

# North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

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March 29, 2000

The Honorable Paula DeLaney  
Gainesville City Commission  
Post Office Box 490  
Gainesville, FL 32602



RE: Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Dear Mayor DeLaney:

As you may know, Coordinated Transportation System (CTS) recently notified individuals that Alachua County's Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Trust Fund allocation cannot support the current demand for service. Therefore, as of March 1, 2000, all rides are provided on a first come, first served basis.

According to CTS, the current demand for non-emergency medical transportation exceeds the available TD Trust Funds. Therefore, some requests for non-emergency medical transport are being denied.

The Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board discussed this issue at its March 8 meeting. We agreed to ask the Gainesville City Commission for funding assistance in order to meet the demand for non-emergency medical transportation. CTS estimates that approximately \$6,000 per month is needed to provide needed medical transportation until September, 2000. The additional funding will provide approximately 2,100 trips.

We are hopeful that additional resources will be allocated to Alachua County with the passage of Senate Bill 950 and House Bill 569 during the 2000 legislative session. However, until additional funds are available through the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund, support from the City of Gainesville will greatly assist those in need of medical transportation.

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We would appreciate your staff notifying us when the Gainesville City Commissioners will meet to discuss our request. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions concerning this request, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lynn Franson-Godfrey, Senior Planner, at extension 110.

Sincerely,

*Charles S. Chestnut, III*

Charles S. Chestnut, III, Chairman  
Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

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Alachua County TD Coordinating Board

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