

QUALITY ASSURANCE TASK FORCE AGENDA

July 29, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.



MEETING AGENDA

QUALITY ASSURANCE TASK FORCE

DATE & TIME:

Tuesday, July 29, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

MetroPlan Orlando

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l.	CALL TO ORDER	Chairperson Wayne Olson
II.	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
III.	CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	Chairperson Wayne Olson
IV.	AGENDA REVIEW & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Ms. Virginia Whittington
٧.	CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM	Ms. Rachel Frederick
VI.	PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS	

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

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If your comment does not pertain to action items on the agenda, you may comment at the general public comment period at the end of the meeting.

VII. **ACTION ITEMS - NONE**

VIII.	PRE	SENTATIONS & STATUS REPORTS	
	A.	LYNX/Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Update (Section 1)	ACCESS LYNX Staff
	B.	Mobility Matters: Understanding ADA and Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Eligibility	ACCESS LYNX Staff
	C.	Review and Recommend Updates to the Community Transportation Coordinator Evaluation Form (Section 2)	Ms. Virginia Whittington

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION & UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

- A. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Meeting Thursday, August 14, 2025; 10:00 a.m.
- B. MetroPlan Orlando Board Meeting Wednesday, September 10, 2025; 9:00 a.m.
- C. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Public Meeting September 29, 2025; 5:00P-7:00P, Orange County Multicultural Center, 7149 West Colonial Dr., Orlando

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (GENERAL)

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Overview



ACCESS LYNX Increasing Trip Demand

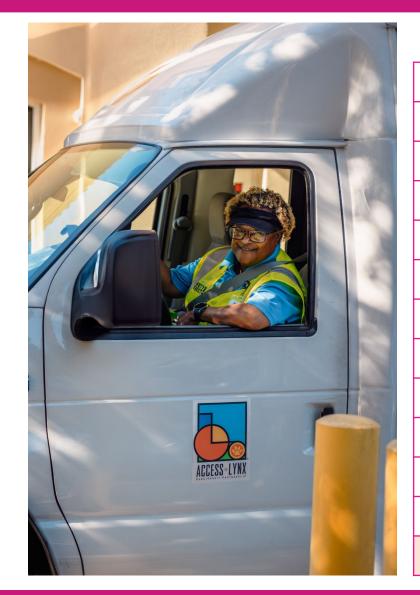
- 7% increase in YTD 2025 compared to same period 2024
- June '25 is a 7% increase over June '24

On-Time Performance (OTP) Improving

- Maintaining a good performance at goal
- Call Center addressing "Average Speed of Answer"
 - High volume of ETA calls
- **Cost of service challenges**
- Paratransit Fleet Status
 - New/Replacement Procurement process
 - 63 new vehicles in fleet
 - Additional deliveries weekly

