

# TD 101

## An Overview of the Transportation Disadvantaged Program

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Florida Commission for the



**Transportation  
Disadvantaged**

**PRESENTED TO POLK  
COUNTY TD LCB BOARD**

**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**



# Who Do We Serve?



OLDER ADULTS



PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES



PEOPLE WITH  
LOW INCOME



AT-RISK  
CHILDREN

# They Could Need A Ride To...



Medical Services



Work



School



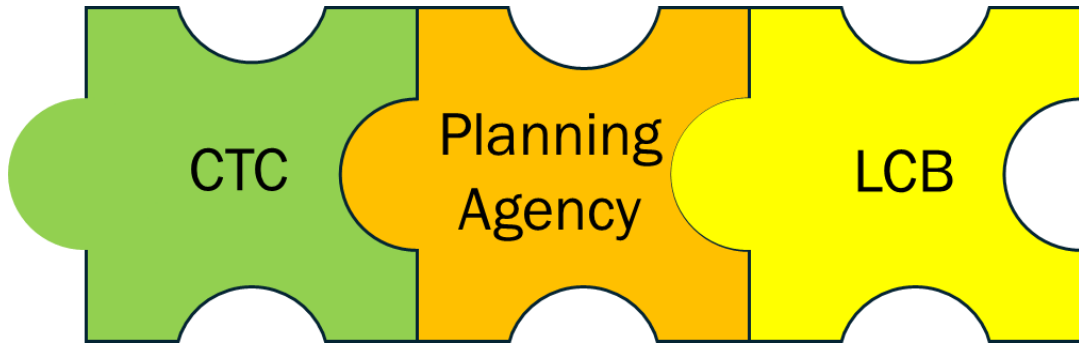
Grocery Store

# ...And May Have Limited Transportation Options

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

# TD Program Foundations

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Coordinated System established in 1979

Legislature created CTD & TD Trust Fund in 1989

Implemented at local level by:

- Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)
- Designated Official Planning Agency (Planner)
- Local Coordinating Board (LCB)

Who Are the  
System's Players?



# CTD Responsibilities

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Independent state government agency, housed within the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

State board members appointed by Governor to represent state and local agencies, and transportation industry experts.

Administers the TD Trust Fund and distributed through its grant programs.

Develops rules and policies governing the Coordinated System.

Approves and contracts with CTCs to support the delivery of TD services.



# CTD Grant Programs

## FY 2025-2026

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- **Trip & Equipment (T&E) Grant – \$58 Million**  
Funds to support the provision of "non-sponsored" trips, bus passes and capital equipment in every county.
- **Planning Grant –\$2 Million (\$2,033,880)**  
Supports planning activities of the local TD Program.
- **“Shirley Conroy” Rural Area Capital Assistance Grant -\$1.4 Million**  
Competitive grant for CTCs to support the purchase of capital equipment.
- **Innovative Service Development Grant – \$3M**  
Competitive grant for CTCs for innovative projects that promote greater access to the community, cross-county mobility, and utilization of public transit.





# Planning Agency Responsibilities

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Appoints LCB members & provides staff support

Procures & recommends CTC

Works with CTC & LCB to:

- Develop TD Service plan

- Implement local TD program

- Review AOR for submission



Polk Transportation  
Planning Organization

Can be a:

- Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organization

- Regional Planning Council

- Local Planning Organization

# LCB Responsibilities

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Represents local stakeholders and chaired by elected official

Identifies local service needs and assists with:

- Development of TD Service Plan
- Establishment of eligibility & trip prioritization guidelines

Appoints grievance committee

Evaluates the performance of the CTC



# CTC Responsibilities

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Delivers trips (directly, by contract, or both)

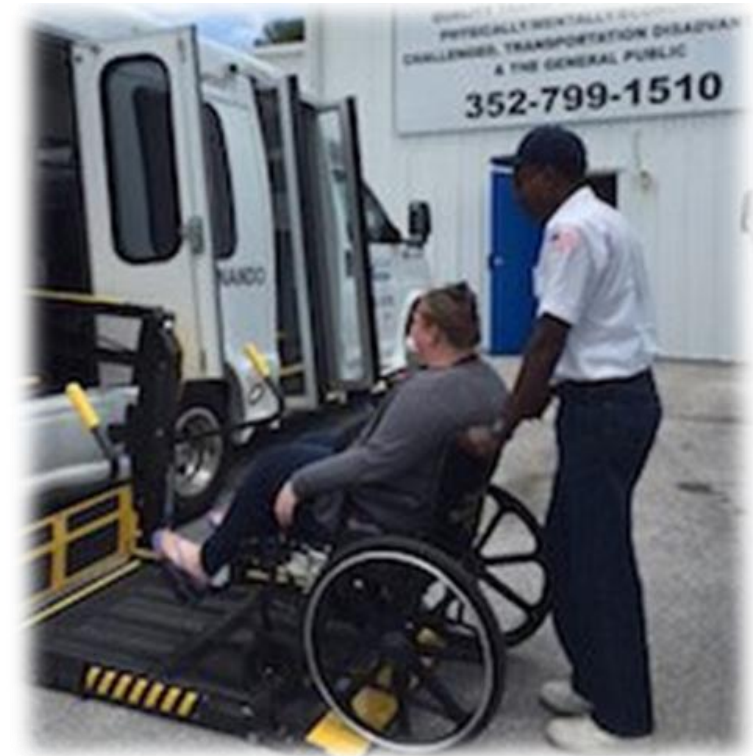
Assists with:

- Development of TD Service Plan
- Submitting performance data to CTD
- Determining rider eligibility

