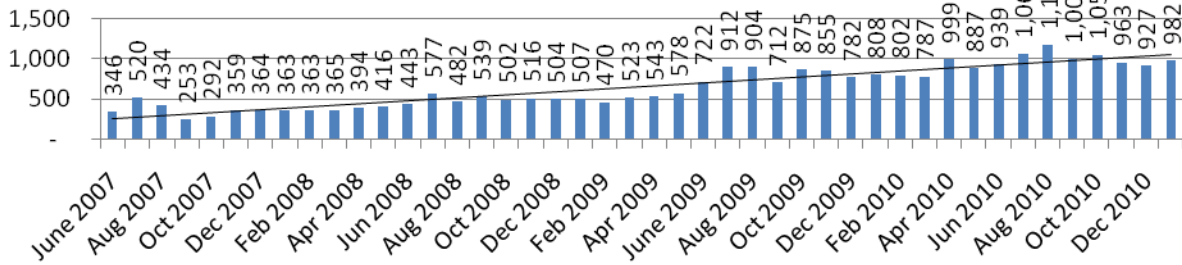
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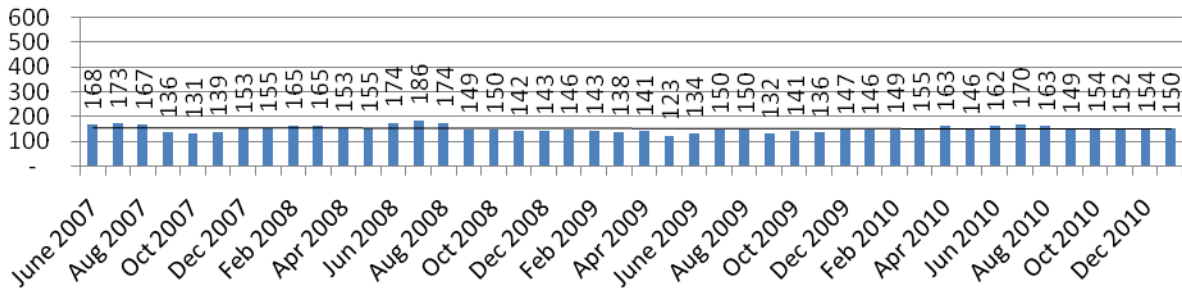
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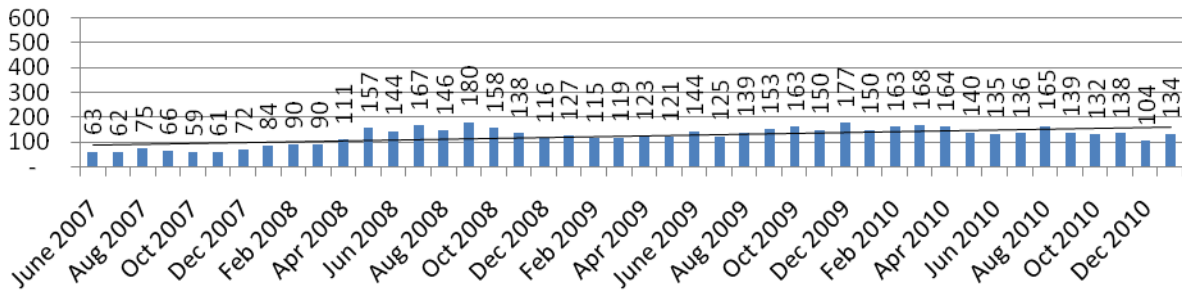
LakeXpress Total Trips Per Day



LYNX Route 55 Trips Per Day



LYNX Route 204 Trips Per Day



LYNX Total Trips Per Day

