



# Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Application Review Working Group Meeting September 1, 2020; 1:00 p.m.

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#### <u>AGENDA</u>

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2. Call to Order – Ms. Crystal Ford, Working Group Chair

3. Highlights of Previous meeting (Info Only)

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#### 5. Public Comments

#### 6. Adjournment

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#### August 25, 2020 Meeting Highlights

- 1. Ms. Nanette Stephens welcomed the members of the working group and everyone introduced themselves.
- 2. Ms. Crystal Ford was selected as the Chairperson for the TD Application Review Working Group.
- 3. Ms. Stephens reviewed timeline for the month of September and noted that the new applications will be implemented in January 2021.
- 4. Ms. Stephens reviewed the purpose and requested outcome of the Working Group which is to create a separate application for the TD program.
- 5. The members of the Working Group discussed the current TD criteria, an overview of criteria to be used moving forward, and how criteria will impact future TDSP changes.
- 6. Topics that will be discussed at the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting: The members of the Working Group will be asked to decide what criteria they want to use, and discuss the pros and cons of other TD programs within the state of Florida.
- 7. The City of Jacksonville was added to the TD research.
- 8. No public comments were received.
- 9. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nanette Stephens ACCESS LYNX

# FIXED ROUTE/PARATRANSIT SEARCH INFORMATION

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#### **Bus Service**

County	Bus Service	Fare	Hours of Operation
Polk	Citrus Connection West County Routes = 14 routes East County Routes = 12 routes	Adults:1.50 Students: 1.25 - 0.75	6 days of week Sunday: route 30 only Weekday 0615 am - 715 pm Saturday 0715 am - 615 pm
Lake	LakeXpress 7 fixed routes Connects with Orange county: 4 - Zellwood, 50 - Clermont	\$1 and 1/2 fare (qualifying individuals)	Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m
Palm Beach	32 Routes	\$2 and \$1	* M - F: 430 AM - 1030 PM * Saturday: 620 AM - 10 PM * Sunday: 0821 AM - 730 PM
Hillsborough	HART covers an area of approximately 1000 sq. miles (roughly the size of Rhode Island) with a fleet of almost 200 buses. 26 routes	\$2 and \$1	From 4:30 AM until midnight.
Miami-Dade Transportation	45 Approx.	Metrobus Fare - \$2.25 Discount Fare - \$1.10	24 hours

#### **Paratransit Service**

County	Paratransit	Fare	Hours of Operation	P	Programs
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Polk	Citrus Connection is the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Polk County. This special program provides subsidized or reduced-price bus passes. We also provide door-to-door service to physically, mentally, emotionally or economically disadvantaged individuals.	\$2	Paratransit operates six (6) days a week and its hours are comparable to fixed route service. Pick up time: no before 7 AM – no later than 6 PM		This special program provides free or reduced-price bus passes to physically, mentally, emotionally or economically disadvantaged individuals.  * Age, medical and financial * Out county: for example: Osceola, Orange, Tampa o Osceola: Tuesday – Thursday (2 days a week) – Medical verification – 9 am – 12 o Tampa: Veterans  * Reservation can be made up to 14 days in advance – 3 days prior * Eligibility: 1 year * Prioritized: Medical (first), included critical care trips, Employment, Recreational, Shopping.
Lake	Lake County Connection is Lake County's shared ride, door-to-door, paratransit service for people whose disability or transportation disadvantaged status prevents them from using LakeXpress.	\$2 Lake County \$5 Orlando \$10 Gainesville	M – F: 7 AM – 7 PM. Saturday: dialysis trips	1. Have a disability as defined by the ADA AND 2. Be unable, as a result of this disability, to use fixed-route LakeXpress transit services.  Within X miles from the bus route only  NO Functional assessment is performed  Reservation can be made up to 14 days in advance  1 day prior (business days)  Eligibility: 2 years maximum	Meet the eligibility requirements in accordance with the Florida State Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) as directed by the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged.  Out of the ½ miles from the bus route – covers the whole county  Out county: Orlando and Gainesville - Medical (location verification)  Reservation can be made up to 14 days in advance – 48 hours prior  Eligibility: 2 years maximum.
Palm Beach	Palm Tran Connection travels in Palm Beach County from Jupiter to Boca Raton and from Palm Beach to South Bay. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) core service area covers the following: East of the Florida Turnpike in Palm Beach County from the South County Line to Donald Ross Road. ADA Service continues to the 3/4-mile buffer around fixed routes located outside the ADA core service area	\$3.50	M – F: 5 AM – 1010 PM. Saturday: 6 AM – 1010 PM. Sunday: 8 AM – 6 PM	ADA Program is transportation that is provided within 3/4 of a mile of a Palm Tran bus route during the same hours and days as Palm Tran fixed route bus service. To become eligible for ADA service, an individual must have a disability which prevents them from riding the fixed route bus service.  No Functional assessment is performed  Reservation can be made up to 7 days in advance  1 day prior (business days)  Eligibility: 2 years and long term life eligibility	TD Program is sponsored by the State of Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund. Service is provided anywhere in Palm Beach County during the same hours and days as Palm Tran fixed route bus service. To become eligible for TD service, the applicant must submit proof of income, or a physician completed medical verification form and their completed application.  • Out of the ¼ miles from the bus route – covers the whole county • Out county: No – Transfer points • Reservation can be made up to 7 days in advance – 1 hours prior • Eligibility: 1 years maximum.
Hillsborough	HARTPLUS PARATRANSIT: This service is transportation for people with disabilities. Persons are eligible for this service if they have physical, cognitive, emotional, visual or other disabilities that prevent them from using HART fixed route bus system, either permanently or under certain conditions.	\$4.00	The paratransit service hours are the same of the fixed bus schedule (The bus operation system runs from 4:30 AM until midnight)	If the person can no use the regular bus service because of their disability. Only provide paratransit service within ¼ miles of the local fixed bus routes. Eligibility/ expiration not applicable  HARTPIUS SERVICE AREA Federal regulations define the ADA paratransit service area as being within 3½ of a mile on either side of a local bus route. Express service is not included in the paratransit service area.	• TD is not available.
Miami-Dade Transportation	Special Transportation Service (STS) is a shared-ride public transportation service of Miami-Dade County in compliance with the complementary paratransit service provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. STS offers door-to-door transportation service from the main entrance of pick up to the main entrance of drop-off locations.	\$3.50	used throughout Miami-Dade County for work, school,	Miami-Dade County residents whose physical or mental disability prevents them from using accessible public transportation (Metrobus, Metrorall, or Metromover) independently. Miami-Dade County residents with temporary disabilities are eligible for STS during the period of their disability. People with disabilities from out-of-town that are presumed eligible under ADA jurisdiction.	• TD is not available.

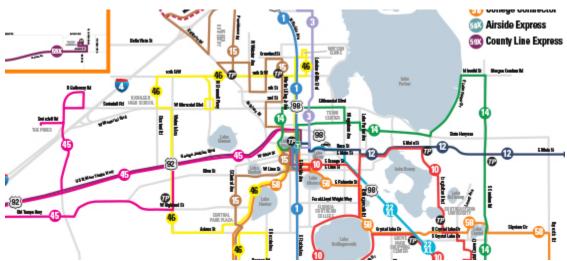
#### **Polk County**

#### CitrusConnection

Public transit in Polk County is provided by the Lakeland Area Mass Transit District, operating as Citrus Connection, which includes all public transportation within the county, including Winter Haven Area Transit, rural routes servicing Bartow, Ft. Meade and Frostproof, as well as all paratransit service. For years, public transit was made up as three agencies operating independently of each other, creating some challenges for riders who want to utilize the transit system throughout the county.

Service is currently provided six (6) days a week with Route 30 in Winter Haven now running Sundays as well. Bus routes will take you all around Lakeland, to Winter Haven, Bartow, Auburndale, Haines City, etc.

#### West County Routes:



#### Route #1

Florida Avenue Corridor

Route #3

Lakeland Hills Corridor

**Route #10** 

Circulator

Route #12

Lakeland/Winter Haven

**Route #14** 

Combee/Edgewood

**Route #15** 

Kathleen/Providence/Harden

Route #22XL

Bartow Express to Lakeland

**Route #33** 

South Florida/Carter Rd. Flex

**Route #39** 

Bradley Flex

**Route #45** 

George Jenkins-Swindell

**Route #46** 

10th/Wabash/Ariana

**Route #47** 

**Duff Road Shuttle** 

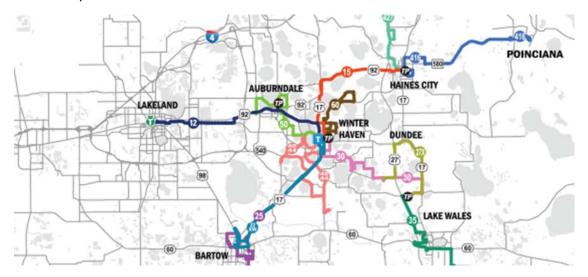
**Route #58** 

College Connector

**Route #61** 

US 98N / Banana Road

#### East County Routes:



#### **Route #12**

Lakeland / Winter Haven

**Route #15** 

Winter Haven / Haines City

Route #22XW

Winter Haven / Bartow

**Route #25** 

Bartow / Fort Meade

Route #27X

Dundee / Eagle Ridge Mall

**Route #30** 

Legoland

**Route #35** 

Lake Wales / Babson Park / South County Jail

**Route #40/44** 

Winter Haven Southside

Route #50

Auburndale

**Route #60** 

Winter Haven Northeast

**Route #416** 

Poinciana / Haines City

#### **Route #427**

U.S. 27 / Haines City

#### When is bus service available?

Weekday hours of operation are 6:15 AM to 7:15 PM. Saturday hours are 7:15 AM to 6:15 PM.

Per customer service representative: Hour of operations from 06:15 AM – 06:15 PM – Each route has different hours

#### Fares:

**CASH FARES ADULTS** \$1.50 STUDENTS+ \$1.25 SENIORS+ \$0.75 DISABLED+ \$0.75 **ADA PARATRANSIT** \$2.00 ADA FIXED ROUTE+ FREE CHILDREN\* **FREE** 

\*7 and under when accompanied by adult.

+Fares available to students, seniors (65 or older) and disabled presenting proof or the Citrus Connection ID Badge.

