

# Support the Transportation Task Force Recommendations

## BACKGROUND

The Transportation Task Force, established for a time limited basis through the Florida legislature in 2017, was tasked with the responsibility to develop recommendations to address the transportation needs of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) engaged the services of the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) to study the various transportation models currently in place locally and statewide. CUTR provided extensive education to the Task Force, identified key issues, and made their recommendations based on their research and expertise from members on the task force, the disability community and the transportation community.



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## ISSUE

The delivery of transportation services is unique to each community with local control by transportation coordinating boards. The Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) is legislated and funded to ensure that persons who have disabilities, are low income and/or are elderly receive transportation services within their community. To specifically address the transportation needs of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities the following priorities were established by the Task Force for this legislation session with an appropriation request of \$1.9M:

- Redesign the APD transportation model and transition APD toward a collaborative partnership with the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinated System and community transportation coordinators providing mobility management services;
- Fund two pilot programs (urban and rural) to develop a single point mobility information center that includes mobility management services, and serves as a single point of contact for persons with disabilities, with a priority for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities;
- Fund a new innovative grant program through the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for innovative service development projects specifically relevant to the market for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
- Establish transportation sensitivity training for applicable transportation providers and travel training curriculums targeted to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, that are also sensitive to the needs of all persons with disabilities.