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Trips are available for almost any purpose, from employment, to medical care, for education and life-sustaining services. On some trips there is a small co-payment from the rider. The greater part of the cost of each trip is covered from a variety of grant sources and social service agencies.

In the Capital region there are over 380,000 trips made annually in Gadsden, Leon and Wakulla Counties. If you need a ride, or know someone who does, contact the following:

Leon County: The Community Transportation Coordinator is TalTran. **850- 891-5199**

Gadsden County: The Community Transportation Coordinator is Big Bend Transit. **850-627-9958**

Wakulla County: The Community Transportation Coordinator is the Wakulla County Senior Citizen's Council. **850-926-7145**

Even if you don't require their services, you can help the program. When you renew your vehicle registration, simply check the box for the Transportation Disadvantaged on your renewal and donate a buck or two to the program. All money collected stays in your county!

A Renaissance

The TalTran Renaissance, underway since last Fall, comprises several projects including a Transit Development Plan (TDP) update, a Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA), several surveys, and a collaboration with a stakeholder group coordinated by a Planning and Development Laboratory at Florida State University. The TDP, conducted by the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at the University of South Florida, is required by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and calls for a description of the transit agency's vision for public transportation along with an assessment of transit needs and the development of a staged implementation program to set priorities for improvements. CUTR also administered and analyzed an on-board survey of TalTran riders, and conducted the COA, which feeds into the TDP by closely analyzing current TalTran operations. A Community Survey was also conducted and analyzed by Vancore Jones, Inc.

The project team at CUTR will be presenting draft recommendations to the TalTran City Commission in mid-June. Recommendations are expected to be made in such areas as TalTran's image, marketing efforts, target markets, and service improvements including enhancement of existing services and expansion, among others. It is expected that the Renaissance recommendations will be finalized in July. For more information, please contact CUTR Senior Research Associate and Project Manager Victoria Perk at 813-974-7327 or perk@cutr.usf.edu.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CRTPA Board

June 20, 2005 3 PM

City of Tallahassee Commission Chambers

Technical Coordinating Committee

June 7, 2005 9-11 AM

City Hall, call for location

Citizen's Advisory Committee

June 7, 2005 12-2 PM

City Hall, call for location

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

June 7, 2005 4-6 PM

City Hall, call for location

Leon County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

July 13, 2005, 2 PM Call for location

Gadsden and Wakulla Counties Local Coordinating Boards

Next meeting in September
Call Vanita Anderson at 850 674-4571

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TOWN OF HAVANA GADSDEN COUNTY

CITY OF MIDWAY LEON COUNTY

CITY OF QUINCY WAKULLA COUNTY

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

LEON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

A Message from the Chair

Thank you for your interest in the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency. The CRTPA plans more than roads, although not everyone knows that. This edition focuses on regional undertakings and some interesting travel alternatives to driving a car.

The needs of the citizens of the Capital Region are both diverse and similar. We all need to get places, but sometimes our options are limited by any number of factors. We also have to plan for long-term transportation needs and hope that our plans will provide sufficient options for future Capital Area residents as we continue to grow.

While you may not need some of the services highlighted in this issue, you may know of someone who does. We urge you to pass this information on, and contact our staff if you have questions or comments.

Commissioner Andrew Gillum, Chair



Year 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan

There are a lot of activities that will be brought forward during the next three months that serve as a foundation for the project. The following are the anticipated tasks that will be completed by June 30, 2005:

1. Goals and objectives approved
2. Public Involvement Plan approved
3. Constrained corridors approved
4. Base year model validated, reviewed, and revised
5. Year 2030 socioeconomic forecasts completed
6. Year 2030 external and special generator forecasts completed
7. Existing-plus-committed network completed
8. Year 2030 E+C model run completed with LOS estimates and statistics comparing base and future year
9. First LRTP newsletter distributed
10. First round of public workshops conducted

Staff has also established a Steering Committee that includes representatives from all four of the CRTPA subcommittees (Technical Advisory Committee [TAC], Citizens Advisory Committee [CAC], Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee [BPAC], and the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board [TDCB]). The Community Transportation Coordinators from all three counties will also be invited to be part of the committee. The Steering Committee will meet throughout the length of the project to serve as a sounding board for issues before they are forwarded to the CRTPA subcommittees.

Featured Project!
The Quincy Shuttle



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Commuter Services of North Florida

Need a Ride to Work?