#### **Paratransit**

Citrus Connection is the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Polk County. This special program provides subsidized or reduced-price bus passes. We also provide door-to-door service to physically, mentally, emotionally or economically disadvantaged individuals.

#### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) ACT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Paratransit service operated by Citrus Connection provides transportation throughout the FIXED Route Service Area and beyond and is available for persons with disabilities who are unable to ride the fixed route buses. ADA/Paratransit is a shared ride service providing transportation throughout our area. There are no restrictions on the purpose or number of ADA service trips you may take, except that you share the ride with others traveling at the same time in the same direction. Every bus carries ADA certified lift-equipment and our

operators are available to provide boarding assistance. A one-way fare is \$2. Out of Town Visitors with current ADA eligibility can access our ADA Service temporarily for 21 days within a 365-day period.

In compliance with the <u>Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)</u>, Citrus Connection paratransit is our call ahead, door-to-door service for those who are unable to use our regular service. This specialized fleet of small, wheelchair lift-equipped buses is currently available to senior citizens and people with disabilities throughout Polk County. A one-way fare is \$2.

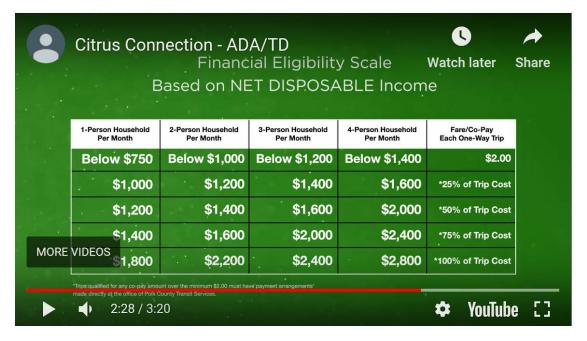
#### TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM

Citrus Connection is the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC). This special program provides free or reduced-price bus passes to physically, mentally, emotionally or economically disadvantaged individuals. The Transportation Disadvantaged Program is a coordinated state-wide effort which groups riders together for a shared ride service. Transportation services are available in all 67 Florida counties for those who are eligible and have no access to transportation. Federal, State and Local agencies join together to provide necessary transportation to medical appointments, employment, educational and other life sustaining services.

#### Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Citrus Connection is the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC). This special program provides free or reduced-price bus passes to physically, mentally, emotionally or economically disadvantaged individuals

Video: "ADA Program is designed for citizens with medical disabilities preventing them from riding fixed-route services all, or some of the time. Medical recommendation is require. Complimentary service provides transportation to areas within ¾ of a mile of any non-express Citrus Connection route. Those who do not meet the criteria for the ADA Program, can apply for the Paratransit Transportation Disadvanted (TD) Program. No medical recommendation is necessary, however a financial assessment is required in order to determine trip costs. TD provides transportation to areas greater than ¾ of a mile away from any fixed Citrus Connection bus route.



#### TIMES & ADA FARES

Paratransit operates six (6) days a week and its hours are comparable to fixed route service. Paratransit reservations are taken from 8 AM to 5 PM weekdays and Saturday 8 AM to 4 PM. There is no ADA service on Sundays or on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

An approved Personal Care Attendant (PCA) rides for free. The need for a PCA must be indicated on your application for ADA services and is subject to approval. One companion may travel with you if requested at time of scheduling and when there is availability of space. The companion's fee will also be \$2 each way and must be paid for with a pre-purchased pass.

#### Per customer service Daniel / 863-534-5500 -- (05/14/2019 at 0337 PM):

□ Pick up time: no before 7 AM – no later than 6 PM.

#### 1. ADA:

- > 3/4 miles from the bus route (no express or rural)
- > No Functional assessment is performed
- Reservation can be made up to 10 days in advance 1 day prior (business days)
- ► Eligibility: 3 years maximum

#### 2. TD:

- > Age, medical and financial
- > Out county: for example: Osceola, Orange, Tampa
  - o Osceola: Tuesday Thursday (2 days a week) Medical verification 9 am 12
  - o Tampa: Veterans
- Reservation can be made up to 14 days in advance 3 days prior
- Eligibility: 1 year
- > Prioritized: Medical (first), included critical care trips, Employment, Recreational, Shopping.

Source: http://ridecitrus.com/bus-systems/paratransit/

#### **Lake County**

#### Fixed Route:

LakeXpress is a fixed route system that provides public transit service throughout Lake County on a regular "fixed" schedule at designated bus stops.

LakeXpress operates Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Buses do not run on Saturdays, Sundays and the following federal holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

LakeXpress – Lake County's fixed-route bus service provides public transportation in two areas of the county. In the northern portion of the county, services are provided along the U.S. Highway 441 corridor, including the municipalities of Eustis, Fruitland Park, Lady Lake, Leesburg, Mount Dora, Tavares and Umatilla. Service also connects to Orange County via LYNX in Zellwood. Additionally, fixed-route service is provided in South Lake County along State Road 50 with connection to Orange County via LYNX Link 105 in Winter Garden. For more information about LakeXpress call 352-742-1940 or visit www.ridelakexpress.com.

#### **Schedules**

#### Route 1

Leesburg to Eustis

#### Route 1A

The Villages to Leesburg

#### Route 2

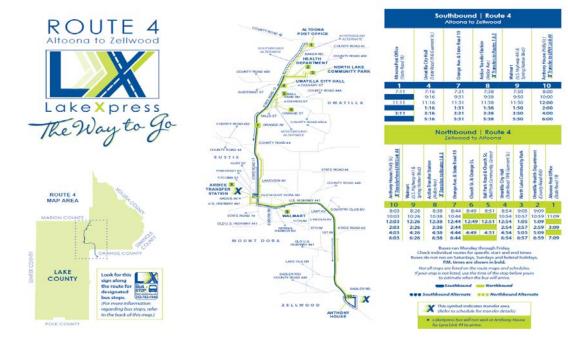
City of Leesburg

#### Route 3

City of Mount Dora

#### Route 4

Altoona to Zellwood



#### **Route 50 East**

Clermont to Winter Garden

#### **Route 50 West**

Mascotte to Clermont





#### Fares:

The LakeXpress bus fare is \$1 for a one-way trip, with half price fares available for qualifying individuals.

#### Paratransit:



Lake County Connection is Lake County's shared ride, door-to-door, paratransit service for people whose disability or transportation disadvantaged status prevents them from using LakeXpress.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

Lake County Connection is a limited share program. To be eligible for Lake County Connection service, customers must:

1. Have a disability as defined by the ADA

AND

2. Be unable, as a result of this disability, to use fixed-route LakeXpress transit services.

OR

3. Meet the eligibility requirements in accordance with the Florida State Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) as directed by the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged.

#### **Per Application information**

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

#### ADA QUALIFICATIONS AND GUIDELINES

- Origin and destination locations must be within the ADA Corridor. The ADA Corridor is defined as a service corridor that extends three-quarters (3/4) of a mile on either side of the LakeXpress (LX) fixed route bus service.
- Applicant must have a recognized disability verified by an acceptable medical professional that prevents the applicant from independently using the LX bus service all the time, temporarily, or only under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Disability alone does not guarantee eligibility. The eligibility is based on the individual's functional ability to use the LX bus service and is not a medical or psychiatric decision.
- The ADA certification process may involve a telephone interview and/or a personal functional assessment to determine if and how the applicant's transit needs can be met.
- ❖ ADA trips are available during the same hours, days and locations of the LX bus service.
- Medical Verification form must be completed by a Medical Professional for ADA service.
- ❖ Fare is \$2.00 each way.

#### TRANSPORATION DISADVANTAGED (TD) QUALIFICATIONS AND GUIDELINES

- Origin and destination locations can be anywhere in Lake County.
- Disability alone does not guarantee eligibility. The eligibility is based on the individual's functional ability to use LX bus service and not a medical decision.
- In order to determine that applicants meet the programs eligibility criteria for TD, the applicant must first have no other means of transportation available to them and meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - Applicant is age 60 or older; or
  - Have a recognized disability verified by an acceptable medical professional; or
  - Applicants annual gross household income does not exceed 200% of the Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines (<a href="https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines">https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines</a>); or
  - Applicant does not live within ¾ of a mile from the LX fixed route bus service.
- Completing this application does not automatically certify the applicant for TD service.
- Due to the availability of program funds, trips may be denied based on trip purpose. Trip priorities are ranked in descending order as follows: critical medical trips, other medical trips, nutritional, employment, educational and life sustaining.
- Proof of Household Income is required (SSI, SSDI, Pension or Bank Statement(s), etc.).
- TD trips are available Monday through Friday. Saturday services are provided for dialysis only. Transportation services are not provided on Sunday.
- Out of County TD trips are provided to Gainesville on Monday, Wednesday and Friday only.
  Orlando trips are provided Tuesday and Thursday only.
- ❖ Fare for trips within Lake County is \$2.00 each way. Fare for trips to Gainesville is \$10.00 each way. Fare for trips to Orlando is \$5.00 each way.

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2019 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA			
PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	POVERTY GUIDELINE		
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,420 for each additional person.			
1	\$12,490		
2	\$16,910		
3	\$21,330		
4	\$25,750		
5	\$30,170		
6	\$34,590		
7	\$39,010		
8	\$43,430		

#### From:

Lake County Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan.

http://www.lakesumtermpo.com/pdfs/tdsp/lake\_tdsp\_june\_2017.pdf

#### 2. Accessing Transportation Disadvantaged Services

There is a two-day (48-hour) advance reservation requirement for Transportation Disadvantaged trips, although same-day urgent care service will be accepted if vehicles and drivers are available. Other service will be considered depending on the nature of the request and the availability of a vehicle and driver.

Transportation services are available only for residents of Lake County, unless an agreement exists between another Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC).

Customer Service Representatives (CSR) have been instructed to listen to every request, discuss with the passenger the circumstances, and make a decision to accept or deny the reservation. If the reservation time is unavailable, an alternate day or time is offered. The CTC may authorize a trip outside these perimeters when extraordinary situations arise.

#### a. Eligibility

Transportation services are available to anyone who meets the qualifications of the respective sponsoring agency. Medicaid Beneficiaries must contact their Medicaid Representative to request the information for their Medicaid Broker transportation provider. Transportation Disadvantaged services are based upon Chapter 427 and meeting the Federal Poverty Guideline as adopted by the County, unless the client qualifies for transportation under the Mary Bennett Rule.

