PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Apply for Federal Assistance

All interested parties are hereby advised that the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners is preparing to apply to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for capital and operating assistance grants under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Act of 1964, as amended. The operating assistance application is to provide funding to maintain the existing paratransit level of service.

Funding for both the capital and operating assistance grants are provided through the FTA Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities/Section 5310 Grant Program, for a total funding request of $1,363,991 ($563,991 capital and $800,000 operating); and will be used for the provision of public transit services within the Manatee County Transit Division's service area.

A Public Hearing is tentatively scheduled at the Transit Fleet Facility Large Conference Room, located at 2411 Tallevast Road, Sarasota, Florida 34243, on Thursday, December 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of advising all interested parties is to ensure that continued or proposed services do not result in duplication of services provided by existing public or private transit or paratransit operators in the service area.

This hearing will be conducted **if and only if a written request for the hearing is received no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2026.**

Requests for a hearing must be addressed to: Transit Division Manager, Manatee County Public Works, 2411 Tallevast Road, Sarasota, Florida, 34243 and a copy sent to Transit Project Manager, District One Modal Development/Transit, District One Department of Transportation, and P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, Florida 33831.

Florida Law and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Prohibits Discrimination in Public accommodation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or of marital status.

Persons believing they have been discriminated against on these conditions may file a complaint with the Florida Commission on Human Relations at 850-488-7082 or 800-342-8170 (voice messaging).