Commuter Services of North Florida has instituted a number of programs and services to help commuters find more economical and environmentally friendly ways of getting to and from work. Many of these services are available directly to commuters such as computerized ride matching and the Guaranteed Ride Home Program.

Commuter Services also helps people form carpools. They also help people locate and join existing carpools. The service is free and available to anyone in the Big Bend area.

This program is operated by the Marketing Institute at Florida State University and funded by the Florida Department of Transportation.

For more information, call them at 1-888-454-RIDE (7433) for more information. You can also find them on the web at <http://tmi.cob.fsu.edu/commute/>.

TalTran, a department of the City of Tallahassee, operates city bus routes in Tallahassee, including campus shuttles at Florida State University and Florida A&M University, plus a Dial-a-Ride service for seniors and disabled citizens and a variety of seasonal transit programs.

They can help get you there, and you can help our community by easing the traffic problems when you use public transit. Whether you are commuting, shopping, need group transportation, or just visiting, let TalTran get you where you're going!

To find out if TalTran has a route near you, go to their TalTran Online Guide at <http://talgov.com/citytlh/taltran/index.html>, or call them at 891-5199.



No Way to Get There?

When was the last time you or someone you know had a doctor appointment or needed to go to the grocery store and had no way to get there? Thousands of Floridians, because of disability, age, or income know this problem all too well. They do not have the option of personal transportation. The Transportation Disadvantaged is a statewide program that provides transportation to those persons disadvantaged by age, physical condition, or economics.

Each county has its own Transportation Disadvantaged Program. The program consists of a Local Coordinating Board, made up of citizens and those stakeholders in the transportation process. It is chaired by an elected official from that county. A Community Transportation Coordinator arranges and manages the transportation. ...continued on page 4



Send Out the Lifeline

If a patient can't get to cancer treatment – the most advanced cancer treatment protocol is worthless.

The American Cancer Society has created the Lifeline Transportation Program. Made possible by a very generous grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida it helps cancer patients and their families meet one of the many challenges facing them – transportation to medical care.

Using existing community transportation providers and volunteers, Lifeline will coordinate services for the patient, matching them up with the best transportation in the Capital Region – Leon, Wakulla, and Gadsden Counties.