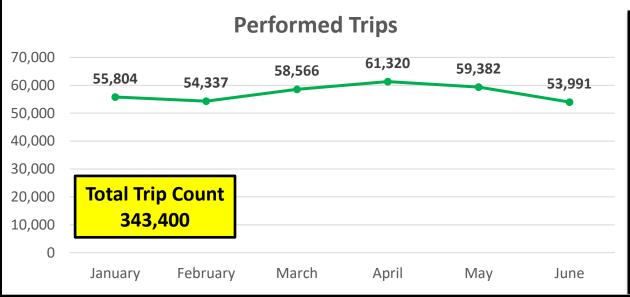


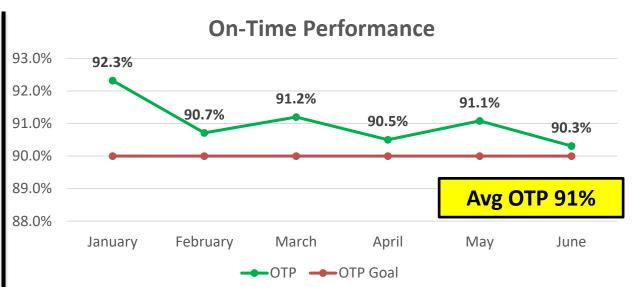
ACCESS LYNX Trip Demand



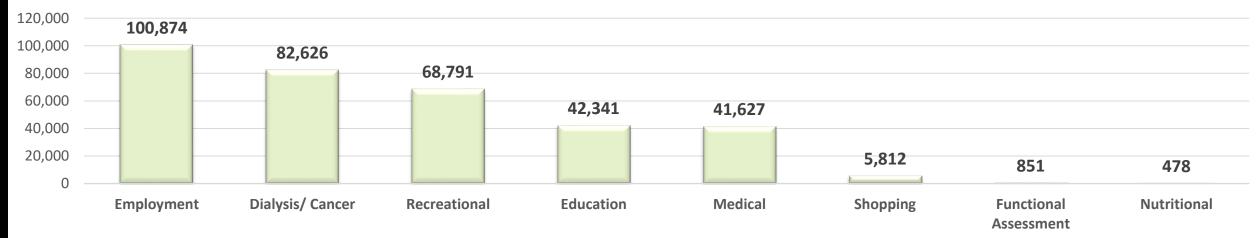
	CY - 2024	CY - 2025
January	51,669	55,804
February	51,596	54,337
March	53,512	58,566
April	56,064	61,320
May	56,526	59,382
June	50,417	53,991
July	53,980	-
August	56,740	-
September	54,177	-
October	54,321	-
November	55,414	-
December	54,372	-
YTD	648,788	343,400

Performance 2025









Trip Duration

Performed Trips

January 2025 Through June 2025

Mileage Classification	Duration Thresholds (Not to Exceed)	Average Distance (Miles)	Average Duration
1-5 Miles	1 hr.	2.88	0:00:24
5-9 Miles	1 hr. 15 Mins	7.29	0:00:37
9-13 Miles	1 hr. 30 Mins	11.45	0:00:49
13-18 Miles	1 hr. 45 Mins	15.24	0:00:57
18-22 Miles	2 hrs.	19.73	0:01:03
22-28 Miles	2 hrs. 15 Mins	24.41	0:01:12
28-32 Miles	2 hrs. 30 Mins	30.03	0:01:21
32+ Miles	2 hrs. 45 Mins	37.12	0:01:30

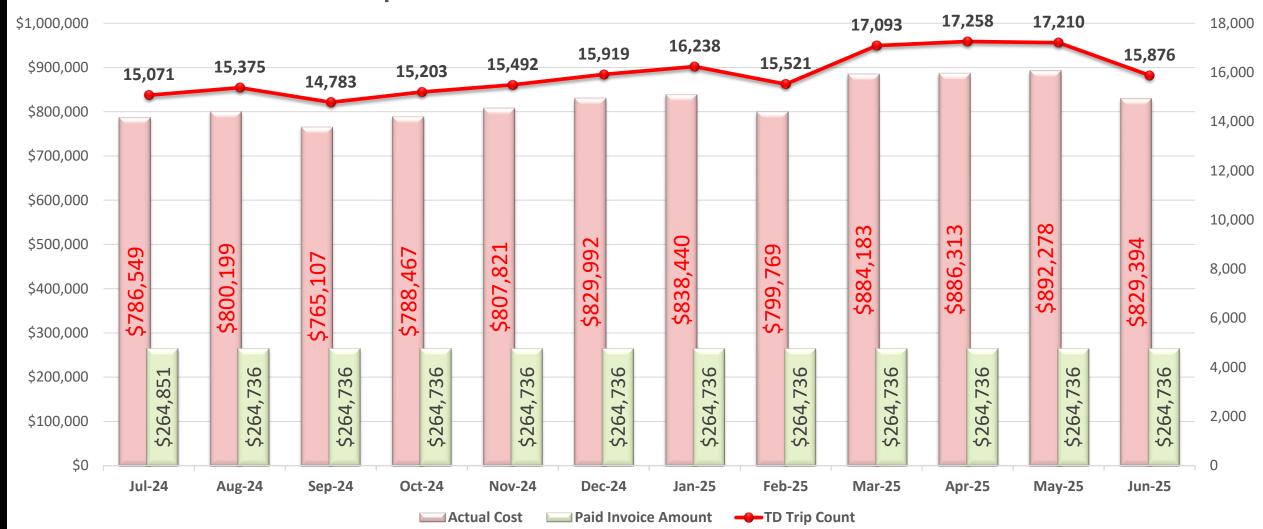
Customer Service Activity

	January 25	February 25	March 25	April 25	May 25	June 25
Average Speed of Answer	4:04	4:01	4:13	6:26	5:08	3:51
Average Calls Answered Per Agent	55	55	56	57	61	64

	January 25	February 25	March 25	April 25	May 25	June 25
Total Calls	51,264	48,440	52,761	55,952	57,940	55,097
Calls Answered	43,996	41,783	45,353	44,681	48,308	47,465
Calls Answered Percentage	86%	86%	86%	80%	83%	86%