 The Mary Bennet Rule allows persons receiving dialysis treatment, as well as those with long-term medical condition such as cancer treatments, heart conditions, diabetes, neuropathy, etc. that require on-going treatment to qualify for services regardless of their income.

Public-pay passengers pay the same fares as the sponsoring agencies. Applicants who are able to use LakeXpress or have other means of transportation service will not be approved to use Lake County Connections unless they meet an exception under the eligibility application.

This program is intended for those persons who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation and are, therefore, dependent upon others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities, or other life-sustaining activities, or children who are handicapped or high-risk or at-risk as defined in s. 411.202.

The Transportation Disadvantaged Program is a funding source of last resort. If a client is receiving funding from another agency such as Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) Medicaid Waiver Program or on a waiting list, then the client would have to utilize the Medicaid Waiver Program funding for transportation services. However, if a developmentally disabled client is not on any other program, they may request utilization of Transportation Disadvantaged Program funding through the eligibility application process.

All persons will be required to complete an Eligibility Application bi-annually and must provide all of the required information, including verification of income. If a person provides false or misleading information they will be denied services. Incomplete applications may be granted 60 day provisional services if it appears that the applicant will qualify for services.

#### b. Prioritization

The Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board through a subcommittee sets prioritization guidelines when needed. The following guidelines are currently in effect.

- Medical
  - a. Kidney Dialysis.
  - b. Cancer Treatment.
  - c. Doctor Appointments.
  - d. Therapy.
  - e. Prescriptions.
  - f. Children at Risk.
- Nutritional
  - a. Food/Grocery Shopping/ Meal Site/Food Stamps.
- Employment (In-County Only)
- 4. Training/Education
- Life- Sustaining/Other
  - a. Non-food Shopping.
  - Banking/Social Security.
  - c. Visits to Hospitals/Nursing Homes.
  - Recreational.

FDOT trips cannot be prioritized.

#### Fares:

#### Paratransit Fares

The fare for the Lake County Connection service is as follows:



<sup>\*</sup> Orlando service is provided for medical appointments only on Tuesday and Thursday. Arrives in Orlando at 10 a.m. and departs from Orlando at 2 p.m.

<sup>&</sup>quot; Gainesville service is provided for medical appointments only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Arrives in Gainesville at 10 a.m. and departs from Gainesville at 2 p.m.

#### https://www.ridelakexpress.com/

#### Per Customer Services Maira / 352-742-2612 - (05/16/2019 @ 0956 AM):

• M − F: Pick up time: 7 AM − 7 PM. S

#### 1. ADA:

- Within ¾ miles from the bus route only
- No Functional assessment is performed
- Reservation can be made up to 14 days in advance 1 day prior (business days)
- Eligibility: 2 years maximum

#### 2. TD:

- Out of the ¾ miles from the bus route covers the whole county
- Out county: Orlando and Gainesville Medical (location verification)
- Reservation can be made up to 14 days in advance 48 hours prior
- Eligibility: 2 years maximum.



**<u>H Location</u>**: Central County

**■ Location : Main Corridors** 

**<u>H Location</u>**: North County

**■ Location** : South County

\* 32 Routes

Per Customer Services: 05/16/19 @ 1105

Fare: \$2 and \$1

Hours of Operation:

\* M – F: 430 AM – 1030 PM \* Saturday: 620 AM – 10 PM \* Sunday: 0821 AM – 730 PM



#### **Paratransit**

Palm Tran CONNECTION Rider's Handbook

## Eligibility

Palm Tran Connection is designed to assist those individuals who cannot access Palm Tran regular fixed route bus service because of either of the following:

- · a disability (ADA customers),
- fixed route service is not available in your area and you have no other means of transportation available (TD customers).

**Palm Tran Connection** is a shared ride, door-to-door paratransit service that provides transportation for disabled residents and visitors in Palm Beach County under the following programs:

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)Program

  Division of Senior Services (DOSS)
- Program Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program

Palm Tran Connection travels in Palm Beach County from Jupiter to Boca Raton and from Palm Beach to South Bay. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) core service area covers the following: East of the Florida Turnpike in Palm Beach County from the South County Line to Donald Ross Road. ADA Service continues to the 3/4-mile buffer around fixed routes located outside the ADA core service area.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Program is transportation that is provided within 3/4 of a mile of a Palm Tran bus route during the same hours and days as Palm Tran fixed route bus service. To become eligible for ADA service, an individual must have a disability which prevents them from riding the fixed route bus service.



#### **Paratransit Eligibility Process**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Palm Tran offers paratransit service for persons with physical, cognitive, visual or other disabilities which functionally prevent them from using our fixed-route bus system permanently, temporarily or under certain conditions. Disability alone does not consent one's eligibility for ADA paratransit service. The decision is based solely on the applicant's functional ability to use Palm Tran fixed-route service. All Palm Tran buses are fully assessable and compliant with the requirements of the ADA. The unavailability of fixed-route service, difficulties using fixed route or long travel times do not constitute eligibility for paratransit service.

#### PALM TRAN CONNECTION APPLICATION PROCESS

All applicants seeking ADA Paratransit Service must undergo an eligibility determining process. The application process includes, but not limited to:

- A personal assessment or in-person interview may be required to determine applicant's disability.
- A medical verification of the disability completed and signed by a licensed physician.

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Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Eligible customers may qualify for a discounted TD Bus Pass if they meet household income guidelines that fall between at 150% of the Federal Poverty Level or below.

#### The Division of Senior Services (DOSS) Program

The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Area Agency on Aging and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs fund the Division of Senior Services (DOSS) Program, for individuals who are age 60 or older, per the eligibility guidelines established by the Older Americans Act (OAA).

Fares:

#### Fares are set by the Board of County Commissioners and may change at any time

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Program	\$3.50 per one way trip
Division of Senior Services (DOSS) Program	Trips to meal-sites at designated route times NO CHARGE
Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program	\$3.50 per one way trip
Personal Care Attendant (PCA)	NO CHARGE
Escorts	\$3.50 per one way trip
Children age 8 and under when accompanied by a fare paying passenger	NO CHARGE

#### **Hours:**

Palm Tran CONNECTION Rider's Handbook

### When can I ride?

Program	Time of Service	Holiday Hours
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transportation Disadvantaged (TD)	Monday thru Friday 5:00 a.m. to 10:10 p.m. First pick-up no earlier than 5:00 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. Last pick-up no later than 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 10:10 p.m. First pick-up no earlier than 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. Last pick-up no later than 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. First pick-up no earlier than 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Last pick-up no later than 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	No Service on the Following Holidays: New Year's Day Easter Sunday Memorial Day Independence Day Labor Day Thanksgiving Day
Division of Senior Services (DOSS)	Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. No Service on Saturday & Sunday	Christmas Day
	ick-up times may vary base ip distance and availability	d upon

Per Customer Services - 561-649-9838 - (05/16/2019 @ 1144 AM):

Pick up time: M –F 450 AM 1030 (PM 0920 LAST PICK)

#### 1. ADA:

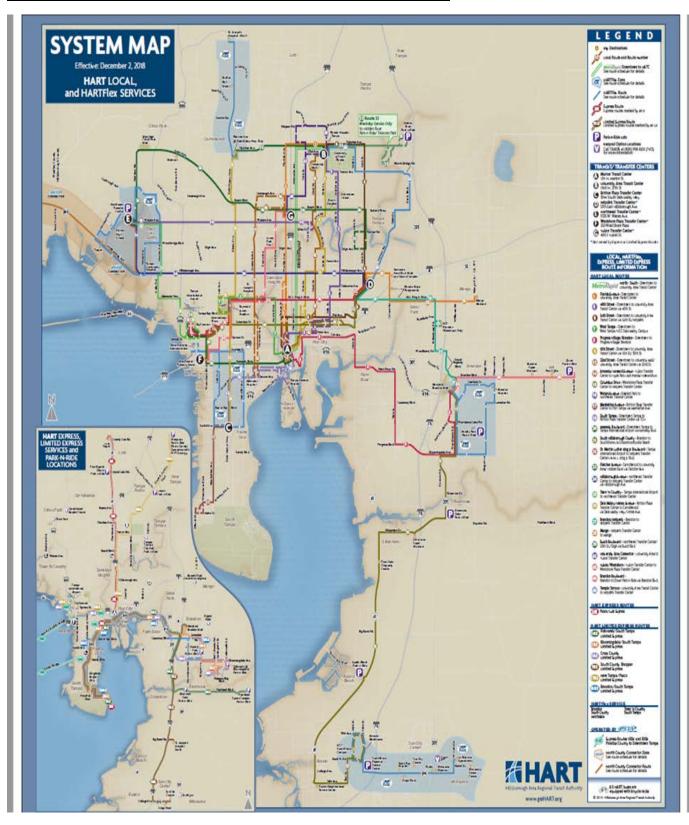
- Within ¾ miles from the bus route only
- No Functional assessment is performed
- Reservation can be made up to 7 days in advance 1 day prior (business days)
- Eligibility: 2 years and long term life eligibility

#### 2. TD:

- Out of the ¾ miles from the bus route covers the whole county
- Out county: No Transfer points
- Reservation can be made up to 7 days in advance 1 hours prior
- Eligibility: 1 years maximum.

http://discover.pbcgov.org/palmtran/Lists/NewsReleases/NewsDispForm.aspx

#### Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) Headquarters



HART covers an area of approximately 1000 sq. miles (roughly the size of Rhode Island) with a fleet of almost 200 buses.

#### **Fares**

#### 1-DAY UNLIMITED HARTRIDE

Receive unlimited local rides on the date your pass is activated. Transfers are not necessary. Can be purchased on board the bus or from any HART sales outlet. Sold in local, discount and express fare categories.

LOCAL & LIMITED EXPRESS	\$4.00	
DISCOUNT LOCAL & LIMITED EXPRESS	\$2.00	闡
EXPRESS	\$6.00	1
DISCOUNT EXPRESS	\$3.00	107

#### **ONE-WAY FARES**

#### CASH FARES

LOCAL & LIMITED EXPRESS	\$2.00	颐
EXPRESS	\$3.00	即
DISCOUNT LOCAL	\$1.00	
DISCOUNT EXPRESS	\$1.50	即

\*Check PSTA.net for fares if you are traveling into Pinellas.