Invoices agencies for trips “purchased”

Can be a:

- Transit Agency
- Local Government
- Private For-Profit or Non-Profit



# Partnering Agencies

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

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

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





# Data on TD Program

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# Coordinated Transportation Services in **FY23-24** (AOR) Statewide

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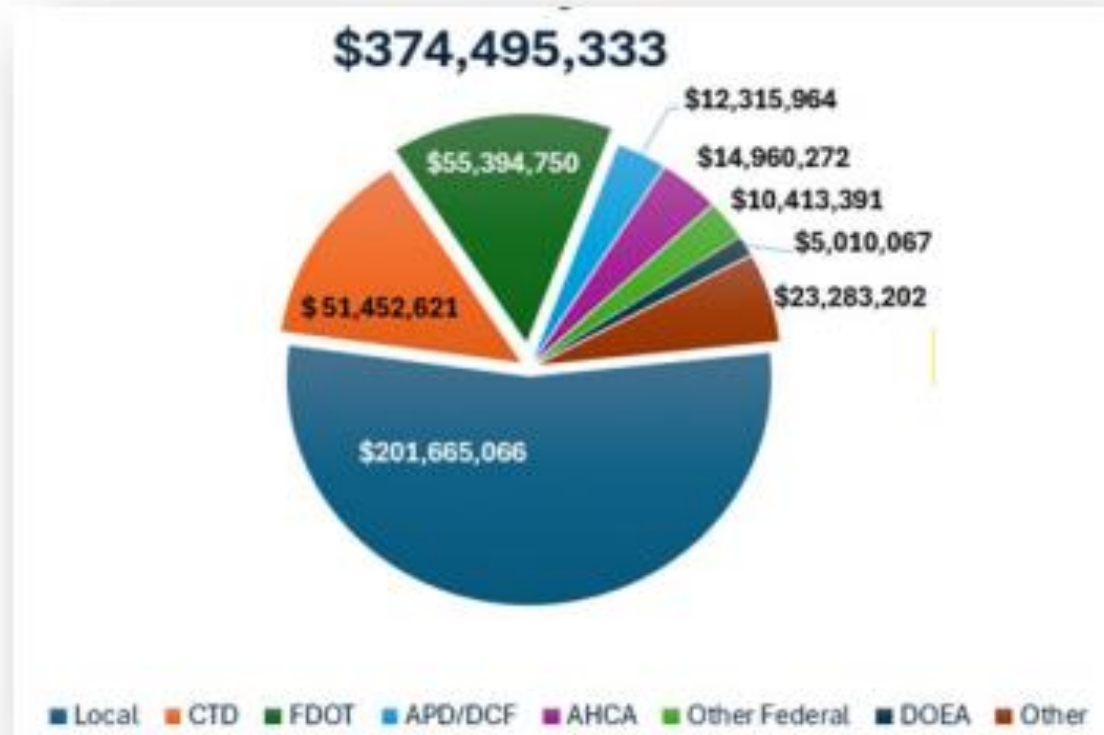
Ridership – 13.4 million trips to 189K riders

Trips by Purpose – 4.8 million (1,728,000 for life-sustaining activities; 1,056,000 trips for medical activities.)

Trips by Service Type – 8.4 million (63%) of all reported trips were provided by fixed-route systems and the remaining (37%) were provided by paratransit services.

- **192,303** of reported trips were delivered by Taxicab or Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), such as Uber and Lyft.

## Total Coordinated System Revenues



Coordinated  
System  
Reported  
Revenues  
FY 23-24  
Statewide

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# Statewide TD “Non-Sponsored” Passenger Trips

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## ***CTD Priorities & Events for 2025***

Fill all vacant and new seats on Commission Board

Implement 2025 legislation

Improve accuracy and analyses of performance data reported in AOR

Promote sustainability of Innovative Service Development Grant projects

Upcoming CTD Meetings:  
*September 4<sup>th</sup>. 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm*  
(Tradewinds @ St Pete Beach) and Dec (TBA)

**2025 FPTA Annual Conference**  
*September 2-4, 2025 | St. Pete Beach, Florida*



# What Can You Do?

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# It Takes So Little To Help So Much!

You can easily help provide transportation  
for children at risk, seniors, disabled and  
low-income residents in **YOUR** community!

*"I rely on this service to  
transport me to and from work  
on a daily basis—I wouldn't be  
employed without it."*  
—Jason G.  
Palm Beach County, FL

*"I have been in a nursing home  
for three years and this is my  
only means of transportation."*  
—August E.  
Baker County, FL

*"Going to the doctor's office, grocery  
shopping, church and other activities  
makes my quality of life worth living."*  
—Bobbi V.  
Palm Beach County, FL

*"It is critical that I have this  
transportation assistance to my  
dialysis three times a week."*  
—Leroy M.  
Nassau County, FL

*"We don't drive. We would not  
be able to get anywhere."*  
—Loretta B.  
Flagler County, FL

 **CHECK THE BOX** and  
donate \$1 or MORE to the  
Transportation Disadvantaged  
Voluntary Trust Fund when you  
register or renew the tag on  
your car, truck or boat.

**100% of All  
Donations Go To  
Assist People In  
YOUR Community.**

For additional information please contact:  
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## How You Can Serve Our Customers

Be a voice for riders and your community on the LCB.

Donate a dollar or more to the TD Trust Fund when  
renewing your auto tags.

Inform elected officials and other local leaders about the  
importance of the TD program.

Work with CTC and other partners to identify areas of  
need in the community.

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## For More Info...

Visit CTD website at:

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