Service Cost and Funding

Comparison of Actual Cost vs. Paid Invoice Amounts



Summary

- Demand for trips is robust
 - Near 57,000 trips performed/month
- On-Time Performance (OTP) steady
- FY25 vehicle procurement
 - 63 out 85 delivered
 - Consistent deliveries
- Maintaining existing fleet
 - Preventative maintenance schedule



• Targeting 3-minute Average Speed of Answer amid call center challenges



Questions and Close











LYNX Community Transportation Coordinator

Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 Evaluation Form

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INTRODUCTION

The Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Commission (TD Commission) oversees a coordinated system of many local TD transportation service providers in the state. At the local level, community transportation coordinators (CTCs) are responsible for the provision of service. The service area for which the CTC is responsible can include more than one county. The coordinator can be a transportation operator and actually provide TD transportation service or it can form a network of providers by brokering all or some of the service to other transportation operators. All entities that receive federal, state, or local government funds to transport persons who are transportation disadvantaged are mandated by Chapter 427 of the Florida Statutes to contract with the local CTC for TD transportation services. The statute (427 F.S.) and rule (Rule Chapter 41-2) outline the duties and responsibilities of CTC. Each CTC contracts annually with the TD Commission and is advised by the local coordinating board (LCB). By law and by rule the TDLCB evaluates the performance of the CTC, approves the CTCs annual service plan, which includes an evaluation element, and makes recommendations to the TD Commission regarding the renewal of the CTC's contract with the TD Commission. This form was created to serve as a formal process to evaluate the performance of the CTC (and its operators).

ACCESS LYNX is the designated CTC for Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties and the evaluation period is **January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024**.

The purpose for conducting this evaluation is to ensure that the most cost-effective, unduplicated, efficient, and accountable transportation service is offered to our TD population. The intent of this evaluation is to determine the level and quality of ACCESS LYNX service, and whether the costs are reasonable.

The CTC evaluation is be based on: **Coordination**, **Cost Effectiveness** and Efficiency, **Level of Competition**, **Local Performance Measures**, and **Availability**. Each category is subdivided into sections. Please read carefully and place a check mark indicating your rating accordingly.

COORDINATION

OPERATIONS

Please rate each Operations Standard as indicated below:

<u>Planning</u> – ACCESS LYNX's ensures that TD transportation services complement each other; that is, services are not duplicated and that TD transportation needs are not omitted.

EXCEEDS STANDARD (5)	MEETS STANDARD (3)	BELOW STANDARD (1)	UNACCEPTABLE (0)	N/A

<u>Transport Availability</u> – ACCESS LYNX ensures that the appropriate vehicles are available for the clients, such as a client using a wheelchair is picked up by a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

EXCEEDS STANDARD (5)	MEETS STANDARD (3)	BELOW STANDARD (1)	UNACCEPTABLE (0)	N/A

<u>Service Monitoring</u> – ACCESS LYNX properly monitors and resolves transportation problems involving passengers and the contract service provider.

EXCEEDS STANDARD (5)	MEETS STANDARD (3)	BELOW STANDARD (1)	UNACCEPTABLE (0)	N/A

<u>Billing</u> – ACCESS LYNX has a coordinated billing system in which they properly collect fares for trips based on funding eligibility.

EXCEEDS STANDARD (5)	MEETS STANDARD (3)	BELOW STANDARD (1)	UNACCEPTABLE (0)	N/A

Reporting – ACCESS LYNX regularly provides accounting, operating statistics, measures related to certification and billing as well as other information to the TDLCB.

EXCEEDS STANDARD (5)	MEETS STANDARD (3)	BELOW STANDARD (1)	UNACCEPTABLE (0)	N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE

Please rate each Administrative Standard as indicated below:

<u>Eligibility Records/Certification</u> – ACCESS LYNX has created a user-friendly <u>enrollment system</u> to determine a user's eligibility based on specific program funding criteria.

EXCEEDS STANDARD (5)	MEETS STANDARD (3)	BELOW STANDARD (1)	UNACCEPTABLE (0)	N/A

<u>Reservations</u> – ACCESS LYNX has created a user-friendly <u>reservation system</u> where riders can reserve trips in one phone call or through the online reservation system.

EXCEEDS STANDARD (5)	MEETS STANDARD (3)	BELOW STANDARD (1)	UNACCEPTABLE (0)	N/A

<u>Trip Allocation</u> – ACCESS LYNX's assignment of trips is effective and efficient. Assignments of trips are based on predefined criteria. This criterion consists of cost, capacity, rotation, match of service, or multi-loading.

EXCEEDS STANDARD (5)	MEETS STANDARD (3)	BELOW STANDARD (1)	UNACCEPTABLE (0)	N/A

<u>Scheduling</u> - ACCESS LYNX has a scheduling process in which all TD transportation trips are scheduled via a single request.