#### HARTFLEX

ONE-WAY CASH	\$1.00	<b>I</b>
ALL DAY	\$2,00	D

#### **Paratransit**

#### HARTPLUS PARATRANSIT

This service is transportation for people with disabilities. Persons are eligible for this service if they have physical, cognitive, emotional, visual or other disabilities that prevent them from using HART fixed route bus system, either permanently or under certain conditions.

- Picks people up and drops them off at their destination
- Takes them to an accessible bus stop

#### HARTPlus ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

HARTPlus service is available for people with physical, Cognitive, visual or other disabilities that prevent them from using HART's fixed route bus services. A disability in and of itself does not imply eligibility for HARTPlus services.

#### HARTPlus SERVICE HOURS

Service hours mirror the local fixed route bus serving your point of origin and destination. HARTPlus service is not available on days, times or locations when the corresponding local fixed route service is not operating.

Per customer service German/ 863-254-4278—(05/14/2019 at 1133 am):

#### ADA

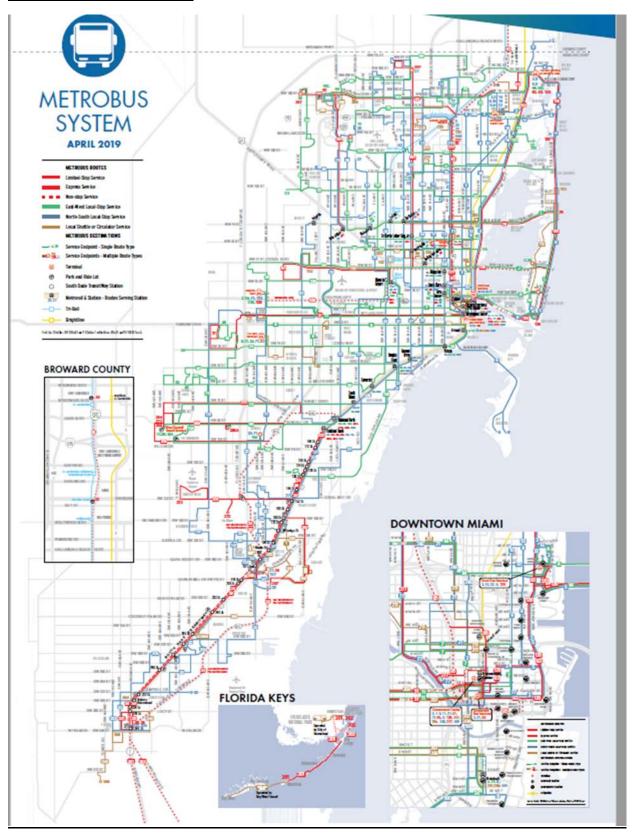
- 1. If the person can no use the regular bus service because of their disability.
- 2. Only provide paratransit service within ¾ miles of the local fixed bus routes.
- They must to apply in person. The application needs to be original, no copies.
- The fare is \$ 4.00 per each one-way trip.
- They offer the information in large print, audio, & Braille.
- The paratransit service hours are the same of the fixed bus schedule.
- The bus operation system runs from 4:30 AM until midnight.
- They offer travel training.

Reservations 3 days before from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (7 days a week).

Eligibility/ expiration not applicable /No limit for eligibility

http://www.gohart.org/Pages/services-van.aspx

#### **Miami-Dade Transportation**



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Miami-Dade Transit is the 15th largest public transit system in the USA, and the largest transit agency in the state of Florida. It connects people to places by providing a high-quality, safe, reliable, clean, and efficient mass transit system that meets the travel needs of the County's growing population and we provide vital transportation infrastructure systems and services.

Metrobus serves all major shopping, entertainment and cultural centers, as well as major hospitals and schools. Service is available from Miami Beach, Key Biscayne, West Miami-Dade, Broward County, Homestead, Florida City and the Middle Keys. Buses are equipped with bicycle racks that are attached to the front of the bus. Fixed route buses: 45 Approx.

#### Metrobus

Fare - \$2.25 Discount Fare - \$1.10

Special Transportation Service (STS) is a shared-ride public transportation service of Miami-Dade County in compliance with the complementary paratransit service provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. STS offers door-to-door transportation service from the main entrance of pick-up to the main entrance of drop-off locations.

The service operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be used throughout Miami-Dade County for work, school, shopping, recreation and medical appointments.

- Miami-Dade County residents whose physical or mental disability prevents them from using accessible public transportation (Metrobus, Metrorail, or Metromover) independently.
- o Miami-Dade County residents with temporary disabilities are eligible for STS during the period of their disability.
- People with disabilities from out-of-town that are presumed eligible under ADA jurisdiction.

#### STS FARE

- STS fare is \$3.50 each way. Companions pay the same fare, Personal Care Attendant (PCA) do not pay a fare, and PCA must be pre-certified by STS Certification Office.
- Riders must have the exact fare and must pay upon entering the vehicle.
- Drivers <u>DO NOT</u> provide change.
- Riders may contact service provider at (305) 871-1111 to purchase pre-paid vouchers. The pre-paid vouchers can be used in lieu of the cash and should be handed to the driver upon entering the vehicle.

Per customer service, Elvia (05/16/2019@1534 pm)

- Reservations from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (7 days prior)
- Eligibility: permanent, or per doctor request.
- Must apply in person
- Must to show STI ID
- TD is not available.

https://www8.miamidade.gov/transportation-publicworks/routes.asp





Thank you for inquiring about eligibility for ADA Paratransit Services. Enclosed is a copy of an ADA Paratransit Application form. Please read the following information before completing the application.

The JTA offers two categories of transportation: the mass transit system (city bus, Skyway, Community Shuttle and Ride Request services) and the JTA Connexion (paratransit service). The JTA's mass transit service provides accessibility features that make it possible for people with different types of disabilities to ride on its buses, Skyway trains and vans. These include: lifts and ramps (there is no need to use the steps if they cause you problems); tie-downs and passenger restraints (Driver-secured) for people using wheelchairs; stop announcements by the drivers and/or the Talking Bus automatic announcement and information systems for visually and hearing-impaired riders; and route schedules and information in alternative formats.

The JTA also offers to riders who may have a disability, receive Social Security Income or a Disabled Veteran the opportunity to ride the fixed route bus at a reduced rate. You can inquire about this program at 265-6001. In addition, if you are over the age of 65 you qualify to ride the fixed route bus for free.

The JTA Connexion is paratransit service that offers door-to-door service to eligible individuals who, due to disability, cannot access the mass transit system some or all of the time. This application is for certification to use the JTA Connexion service. This application consists of three sections: General Information; Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and State Transportation Disadvantaged (TD). Please be sure to fill out the application completely. An incomplete application may delay the processing and/or result in an inaccurate assessment of your abilities.

When you complete the application and have gathered any supporting documentation as requested you must call the Eligibility Office at 265-6001 to schedule an appointment for your in-person interview and functional assessment. During this assessment, you will meet with a staff member for an interview where they will ask additional questions concerning your ability to use the JTA, buses, Skyway and vans. Following your interview you will meet with a professional Functional Assessor for your functional assessment. This assessment will evaluate your travel abilities and limitations. You must bring all mobility devices that you use to travel outside your home and dress accordingly for the weather as some portions of the assessment will be conducted outside. Also, please bring a picture ID. We will take your photograph to be used for an ID, if you are deemed eligible. Once the interview and assessment is complete, you will receive your determination by letter within 21 days.

Accessible versions of these forms are available upon request; Braille, large print or assistance with completing the application by one of the JTA Eligibility staff member



## Jacksonville Transportation Authority Paratransit Eligibility Application DO NOT MAIL THIS APPLICATION

All questions must be completed to process this application

GENERAL INFORMATION (Please Print)			
Last Name:	First Name:		M. l. :
Residential Address:			Apt/Lot#
City:	State:	Zip:	County:
Is the provided address your mailing address	s? Yes No	Email Address:	
If not, please provide mailing address:			
Daytime Phone Number:	Alternate P	hone Number:	
Date of Birth:	Gender: [	] Male $\; \square$ Female	
Emergency Contact:	Relationship:	Telephon	e#:
Check the following residence type in which	you live:		
☐ Home ☐ Apartment/Townhouse ☐	]Retirement Facility	Assisted Living Facility	Skilled Nursing Facility
Name of facility, if applicable:			
When you travel outside your home, please i	indicate which (if a	ny) of the following m	obility aids you use:
<ul> <li>☐ Power Wheelchair</li> <li>☐ Manual Wheelchair</li> <li>☐ Power Scooter</li> <li>☐ No Mobility Aid</li> <li>☐ Walker</li> <li>☐ Cane</li> <li>☐ Crutches</li> </ul>	☐ White☐ Respir☐ Stretch	ator 🔲 Pers	ice Animal onal Care Attendant er
If you use a manual wheelchair, can you tran	nsfer to a passenge	er seat for travel?	Yes No N/A
Are you a disabled veteran?   Yes   No	(If yes, please a	ttach a copy of VA let	ter of disability)
Do you receive SSI or SSDI?  Yes  No	(If yes, please a	ttach copy of docume	entation.)
SECTION A - The Americans with Disabilities	s Act		
A1. Can you use the JTA City Bus or Skyway  A2. Please describe the condition, disability  Skyway	or limitation that p	-	ng the JTA City Bus or
A3. Please describe how this condition or di	sability prevents yo	ou from riding the JTA	A Bus or Skyway

SECTION A – The Americans with Disabilities Act. Continued
A4. Is this condition/disability/limitation:   Permanent Temporary
If temporary, how long do you expect it to last?
A5. With your mobility aids, if applicable, how far can you travel?    I cannot travel outside my residence   I can travel up to six blocks   I can only get to the curb in front of my residence   I can travel more than six blocks   I can travel up to two or three blocks   Not Applicable
A6. What is the longest time you can wait outside  With a place to sit?
A7. Can you negotiate up and down curbs when you travel between city blocks and/or cross streets?  Yes No
A8. If you cannot use steps to board a bus, can you board a bus using any of the following? (Please note that persons who cannot climb the bus steps have the right to enter the bus by standing on the lift.)  A wheelchair lift? Yes No A ramp (incline)? Yes No If neither, please explain
A9. Are you able to give your address and phone number upon request?   Yes   No
A10. Are you able to ask for, understand, and follow directions?   Yes No If No, please explain:
A11. Are you able to travel safely and effectively through crowded and/or complex facilities?   Yes   No
A12. How do you currently travel to your frequent destinations?    JTA City Bus or Skyway
A13. Do you travel with the help of another person?  Always  Sometimes  Never
A14. Are you able to get to and from the public transit stop nearest your home?   Yes No If No, please explain:
A15. If you have a service animal, indicate the task(s) your service animal performs for you:  Guides me Alerts me I do not currently use a service animal Picks up items Pulls me Carries items for me (explain) Other:
Type of animal:
A16. Please list other information you want us to know about your abilities:

