

DRAFT POLK TPO RESOLUTION 2026-01

RESOLUTION OF THE POLK TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) RECOMMENDING THE LAKELAND AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT (LAMTD) AS THE DESIGNATED COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR POLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is designated by the Governor of the State of Florida as the body responsible for the urban transportation planning process for the Polk County area; and

WHEREAS, the Polk TPO is the designated official planning agency for the Polk County Transportation Disadvantaged service area; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Polk Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board and the Polk TPO voted to recommend that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate the Lakeland Area Mass Transit District (LAMTD) as the community Transportation Coordinator for Polk County; and

WHEREAS, LAMTD is a Public Agency, which has provided public transportation in the Lakeland urbanized area since 1982; and

WHEREAS, LAMTD is currently serving as the designated community transportation coordinator for Polk County and desires to continue in that role; and

WHEREAS, LAMTD has the appropriate personnel, financial capacity, vehicle and equipment resources, experience and qualifications to serve the transportation disadvantaged population; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 427.015(2) F.S., the Metropolitan Planning Organization is the organization that “shall recommend to the Commission a single community transportation coordinator”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Polk Transportation Planning Organization at its regular meeting convened on February 12, 2026:

That the Polk Transportation Planning Organization recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged that the Lakeland Area Mass Transit District (LAMTD) be designated as the Community Transportation

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Coordinator (CTC) for Polk County for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2026.

Signed:

Commissioner Trish Pfeiffer, Chair
Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)

February 12, 2026 _____

Date

ATTEST:

Ryan Kordek, TPO Director

Approved by the TPO Attorney as to
form and legal sufficiency:

Heather Bryan, TPO Attorney