EXCEEDS STANDARD (5)	MEETS STANDARD (3)	BELOW STANDARD (1)	UNACCEPTABLE (0)	N/A

COORDINATION OF PROVIDERS INCLUDING TAXIS AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES (TNC)

ACCESS LYNX implemented a mobility services model which taxis and TNCS.

EXCEEDS STANDARD (5)	MEETS STANDARD (3)	BELOW STANDARD (1)	UNACCEPTABLE (0)	N/A

Please provide any general comments or feedback you may have on COORDINATION in both the operations and administrative categories:

COST EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY

Using this comparison, determine whether ACCESS LYNX is delivering the most cost-effective transportation.

Measurements	January 1 – December 31, 2024	
Coordinated Trips	648,798	
Unduplicated Passengers	8,116 TD: 1,895	1.25%
No-Shows	42,999	
Road Calls	352	
Chargeable Accidents 22		.2
Vehicles	182	

RATIOS:

Measurements	(Jan-Dec.) 2024
Trips/Vehicle Mile	0.076
Trips/Road Call	1,843
Operating Expense/Vehicle Mile	\$5.18
Operating Expense/Trip	\$68.09
Chargeable Accidents/100,000 Vehicle Miles	3.39
Local Revenue/Operating Expense	54.80%

Based on this data, has ACCESS LYNX delivered the most cost-effective and efficient service? For your convenience, a glossary of measurement terms has been attached to this evaluation.

EXCEEDS STANDARD (5)	MEETS STANDARD (3)	BELOW STANDARD (1)	UNACCEPTABLE (0)	N/A

Please provide any general comments or feedback you may have on Cost Effectiveness Efficiency:	and
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LOCAL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

A goal of any community transportation program should be to ensure the provision of quality service. The goal is supported by several objectives:

- 1. encourage courteous customer relations and passenger comfort:
- 2. provide service that minimizes customer travel and wait times; and
- 3. provide safe and reliable service.

The TDLCB establishes the local performance measures for the CTC. Please rate each local performance measure below:

On-Time Performance

On-time performance directly measures the ability of the transportation provider to have people and vehicles in the right place at the right time. It is a function of vehicle maintenance, scheduling, operating conditions, driver performance and knowledge of the service area. Most problems encountered in operations will affect on-time performance, which then affects other aspects and measures of quality. On-time performance should, therefore, be monitored very closely.

The TDLCB established an on-time performance goal of 90% or higher. The average on-time performance between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024 was 93.10%

SATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	UNSATISFACTORY

Call Hold Time

The time it takes a customer to place a reservation or make an inquiry is also a measure of quality. ACCESS LYNX has established a monitoring system that tracks how long calls for reservations or trip resolution are placed on hold. ACCESS LYNX determines call-hold times by computer generated reports and spot checking as needed.

The TDLCB established an average call hold time goal of three (3) minutes. The average call hold time (Paratransit Reservations & ETA) between January 2024 and December 2024 was

4 minutes and 56 seconds.

SATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	UNSATISFACTORY

Commendations and Concerns

ACCESS LYNX has established a Customer Relations line which handles and monitors the levels of compliments and concerns it receives. All information received is documented in a database and the case is assigned to a supervisor based on the type of compliment/concern received. ACCESS LYNX reviews customer concerns regularly to spot patterns and to take corrective action. Compliments are also recorded and handled either as a commendation for an employee's file or posted as encouragement.

Using this comparison and the goal listed below; determine ACCESS LYNX's compliment and concerns levels:

The TDLCB established a goal of <u>3</u> valid concerns per 1,000 trips. The average complaint per 1,000 trips was 1.68 concerns.

SATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	UNSATISFACTORY

Please provide any general comments or feedback you may have on the local performance measures:

AVAILABILITY

Because of the great demand for TD transportation and the challenging cost of providing service, maximizing the availability of service is one of the most fundamental efforts undertaken by specialized transportation. The goal of ensuring the availability of service to the transportation disadvantaged is supported by three specific objectives.

- 1. Provide services to meet the demand
- 2. Being able to access customer service
- 3. Improve passenger awareness of TD transportation services.

Demand – TD transportation demand has continued to increase. It is LYNX's policy not to deny trip requests for any <u>eligible</u> customer, no matter which fund pays for the trip. LYNX funding partners attempt to provide enough funding to meet 100% of the demand on the ACCESS LYNX program. In 2024, there were XX unmet needs.