SECTION B - State Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program					
B1. Do you or any member of your household own a vehicle?   Yes No  List make, model and year for each:					
B2.	. Do you have a Driver's License?				
ВЗ.	3. Can you or member in your household transport you to your appointments?   Yes  No If not, why:				
B4.	Please list all other Household Members:				
	Name		elationship	Date of Birth	Drivers License Number (Y/N)
B5.	Are you currently receiving dialysis or oncology (cancer) treatments?   Yes   No  If yes, how many times per week? Please provide the name of the facility where you receive these treatments:				
В6.	Do you live in a facility that provides transportation?  Yes  No If yes, can this facility provide you with transportation to your medical appointments?  Yes  No If no, why not:				
B7.	Please attach a copy of one of the following:  Birth Certificate  JTA Senior ID Card (Sunshine Pass)  Florida Driver's License  Other Government photo ID with date of birth.				
B8.	38. Please list all facilities that you visit on a regular basis:				
	Name and address of facility	Type of Visit # of Month Visits		Describe How You Previously Got There	
B9. Are there any other transportation needs of which we should be aware including culture competency?					
	If all information is complete, please go to the next page, complete physicians information, sign and date application.				
	DO NOT MAIL THIS APPLICATION.				

#### PHYSICIAN CONTACT

To allow the JTA Connexion staff medical professional who is famili		•	our application, we may need to contact complete the information below:	: a
<ul> <li>Name of Medical Professional</li> </ul>	-	, ,	·	
■ Medical Facility:				
Address:				
■ City:	Zip:	County: _	Phone:	_
Title of Medical Professional:				
Physician	Optometris	st	Licensed Mobility Specialist	
Physician's Assistant	Rehabilita	tion Specialist	☐ ESE Teacher	
RN or LPN	Occupation	nal Therapist	☐ Social Worker	
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Printed Name:				

LARGE PRINT, BRAILLE AND ALTERNATIVE FORMATS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

AFTER THE APPLICATION IS COMPLETED CALL 265-6001 TO SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW.

Relationship to Applicant:

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



#### CONNEXION ELIGIBILITY CENTER 100 N. Myrtle Avenue Building 2 Jacksonville, FL 32204

#### **MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM**

	Applicant Name	DOB
dic	al Verification-To be completed by a licensed Medical Professional.	
actı	complete the section below. The information that you provide must be based so ual physical or cognitive limitation, which prevents the use of our fixed route bus ially limiting illness or condition is not sufficient determination for paratransit so	s service. The diagnosis of
1.	What is the applicant's disability?	
2.	How does the condition functionally prevent the applicant from using regular bu	s service?
3.	If temporary, what is the duration?	
4.	Does this individual use a mobility aid? yesno If yes, what type of mobilis	ty aid do they use?
5.	If this individual is currently taking prescribed medication(s), does this medicatio individual's functional ability to travel independently? Please explain:	n enhance or diminish the
6.	Are any of the following affected by the individual's disability? (Check all that applications)	ply)
	OrientationMonitoring timeGait or balanceProblem solvingJudgmentInconsistent perforShort-term memoryCommunicationLong-term memoryInappropriate social behavior Other (please explain)	

Signature of Medical Professional		Date	
Professional License #	State Issued _		
Print Name			-
Address			_
City			
Phone #			
Contact person			_
I acknowledge the purpose of this appunderstand that the staff of the Jackson application to obtain additional informat may be verified. I authorize the health application to release and provide JTA arrequired to complete or clarify this application may be verified. I authorize the health application to release and provide JTA arrequired to complete or clarify this application may be needs and understand that this I certify that, to the best of my knowledge Please note that any person who knowledge under section 320.0848, Florida Statutes 775.082 or 775.083, F.S. The penalty is understand that the penalty is understand the penalty is unde	ville Transportation Authorion. I have been truthful in care professional, including JTA Connexion, or its rejudation. I agree that, when swill allow JTA to most effice, the information given is vingly makes a false or mis, commits a misdemeanor	rity (JTA) and JTA Connexion answering all of these queing psychiatrists or psychopresentatives, any additional possible, I will travel to the ciently serve the needs of the correct.  sleading statement in an all of the first degree, punishall.	on may need to discuss my estions and my information alogists, designated in this al information that may be a nearest location that can the community.
Applicant Signature		Date	
If applicant is unable to sign this form, he	e/she may have someone s	ign on his/her behalf.	
Signing for Applicant	Relationship	Date	

#### **PSTA - RESEARCH**

## WHAT IS THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM?

The Pinellas County Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program is a state-funded program that provides reduced cost transportation throughout the county to residents who qualify as "Transportation Disadvantaged."

# WHO QUALIFIES FOR TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICES IN PINELLAS COUNTY?

In order to qualify for Transportation Disadvantaged services in Pinellas County, a person must:

- Live in Pinellas County
- Not be able to get a ride from household members or others for life-sustaining trips: medical, grocery, work, job-related training/education and other vital services
- Have documented household income which does not exceed 150 percent of poverty (see chart below)

#### 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines (X 150 percent)

2020	2020	
Maximum	Maximum	
Gross	Gross	
Yearly	Monthly	
Income	Income	
\$19,140	\$1,595.00	
\$25,860	\$2,155.00	
\$32,580	\$2,715.00	
\$39,300	\$3,275.00	
\$46,020	\$3,835.00	
\$52,740	\$4,395.00	
\$59,460	\$4,955.00	
\$66,180	\$5,515.00	
	Maximum Gross Yearly Income \$19,140 \$25,860 \$32,580 \$39,300 \$46,020 \$52,740 \$59,460	

## HOW ARE TRIPS PROVIDED TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS?

#### **Reduced-Cost PSTA Bus Passes**

The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) provides bus service throughout most of the county. All buses are air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible. Individuals able to access and ride a bus can qualify for either a 10 (non-consecutive) Day bus pass for \$5.00 per month, or a 31-Day unlimited ride bus pass for \$11.00 per month. The passes can be used for travel to any location served by the PSTA bus system. To get bus route maps and schedules from PSTA, call 727-540-1900 or view our schedule map online.

#### **Door-to-Door Service**

Individuals who cannot use the bus for some of their trips may qualify for door-to-door service for those trips for \$3.00 per one-way trip. The fee is due in cash at the time of the ride.

If approved for door-to-door service, the individual will need to make trip reservations for eligible trip purposes approved within Pinellas County.

- Requests must be made at least 72 hours BEFORE service is actually needed.
- The Reservationist will schedule the trip and provide the caller with a pick-up time. On the day of the trip, the rider must be ready at the scheduled pick-up time and location to board the vehicle within five minutes of its arrival. The trip is not considered late until 30 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time. Individuals will need to call the transportation provider directly if their ride is late, or if they need to cancel their trip. Cancellations must be made at least two hours prior to the scheduled pick-up time to avoid a "no show" penalty.
- Payment of \$3.00 cash for each one-way trip MUST be given to the driver at the time of pick-up.

#### **LATE SHIFT**

#### **New Fares starting January 1, 2018**

TD Late Shift can now be purchased with the monthly TD pass for \$20.

**TD Bus Pass:** \$11 **Add Late Shift:** +\$9

**Total Monthly Package: \$20** 

Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) riders have a new way to get home late at night with TD Late Shift.

For \$20/month, TD clients can get their monthly TD Pass plus 25 free on-demand trips per month to/from work when bus service is not available. To qualify, the individual must:

- Purchase their TD bus pass every month
- Have a job that begins or ends between 9 p.m. − 6 a.m. any day of the week

To sign up, call 727-540-1900, ext. 6.

#### **URGENT DAY**

TD Urgent Day provides one \$3 on-demand trip per month to anyone who has their current TD bus pass and has a life-sustaining (non-emergency) trip that cannot be effectively served by bus.

To take the trip, call 727-540-1900, ext. 6, Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## HOW DO I BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR TD SERVICES?

To request a TD Program Application, visit one of PSTA's Customer Service Centers, call 727-540-1900 or download our TD program application.

Complete and mail the application, along with required Proof of Income, to Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) to the address shown on the application. Fax the completed application and documentation to 727-540-1923 or submit to a representative at one of PSTA's Customer Service Centers.

Learn of your approval or denial by calling 727-540-1900 two weeks after the submission of your paperwork.

#### **HOW ARE TD BUS PASSES SOLD?**

If approved for a TD bus pass, the individual will need to bring a government-issued photo ID to one of the PSTA Customer Service Centers listed below. In addition, the individual will need to bring cash, credit or debit to purchase their pass:

10-Day Pass: \$5.0031-Day Pass: \$11.00

Service is limited based on available funding.



### Application for the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program (Page 1 of 3)

The Transportation Disadvantaged Program provides lower-cost transportation for life-sustaining trips to Pinellas County residents whose gross household income is below 150% of poverty, and who do not have another way to take these trips. To apply, complete and submit this application for each member of your household who needs this service (age six and above, children 5 and under ride PSTA free). Applications submitted without proof of income/no income for all household members will not be approved until this is received.