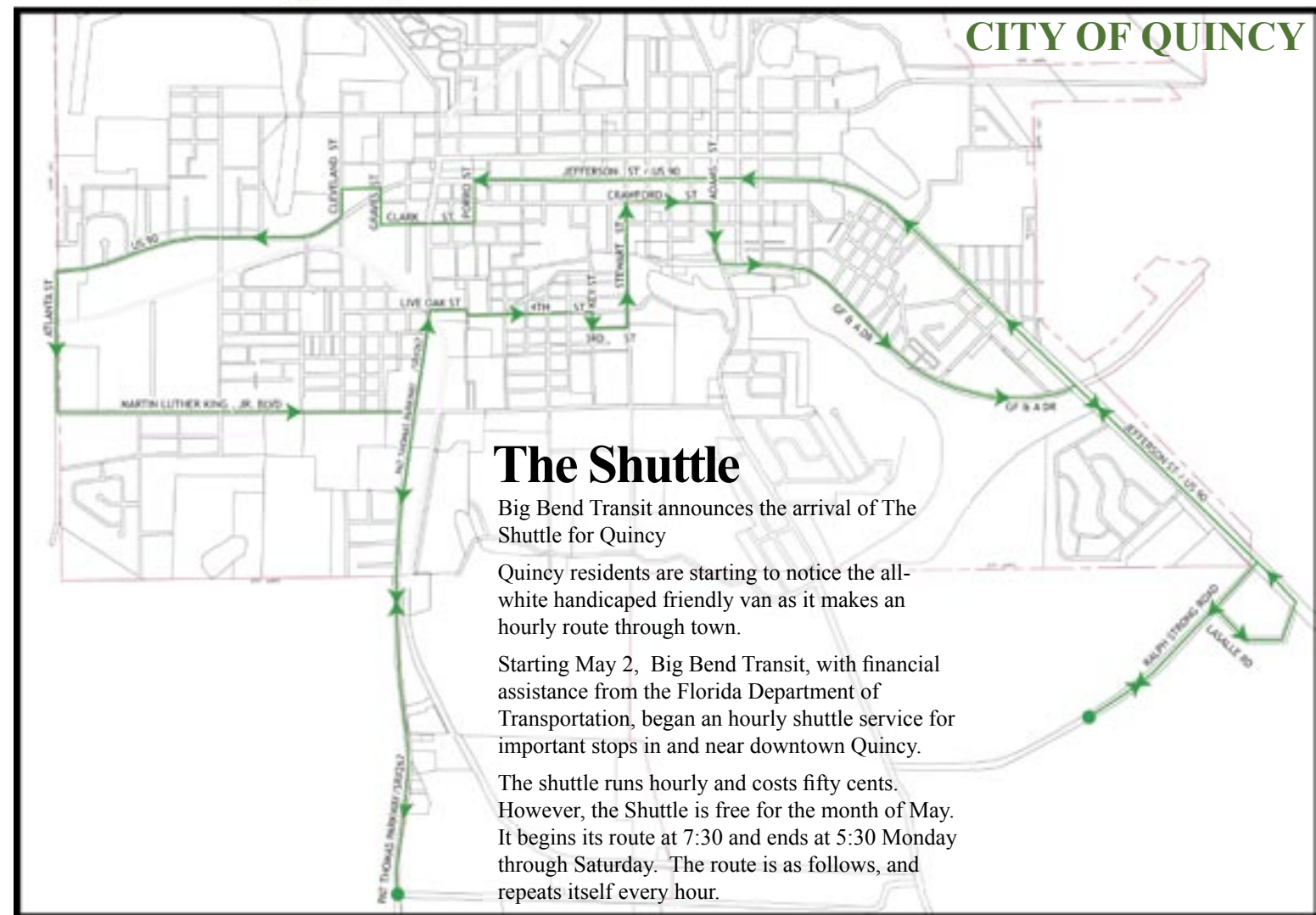
A simple phone call by the patient to the American Cancer Society Patient Services Center will connect them with a healthcare counselor who will speak to them about their diagnosis, treatment, and needs. The same counselor will work through the Lifeline Program to coordinate roundtrip transportation to and from cancer treatment appointments.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org and type Lifeline Transportation Program in the search box.



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CITY OF QUINCY



The Shuttle

Big Bend Transit announces the arrival of The Shuttle for Quincy

Quincy residents are starting to notice the all-white handicapped friendly van as it makes an hourly route through town.

Starting May 2, Big Bend Transit, with financial assistance from the Florida Department of Transportation, began an hourly shuttle service for important stops in and near downtown Quincy.

The shuttle runs hourly and costs fifty cents. However, the Shuttle is free for the month of May. It begins its route at 7:30 and ends at 5:30 Monday through Saturday. The route is as follows, and repeats itself every hour.

Route

Parkview Garden Apartments/East Atlanta	7:30 AM	Triple Oaks Apartments front entrance	8:00
Parkview Manor Apartments/South Atlanta	7:30	Gambro Health Care front entrance	8:01
MLK Blvd at Pat Thomas Pkwy	7:33	Green Meadows Apartments/Strong Rd.	8:02
Post Office Front Entrance	7:35	Senior Citizens Center front entrance	8:03
Walmart Front Entrance	7:37	Apalachee Center Inc., front entrance	8:05
Pat Thomas Parkway at MLK Blvd	7:40	Gadsden Health Department front entrance	8:07
Social Security Office/Live Oak St.	7:41	Gadsden Community Hospital front entrance	8:09
4th Street at S. Key Street	7:43	Library front entrance	8:13
Gadsden Arms Apartments/S. Stewart St.	7:45	County Courthouse/W. Jefferson @Madison	8:15
West Clark Street/S. Stewart St.	7:47	Quincy City Hall/W. Jefferson@N. Stewart	8:17
West Clark Street/S. Adams St.	7:49	Family Dollar/Porro St@W. Jefferson	8:19
EFG&A Drive/S. Adams St.	7:50	Big Bend Workforce Center front entrance	8:21
EFG&A Drive/W. Jefferson St.	7:55	IGA front entrance	8:23
Strong Rd/W. Jefferson St.	7:56	Quincy Plaza/Winn Dixie front entrance	8:25
Riverchase Care Center front entrance	7:58	Parkview Garden Apartments	8:30
Crossroad Academy front entrance	8:00		

(schedule repeats hourly)
For more information, call 627-9958 (TDD 800/243-4160)