Rate your satisfaction with ACCESS LYNX's ability to meet demand for trips:

SATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	UNSATISFACTORY

<u>Customer Service Accessibility</u> - From the point of view of the user, accessibility is the function of how easily service can be accessed.

ACCESS LYNX reservations can be made between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., seven days a week. Reservations can also be made online at www.golynx.com/WebACCESS. Online reservations can be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Online trip requests must be submitted by 4 p.m. the day prior to the trip. Users can also check the status of their reservation or cancel a reservation 24 hours a day, seven days a week. ACCESS LYNX transportation services are available any time that the public bus system is in operation.

Based on this information and your experiences, ACCESS LYNX's ability to provide scheduling and transportation service availability is:

SATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	UNSATISFACTORY

Public Awareness - Transportation service is available only to those who know about it and know how to access service. Improving passenger awareness of TD transportation service is an objective in support of availability for the CTC. Public information ensures that necessary information about the service is readily available for those that need it.

Access LYNX staff conducted a total of ___ public outreach/public presentation efforts.

Based on <u>YOUR</u> level of awareness and <u>YOUR</u> conversations with TD customers, how well did ACCESS LYNX reach out to the TD community between January 2024 and December 2024:

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time in which you would like to see them implemented.
1. Area:
Time Frame for implementation:
2. Area:
Time Frame for implementation:
3. Area:
Time Frame for implementation:
4. Area:
Time Frame for implementation:

Please prioritize the most important areas you feel need improvement, and the amount of

GLOSSARY

Accidents: when used in reference to the AOR, the total number of reportable accidents that occurred whereby the result was either property damage of \$1000.00 or more, or personal injury that required evacuation to a medical facility, or a combination of both.

Commendation: any documented compliment of any aspect of the coordinated system, including personnel, vehicle, service, etc.

Competitive Procurement: obtaining a transportation operator or other services through a competitive process based upon Commission-approved procurement guidelines, as established in accordance with Chapter 287, Florida Statutes.

Concern: any documented customer concern involving timeliness, vehicle condition, quality of service, personnel behavior, and other operational policies.

Coordinated Trips: passenger trips provided by or arranged through a CTC.

Customer Relations: Customer relations are the relationships that a business has with its customers and the way in which it treats them.

Customer Service: The process of ensuring customer satisfaction with a product or service.

Demand response trips: Random trips not automatically generated by the scheduling software.

Reservationist: an individual whose primary responsibility is to accept requests for trips, enter dates on requests, determine eligibility and provide customer service

Dispatcher: the person responsible for having every scheduled run leave the yard or garage on time and maintain a schedule, matching the work force with the workload on a minute-by-minute basis.

MV Transportation: ACCESS LYNX paratransit and deviated-fixed route services contractor.

Non-sponsored Trip: transportation disadvantaged services that are sponsored in whole by the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund.

Operating Expenses: sum of all expenses associated with the operation and maintenance of a transportation system.

Passenger Trips per Vehicle Mile: a performance measure used to evaluate service effectiveness by calculating the total number of passenger trips divided by the number of vehicle miles.

Reservationist: an individual whose primary responsibility is to accept requests for trips, enter dates on requests, determine eligibility and provide customer service.

Road call: any in-service interruptions caused by failure of some functionally necessary element of the vehicle, whether the rider is transferred or not. Road calls exclude accidents.

Scheduling: is the process of assigning of trip requests to a specific vehicle, at a specific time, in a particular sequence for the vehicle.

Sponsored Trip: a passenger trip that is subsidized in part or in whole by a local, state, or federal government funding source (not including monies provided by the TD Trust Fund).

Subscription trips: Trips that are generated by the scheduling software the same day and time every week.

Unduplicated Passenger Head Count: the actual number of people that were provided paratransit transportation services, not including personal care attendants, non-paying escorts, or persons provided fixed schedule/fixed route service.

Unmet Need: the number of trips desired but not provided because of insufficient service supply, most commonly due to lack of adequate funding.

Vehicles: number of vehicles owned by the transit agency that are available for use in providing services.

Vehicle Miles: the total distance traveled by revenue vehicles, including both revenue miles and deadhead miles.

Prioritization of Trust Fund trips within each category is as follows:

Subscription Trips

- 1. Life-sustaining medical trips, i.e., dialysis, cancer treatment, etc.
- 2. Other medical
- 3. Employment trips

Demand Response Trips

- 1. Life-sustaining medical trips, i.e., dialysis, cancer treatment, etc.
- 2. Other medical
- 3. Employment trips
- 4. Educational/vocational trips
- 5. Other trip purposes