DATE:					
NAME ON					
YOUR ID:					
STREET					
ADDRESS:					
CITY & ZIP					
CODE:					
PHONE:					
E-MAIL					
ADDRESS:					
1. Do you have a c	ar ride for your v	ital trips (wor	k, food, Dr.)?		
Yes	☐ No		, ,		
				e (SPC), USF-St Peto sity, or City of St Pe	
☐ Yes		No		ony, or only or or r	
3. TD services incl	ude low-cost bu	s passes. Lat	e Shift on-dema	and work trips overr	niaht.
and door-to-door to					
	se PSTA's buses t				
☐ Yes		No	•		
b) Do you ne	ed TD Late Shift to	get to a curre	ent job between 1	10 pm – 6 am any day	y?
☐ Yes		No	•	,	•
c) Do you nee	ed TD door-to-doo	or due to a disa	ability?		
Yes (co	omplete DART app	olication)	No		
4. Is Medicaid your	only form of he	alth insurance	2		
Yes		No	, i		
		140			



### Application for the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program (Page 2 of 3)

5. Do you have any p	<b>hysical or mental dis</b> No	abilities?	
If yes, what type(s)?			
6. Does anyone in you	ur household require   No	a wheelchair?	
household (YOURSEL grandchildren) living at the attach proof of income for	F, spouse, parents, child ne same address). For M or each source as describ	reach immediate family in the step and foster children lonthly Gross Income, list all bed below. Gross Income is be sability, Cash Benefits, and controls in the step in the s	, siblings, grandparents, income by source and before all taxes and
Name	Date of Birth	Relationship to You	Monthly Gross Income
8. How many persons living at the same addr		old (Household includes yo	ourself and any relatives
9. What is your house	ehold's Monthly Gros	s Income from the table	above?
		sted above for you and all ase provide copies as pro	•
Acceptable forms of proof of income include current copies of:  • 1st page of your tax return  • DCF Cash Benefit/Child Support Letter*  • Unemployment Compensation Income Verification  • Social Security Income Verification or Proof of			
<ul> <li>Minimum of (2) most recent pay stubs</li> <li>Income Letter (includes SSI and SSDI)</li> <li>Retirement/Pension Statement (includes VA)</li> </ul>			

If no one in your household has income, you must submit either:

- Access/DCF Benefits statement showing dollar amount of benefits (Food Assistance) or,
- a signed letter on agency letterhead verifying that you have no income.

<u>Applications missing proof of income/no income will not be approved for TD until this information is received.</u>



### Application for the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program (Page 3 of 3)

NAME:	
DATE OF	
BIRTH:	
11. How many days in the next calendar month will you need PSTA to	get to:
Medical/Health:	# Days
Includes doctors, dental, pharmacy, mental health, drug treatment, and AA/NA/ PTSD support groups (list phone number for each in next section for verification).	,
Food:	# Days
Includes grocery and other food stores, as well as food distribution sites and group meals.	,
Vital Services:	# Days
Includes government and non-governmental social service agencies, banks, utility bill payment sites, and check cashing services.	•
Employment:	# Days
Includes paying jobs only, not volunteering/unpaid work. (list phone number and work hours for each job in next section for verification)	
Job-Required Training:	# Days
Includes only courses required by your current employer	
Other Education & Training:	# Days
Includes any courses except for Job-Required Training above.	
Other Life-Sustaining Trips NOT already counted above:	# Days
Total number of all trips listed above	Grand Total:
By signing this form, I am stating that the information I have given is to the best of my knowledge; if falsified, my TD services will be suspen	<u>-</u>
SIGNATURE: DATE:	

Contact PSTA two weeks after submitting your application to find out your eligibility status. Bus passes are sold month-long with a valid government-issued photo ID. See the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) page at <a href="https://www.psta.net">www.psta.net</a> for more details. If PSTA bus service will not meet your trip needs, you may be eligible for door-to-door service.

Bring this completed form to a PSTA Customer Service Representative, fax or mail to:

TD Program, PSTA, 3201 Scherer Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33716 Fax: (727) 540-1923, InfoLine: (727) 540-1900



#### <u>Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program Eligibility Recertification Form</u>

It is now time for you to submit proof of income for your household in order to remain eligible for the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program. Please sign the certification at the bottom of this page, answer all of the questions on the attached Income Verification Form, and return both pages with proof of income for ALL family members in your household.

#### Fax or mail completed forms and proof of income documents to:

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Attention: TD Program Office

3201 Scherer Drive

Saint Petersburg, FL 33716

Fax: (727) 540-1923

Completed forms can also be given to a Customer Service Representative at a PSTA transfer center, but please seal all in an envelope to prevent your documents from getting separated. Please allow two weeks to process your recertification.

By signing below, I affirm that I live in Pinellas County and do not have a ride available to get me to TD-funded trips. All of the information on the Income Verification Form attached is true and complete for all family members in my household. I agree to notify PSTA as soon as any of these conditions change. I understand that these documents are required for me to continue receiving services through the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's (PSTA's) Transportation Disadvantaged Program.

Print Name:	Birthdate:		
Signature:	Date:		

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#### Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program Eligibility Recertification Form

This form and proof of income are required to receive services through the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's (PSTA's) Transportation Disadvantaged Program.

Name:	ame:			
Address:				
City, State, Zip:				
Telephone:		Birthdate:		
Total Monthly Household	Income:	Number of People ir	Household:	
	n, foster or step children,	family member of your ho brothers, sisters, cousins, r e address):	•	
Name	Date of Birth	rth Relationship Monthly Incom		

Attach to this form proof of total income, before tax, including wages, tips, any Social Security income, Pension and other income for you and all members of your household listed above. Please provide copies, as documents submitted will not be returned.

#### Acceptable forms of proof of income include:

- 1st page of your tax return
- DCF Cash Benefit/Child Support Letter\*
- Minimum of (2) recentpay stub statements
- Unemployment Compensation Income Verification
- Social Security Income Letter (SSA, SSI, SSDI)
- Retirement/Pension Statement (includes VA)

If no one in your household has any income, you must submit proof of Food Stamp eligibility or a signed letter on agency letterhead verifying that you have no income. Applications missing proof of income/no income will not be approved for TD until this information is received.

Completed form and proof of income must be turned in to PSTA at a bus terminal, mailed or faxed to: Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), Attention: TD Program Office 3201 Scherer Drive

Saint Petersburg, FL 33716

Phone: 727-540-1900; Fax: 727-540-1923

<sup>\*</sup> The amount of food stamps is not counted towards your household income.







#### TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (TD) DOOR-TO-DOOR PROGRAM

Dear TOPS! Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in TOPS! The Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program is one of the transportation programs provided by TOPS!

**Door-to-Door Paratransit Transportation:** Shared-ride paratransit transportation is provided to eligible Broward County residents with physical, cognitive, emotional, visual, or other disabilities which functionally prevent them from using the BCT fixed-route bus system permanently, temporarily or under certain conditions. Door-to-door paratransit transportation is provided to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities and other life-sustaining activities.

**Eligibility:** The TD program is a "last resort" program for disabled individuals in need of transportation and do not have access to any other transportation resource. TD eligibility criteria requires the applicant to qualify under **both disability AND current Federal Poverty Level Guidelines**, depending on the number of family members in household, at the 225 percent level. (see chart below) We are required to make every effort to verify your income and medical information to determine eligibility. Blanks on your application are considered as incomplete and may affect the timeliness of eligibility determination.

Persons in family/household	225% of 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines
1	\$ 28,710.00
2	\$ 38,790.00
3	\$ 48,870.00

For households of more than three members please view our website at <a href="https://www.broward.org/bct">www.broward.org/bct</a> to access the complete TD Income Guidelines chart.

Completed TD applications must contain all requested information. You are required to submit identification and applicable financial supporting documents when submitted. Self-declaration of income is not accepted. Faxed or Emailed applications are not accepted due to the collection of individually identifiable information.

#### Complete application information prior to printing and submitting.

Mail to: Paratransit Eligibility Services
Broward County Transit
1 N. University Dr., Suite 2400-B
Plantation, FL 33324

Information: 954-357-8400

(Mail or hand deliver application to the above address)

#### NOTICE OF COLLECTING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN) FOR GOVERNMENT PURPOSE

Broward County collects SSNs for different purposes. The Florida Public Records Law, Section 119.071(5), F.S. (2007) requires County to give you this written statement explaining the purpose and authority for collecting your SSN.

FORM	PURPOSE	AUTHORIZATION
TD Application	Conduct eligibility verification and monitor for system abuse	County policy (See Note)

### Transportation Disadvantaged Application DOOR-TO-DOOR PARATRANSIT SERVICES

Office Use Only					
Client ID:					
Date Approved:					
Date Denied:					

#### **Instructions:**

Complete Sections 1 and 2. Section 3 must be completed by a Florida Licensed Physician. Attach all required documentation. Self-declaration of income is not accepted.

### A copy of your Current Florida Driver's License / Florida ID Showing a Broward County address is required.

SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATIO	N (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)				
Name of Applicant:	Phone:				
Home Address:					
Mailing Address (if different):					
<del>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </del>	e agency letter stating they will receive your mail				
Is a vehicle registered in your name? YES	NO Do you drive? YES NO				
Date of Birth:	Social Security Number:				
Are you receiving Medicaid? YES NO	If YES, Medicaid #:				
Emergency Contact:	Phone:				
Number of <i>relatives</i> , including self, living in household: Enter Total Annual Household Income Here (lines 1 through 8 below):					
For us to determine your household incomincome/benefit(s) received by you and/or a	ne, please submit a copy of all current annual ny relative(s) living in the residence.*				
1. Most recent pay stub with year-to-date	reporting \$				
2. DCF Benefits / Cash Assist. / Food Star	mps with benefit amount \$				
3. Unemployment Compensation	\$				
4. Social Security Awards Letter (SSA / S	SI / SSDI)				
5. Retirement / Pension / Investment	\$				
6. Disabled Veteran Benefits	\$				
7. Housing benefits (HUD, Section 8) (Not	Happy Choice Voucher) \$				
8. Other (Specify)	\$				
Self Declarations are not accepted as proof of lack of income.					
	apartment, indicate how rent / utilities are paid (this				
Additional documentation may be required to support household income.					
	(OVER)				

SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMAT	ION (CONTIN	UED) (PLE	EASE PRINT LEGIBLY
VETERAN'S INFORMATION			
Are you a United States veteran?	YES	NO	
If YES, type of Military Discharge:			
Honorable General (Ho	norable Conditi	ons)	
If YES, attach Proof of Honorable Discha	ırge.		
Need a copy of your Discharge? Contact Broward County Elderly and Vetera	ans Services by o	calling 954-357-66	22.
SECTION 2 – HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS	(RELATIVES)		
NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	RELATIONSHIP	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
Did you attach a copy of your FL ID or Drive Did you attach all required documents? Is the Medical Form completed by a Florida	Yes Licensed Physic		No
attest all information is correct and if there ar Services immediately. <b>(DO NOT E-MAIL OR</b>		will report them to	TOPS! Paratransit
Signature of Applicant			Date
Signature of Preparer (if other than applicant)			Date

Return to: Broward County Transit - Paratransit Services Eligibility 1 N University Dr., 2400 - B, Plantation, FL 33324

(Mail or hand deliver application to the above address)

Relationship

Print Name (Preparer)

# Transportation Disadvantaged Application Door-To-Door Paratransit Service Broward County Transit Section 3 – MEDICAL

Client ID:	
Applicant Name:	Date of Birth:
SECTION 3 – MEDICAL (TO BE COMPLETED	BY FLORDIA LICENSED PHYSICIAN)
Does applicant have Medicaid? Yes	No If Yes, Medicaid #:
Medicaid Program Code:	
Indicate Mobility Aides / Equipment / Disabilit	y Condition(s):
Mobility Aides / Equipment:	
Crutches Scooter W/C PWR W/C _	Walker Cane Leg Brace
Back Brace AMBI None O2 Tank _	Other
Disability Condition(s):	
Functional Hearing Visual Cognitive	·
Please explain below how the applicant's disausing the BCT fixed-route bus? (BCT Buses a	ability stops the applicant from independently re 100% handicapped accessible).
I, the undersigned, certify the medical information correct. I understand providing false or misleading a felony under the laws of the State of Florida.	n provided on this TD application is true and g information constitutes fraud and is considered
Physician's Signature	Florida Medical License Number
Physician's Name (Print Legibly)	Contact Number

#### **Summary of Palm Tran Connection Services**

Palm Tran CONNECTION is a shared ride door-to-door, paratransit service that provides public transportation in Palm Beach County. Transportation is provided to eligible riders under the following programs:

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Program
- Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program
- Division of Senior Services (DOSS) Program

#### **ADA Certification Process**

ADA Transportation is provided within the Core service Area and ¾ of a mile of a Palm Tran bus route during the same hours and days as Palm Tran fixed route bus service. To become eligible for ADA service, an individual must have a disability - Medical verification is required - which prevents them from riding the fixed route bus. An individual must first complete an ADA application to be determined eligible for service. The fare is \$3.50 per one-way trip.

• The ADA core service area boundary encompasses all the area east of the Florida Turnpike in Palm Beach County from the South County Line to North County line; and within corridors that extend three-quarters of a mile on either side of the fixed route bus service and will be adjusted as these routes are adjusted. This area may expand and contract during the same days and hours as the fixed route bus service (hours/days/service area).

Even though an ADA customer may reside outside of the core service area, a trip is eligible as long as the origin and destination are within the core service area or within 3/4 miles of a fixed bus route. If either the origin or destination is outside of 3/4 miles of a fixed bus route, then it is not eligible.

#### **TD Certification Process**

To become eligible for TD service, an individual must either meet the economic disadvantaged requirements of the TD program OR have a disability which prevents them from riding the fixed route bus as defined by the ADA Program. The applicant must submit either proof of income or a physician approved medical verification form with their completed application. Based on the information supplied, the application will be evaluated and their eligibility to use the TD program will be determined. Certification will remain in effect for one (1) year. The fare is \$3.50 per one-way trip.

Federal Poverty Level Guidelines will be used for economic disadvantaged TD certification as follows:

• The applicant will be considered TD if under 150% of the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines.

Eligible TD riders fall under the following transportation options:

#### Low Income:

• TD riders who only meet the economic disadvantaged requirements and do NOT have a disability that prevents them from using the fixed route bus, and whose origin and destination are within the core area or 3/4 of a mile from a fixed route bus route must use the fixed route system and will be eligible to purchase a TD 31 day bus pass.

• Riders who meet the income criteria of the TD program – regardless of disability - and whose trip origin and/or destination are outside the core fixed route service area will be eligible for paratransit service under the TD program.

#### Disabled Only/Disabled and Low Income and Outside the ADA Core Service Area

• Eligible TD Disabled only or Disabled and Low Income Riders that are outside the ADA core area and whose trip origin and/or destination are outside the ADA core service area will be eligible for paratransit service under the TD program.

#### ADA/TD service hours are defined as:

Monday - Friday:	5:00 AM - 10:00 PM
First pick-up no earlier than:	5:00 AM - 5:30 AM
Last pick-up no later than:	9:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Saturday:	6:00 AM - 10:45 PM
First pick-up no earlier than:	6:00 AM - 6:30 AM
Last pick-up no later than:	9:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Sunday:	8:00 AM - 5:45 PM
First pick-up no earlier than:	8:00 AM - 8:30 AM
Last pick-up no later than:	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

#### **DOSS Certification Process**

Registration for individuals 60 years of age or older is completed via application verifying the applicants age and eligibility to a DOSS meal site. Service is provided north of Hypoluxo Road for DOSS certified Nutrition Site trips only.

DOSS service is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the last scheduled pickup of 4:30 p.m. There is no Fare required for DOSS transportation.

\*\*\*\*ADA, TD and DOSS service is not available on New Year's Day, Easter Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

#### **Really Summarized Version of Palm Tran Connection Services**

Palm Tran CONNECTION is a shared ride door-to-door, paratransit service that provides transportation in Palm Beach County. Transportation is provided to eligible riders under the following programs:

#### **ADA Certification Process**

Applicant must have a disability which prevents them from riding the fixed route bus.

Service provided within the Core ADA Service Area and ¾ of a mile of a Palm Tran bus route during the same hours and days as Palm Tran fixed route bus service.

• The ADA core service area boundary encompasses all the area east of the Florida Turnpike in Palm Beach County from the South County Line to Donald Ross Road; and within corridors that extend three-quarters of a mile on either side of the fixed route bus service and will be adjusted as these routes are adjusted. This area may expand and contract during the same days and hours as the fixed route bus service (hours/days/service area).

The fare is \$3.50 per one-way trip.

#### **TD Certification Process**

To become eligible for TD service, an individual must either meet the economic disadvantaged requirements of the TD program OR have a disability which prevents them from riding the fixed route bus as defined by the ADA Program.

The fare is \$3.50 per one-way trip.

Low Income - Under 150% of the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines shall be eligible for TD service.

Low Income NOT Disabled

If customer travels outside the ADA Core Service area they will receive paratransit.

If customer travels within the ADA Core Service area they will qualify to purchase a TD 31 day bus pass for and are required to use the fixed route service.

Disabled Only/Low Income and Disabled -

TD paratransit services shall be provided outside the ADA Core Service area only.

#### **DOSS Certification Process**

Registration for individuals 60 years of age or older is completed via application verifying the applicants age and eligibility to a DOSS meal site. There is no fare required.

#### Completed applications accepted via mail / fax / email or in person at:

Palm Tran CONNECTION

Community Transportation Coordinator 50 South Military Trail, Suite 101 West Palm Beach, Florida 33415 Monday – Friday 8am – 4:30pm

561-649-9838 option 4 1-877-870-9849 toll-free outside local calling area Eligibility Fax: 561-656-7156

Email: connpalmeligibility@pbcgov.org

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION:** Please complete the appropriate Part(s) of this application depending upon which programs you are eligible for. If you do not complete the appropriate Part(s), we will not consider your eligibility for that program. If you complete two or more Part(s), we will consider your eligibility for multiple programs. **Regardless of program preference, Part 1 must be completed in its entirety.** 

Part 1:General Rider Information

Part 2: Applicant Signature Page

Part 3: Verification of Income Transportation Disadvantaged Program OR Bus Pass Program

Part 4: Verification of Disability Americans with Disabilities Program

Per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), complementary Paratransit is not intended to be a comprehensive system of transportation for individuals with disabilities.

The completed application will be reviewed within 21 days after it is received by Palm Tran CONNECTION to determine the applicant's eligibility for service. If a decision is not made within 21 days of receiving a completed application, the applicant shall be treated as eligible and shall be provided service unless PTC denies the application. Applicants who are denied eligibility have the right to appeal that decision. Please contact the eligibility department if you have further questions.

The information in this application will be used by Palm Tran CONNECTION for the provision of transportation services. Information will be available to other transit providers as necessary for appropriate transportation services only. The information will not be provided to any other person or agency. This document is available in an alternative format upon request.

APPLICATIONS ARE PROCESSED IN THE ORDER THEY ARE RECEIVED.

PROCESSING APPLICATIONS MAY TAKE FROM 7 TO 21 DAYS OF RECEIPT TO COMPLETE.



#### **Paratransit Eligibility Process**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Palm Tran offers paratransit service for persons with physical, cognitive, visual or other disabilities which functionally prevent them from using our fixed-route bus system permanently, temporarily or under certain conditions. Disability alone does not consent one's eligibility for ADA paratransit service. The decision is based solely on the applicant's functional ability to use Palm Tran fixed-route service. All Palm Tran buses are fully assessable and compliant with the requirements of the ADA. The unavailability of fixed-route service, difficulties using fixed route or long travel times do not constitute eligibility for paratransit service.

#### PALM TRAN CONNECTION APPLICATION PROCESS

All applicants seeking ADA Paratransit Service must undergo an eligibility determining process. The application process includes, but not limited to:

- A personal assessment or in-person interview may be required to determine applicant's disability.
- A medical verification of the disability completed and signed by a licensed physician.

Functional inability to use public transportation includes the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Categories 1, 2 and 3 as described in this application.

#### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) CATEGORIES:**

Check the categories of eligibility that you recommend should apply.

- 1. [] The individual is unable, as a result of a physical or mental impairment (*including a vision impairment*), and without the assistance of another individual, (*except the operator of a wheelchair lift or other boarding device*), to board, ride, or disembark from an accessible bus or rail vehicle.
- 2. [] The individual needs the assistance of a wheelchair lift or other boarding assistance device and is able, with such assistance, to board, ride, and disembark from accessible transit vehicles. (The individual would be eligible if an accessible vehicle is not available.)
- 3. [] The individual has a specific impairment-related condition which prevents the individual from traveling to or from: Palm Tran fixed route bus stop.
- 4. [] Check here, if none of these categories apply.

#### Part 1

#### **General Rider Information**

Last Name:	First Name:	MI:
Street Address: *Address must be clearly	Apt#	: Bldg#:
*Address must be clearly Building/Complex or Development closest cross street/major intersecti	Name:	
City:	State	Zip:
Telephone:	Date of Birth	າ:
Email address:		_
Mailing Address if different		
Street Address:	Apt#	: Bldg#:
City:	State	Zip:
In case of emergency, please noti		
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Note: We may not be able to accommodate you if your wheelchair/scooter is longer than 54 inches or wider than 34 inches or if your total weight when occupying your wheelchair exceeds 600 pounds.

#### Part 1 (Continued)

	travel with yo	ou to assist you w	th daily life functions)?	
	○ No	○ Always	○ Sometimes	
			Attendant (PCA) is someone who is p CA may always travel with an eligibl	
*Please note that we may	require you to trav	vel with a PCA if you	er condition or disability is severe.	
-			n alternative format? If yes, ple	ease:
Part 2 Applicant Certifi	cation – Sigr	nature		
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Applicant's Signature:	(		Date:	
If applicant is unable to required.	sign due to disab	oility, a Power of At	orney or Health Care Proxy docu	<mark>ment is</mark>
If someone assisted yo	ou in completing	g this form, please	provide contact information:	
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		_	itation Facilities are responsible	

B. Do you require the assistance of a Personal Care Attendant (PCA) (someone who must

**Beach County Emergency Management.** 

### Part 3 Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program – Does not require a disability. Application Certification – Verification of Income

### A. To apply for the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program, please complete the following:

Total monthly income \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please <u>attach proof</u> of your total income, before tax, including wages, tips, any Social Security income, Pension and other.

#### Acceptable forms of proof include:

1st page of your Tax return Minimum of (2) pay stub statements Social Security Income verification DCF Benefit Letter Retirement/Pension Statement Unemployment Compensation Income verification

### Do you have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities?\* ONO OAlways OSometimes

If yes, Please specify the nature of the impairment:

- OMobility Impairment (Stroke, brain spinal nerve trauma)
- ONeurological Disability (MS, MD, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, other)
- OVisual Disability (Macular Degeneration, visually impaired, legally blind)
- Ouncontrolled Fatigue (Chemo/Radiation, Dialysis)
- OCognitive or Sensory Impairment (Autism, down syndrome, dementia, developmental, other)
- OImpairment Related (Hearing impaired, Cardiac/COPD, respiratory, arthritis, neuropathy)

### Part 4 Applicant Certification – Verification of Disability

#### A. To apply for the American's With Disability Act Program, please complete the following:

### Please indicate below the reasons why you are seeking Door to Door eligibility (check all that apply)

To qualify for Palm Tran CONNECTION a person must be **UNABLE** to use Palm Tran fixed-route buses due to a physical or mental impairment related condition

- OBecause of my disability, I can **never** use the Palm Tran fixed-route bus service
- OI can use Palm Tran fixed-route buses sometimes, but only if they are equipped with wheelchair lifts
- OI can use Palm Tran fixed-routes buses to go some places, but in other places I cannot get to or from the bus stops

<sup>\*</sup>Question is required, but not used in determining your eligibility

#### Part 4 (Continued)

# B. What type(s) of disabilities prevent you from using Palm Tran buses? (check all that apply): OMobility Impairment (Stroke, brain spinal nerve trauma) ONeurological Disability (MS, MD, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, other)

OVisual Disability (Macular Degeneration, visually impaired, legally blind)

OUncontrolled Fatigue (Chemo/Radiation, Dialysis)

OCognitive or Sensory Impairment (Autism, down syndrome, dementia, developmental, other)

OImpairment Related (Hearing impaired, Cardiac/COPD, respiratory, arthritis, neuropathy)

riease describe your disability in more detail:	

#### C. Is the disability described above temporary or permanent?

OTemporary, I expect it to last for another \_\_\_\_\_ months

**OPermanent** 

OI don't know

#### D. Have you ever used Palm Tran fixed-route bus service?

OYes, I use the following bus routes	
ONo	

### E. When are you UNABLE to use the Palm Tran fixed-route bus? (Please indicate below – check all that apply to you)

- OI can use Palm Tran regular bus service for some trips, but other times there are barriers that prevent me from using the bus.
- OI have difficulty understanding, become disoriented easily and/or remembering all of the things I would have to do to use the bus.
- OI can only get to and from bus stops if the distance is not too great and there are curb cuts and sidewalks on the route.
- OI can only wait at Palm Tran bus stops if there is a bench or shelter and/or I cannot cross busy streets and intersections.
- OThe severity of my disability can change from day to day. I can ride the bus only when I am feeling good.
- OI have difficulty or cannot climb stairs and can only board a Palm Tran bus if is has a lift or ramp.
- OI have a health condition and cannot ride the bus if the walk is too far or if the weather is too hot.

#### **Part 4 Continued**

F.	Would any of the following help you to	use the f	fixed-route buses?	
	ORoute and schedule information			
	OBus stops closer to your home			
	OA communication aid			
	OBus stops closer to where I live an	d where I	I need to go	
	ONone of these would help			
	OTravel Training (how to ride the bu	us)		
G.	Can you ask for and follow written or buses?	verbal ins	structions to use Palm Tran fixed-ro	ute
	OYes	ONo	OSometimes	
lf y	you choose either NO or sometimes, ple	ease che	ck all that apply	
01	get confused and might get lost	01 prob	oably could with instruction	
0(	Other people cannot understand me	OOthe	er:	
Н.	Without the help of someone else, are apply)	you ABLI	E to do the following? (check all th	at
01	Walk up and down three steps if there o	are handr	rails on both sides	
Οl	Use a telephone to get information			
0,	Ask for and follow written or oral instruct	tions		
0	Cross the street if there are curb cuts			
0	Get on and off a Palm Tran bus if it has	a wheelc	chair lift	
01	Wait 30 minutes at a bus stop that does	not have	e a bench or shelter	
	Easily hear the bus drivers' voices when outside or inside the bus	they ann	nounce bus routes while you are sto	anding
05	Step on and off a sidewalk that does no	ot have a	curb cut	
0(	Cross streets and intersections			
Oŀ	Hear traffic well enough to safely cross :	streets		

OSee well enough to walk to a bus stop if someone shows you the way once

#### **Part 4 Continued**

I. Using a mobility aid (wheelchair, etc.) or on your own, how far can you walk or travel?
OCannot walk outside my house/apartment
OI can get to the curb in front of my house/apartment
OI can walk or use wheelchair up to 3 blocks
OI can walk or use wheelchair up to 6 blocks
OI can walk or use wheelchair up to 9 blocks
J. Can you WAIT up to 30 minutes for the Palm Tran fixed-route bus at a bus stop?
OYes
OYes, only if the stop has a bench and shelter
OYes, but I do not like to wait that long
OYes, but I do not like to wait that long

If applying for the Americans with Disabilities Program or the Transportation Disadvantaged Program, please have your PHYSICIAN complete the attached (MEDICAL VERFICATION FORM)







#### MEDICAL VERIFICATION

Ple	ease Print/Type Below	(THIS POR	RTION TO	BE COMPLETED B	Y APPLICAN I	,	
Ιc	ertify that I am a person wi					Disabilities Act. I further state ation below on my behalf, as re	
Na	me of Applicant as printed	l on the Identificat	ion	Signature	of Applica	ant, Parent or Guardian of App	licant
Date of Birth Sex		X	Date Signed				
Str	reet Address			Ci	ty	State Zip C	ode
				FICATION,			
1.	Keeping in mind that all I		re 100% <b>No</b>	wheelchair ac		an the applicant ever use a regu	ular bus?
	MOBILITY IMPAIRMENT: Non-ambulatory disability of a wheelchair.	<u>:</u>				condition which requires full t	ime use
		er to a seat with lit	tle or no	assistance).		without mobility aid, may use	
	Stroke Brain Spinal Nerve Traur Other:	na					
	MOBILITY AID: PLEASE I	INDICATE ALL THA	T APPLY	<u> </u>			
	Standard Wheelchair Wide Wheelchair Scooter Wide Scooter Service Animal	☐ Cane ☐ Walker ☐ Crutches ☐ Braces		Other:			
<b>4.</b> □	NEUROLOGICAL DISABIL Multiple Sclerosis	LITY (MOTOR DYSE					
	Muscular Dystrophy Cerebral Palsy	☐ Alzheime: ☐ Parkinson	r's				
	VISUAL DISABILITY: Macular Degeneration Visually Impaired Legally Blind – If this per		_		_	no attack Smallon new entre of best	a)
	Corrected visual acuity: Corrected Field of vision	: Right Eye	Le	eft Eye	(Plea (Plea	se attach Snellen reports of both eye: se attach Perimeter chart reports of	

#### **6.** <u>Uncontrolled Fatigue:</u>

☐ Chemo/Radiation □ Dialysis







### MEDICAL VERIFICATION, CONTINUED (TO BE COMPLETED BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN)

7. COGNITIVE OR SENSORY IMPAIRMENT:  □ Autism □ Dementia □  □ Down Syndrome □ Alzheimer's  □ Developmental Disability □ Emotional	Other:	
Level of impairment: ☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe	☐ Profound I.Q.:	(Must specify)
☐ Cardiac ☐ Neuropathy ☐ Respiratory / COPD	Other:	
9. DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE APPLICANT'S PRIMARY	DISABILITY: (BE SPECIFIC):	
10. Is THIS DISABILITY:  □ Permanent □ Temporary: This is to certify that the applicant stated less) that limits or impairs his/her ability to walk or is tended to a provide the state of the provided by medication? □ Yes □ Note that the provided that the applicant stated less is the state of the provided by medication? □ Yes □ Note that the provided that the applicant stated less is the provided by medication? □ Yes □ Note that the applicant stated less is the provided by medication? □ Yes □ Note that the applicant stated less is the provided less	emporarily sight impaired.  rough recovery date of	• `
Please attach any pertinent medical documentation (Tes diagnosis or limitations on the applicant's ability to utili		ld help to explain the
WARNING: Any person who knowingly makes a false or misleading statement	in an application or certification may be denied eligibility	to Paratransit services.
Print/Type Name of Certifying Medical Authority	Signature	Date Signed
Business Street Address Number	(Area Code) Telephone Number	Fax
City	State	Zip Code
Certification or License No. (REQUIRED)LICENSED IN THE STATE OF:		

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