



PSTA's FTA MOD Sandbox Pilot: Moving from Scheduled to On Demand Paratransit Service

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Pinellas County

- Population of 949,827 (2015)
- Median age of 46
- 24 municipalities – 22 served by PSTA
- 41 bus routes
- 11.57 million Fixed Route Trips FY18
- 367,422 Paratransit Trips FY18
- 73,603 Mobility Program Trips



FTA Mobility on Demand Sandbox Grant

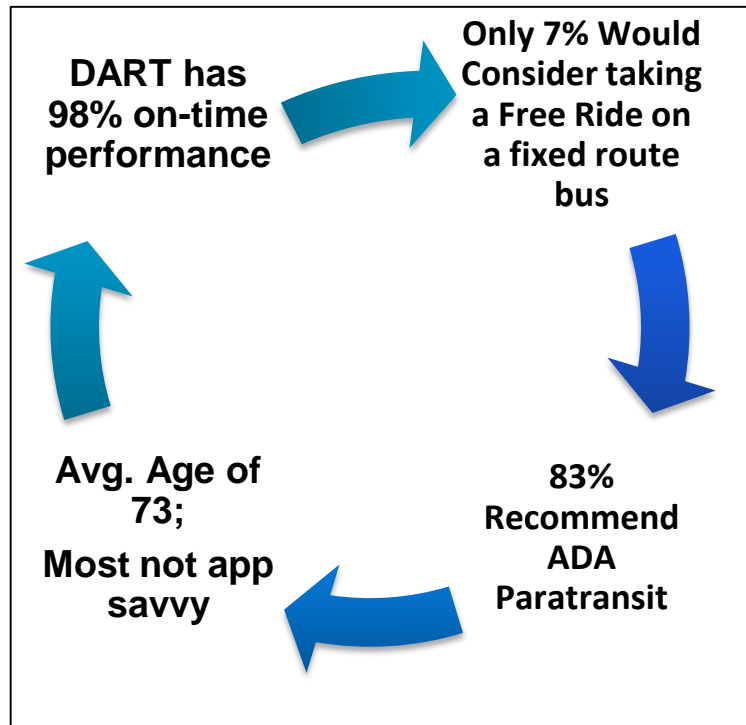
Provide On Demand Rides with multiple providers (Lyft, United Taxi, Wheelchair Transport, Liberty Wheelchair) through the Goin integrated platform

- Capitalize on success with other TNC programs by partnering with Lyft, United Taxi, and Care Ride.
- Piloting with a portion of PSTA's 12,500 eligible paratransit customers
- Each paratransit customer added to the program will have their own profile with mobility and assistant needs identified, as well as an e wallet to pay for trips by credit card



Challenges = Opportunities

- Riders love ADA Paratransit with Access for All.
- Range of driver and vehicle service levels: paratransit, taxi and TNC
- Can unmet on-demand trips be Equitable & Sustainable?



MOD Sandbox Program

Goals

- Improve paratransit efficiency
- Increase transportation effectiveness
- Enhance Customer Service



BENEFITS of *Real-Time Paratransit*

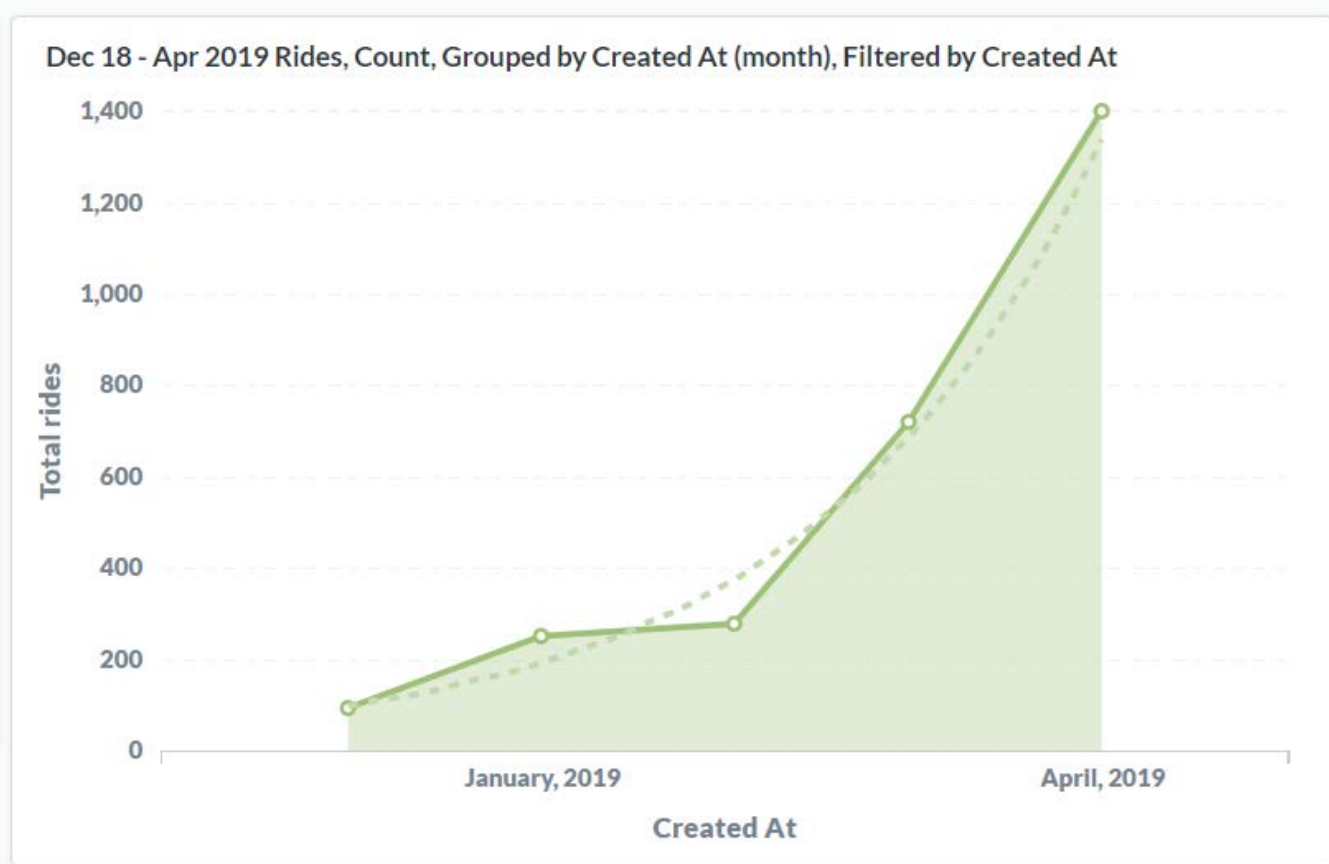
- Cost efficient
- Leverage existing capacity
- Customers can now make on demand trips instead of scheduling in advance



Pilot group

- 2018 Worked on integrations and soft launched with early pilot users.
- 2019 Upto current 300 users
- Mixed disability and mobility needs

Ridership



Trip Costs

Average Ambulatory Trip Cost = \$11.73

Average Wheelchair Trip Cost = \$32.16



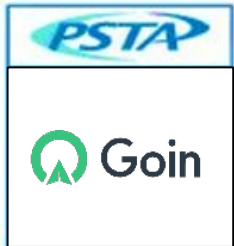
Average Ambulatory Response Time -
Less than 15 min

Average Wheelchair Response Time -
15-40 min



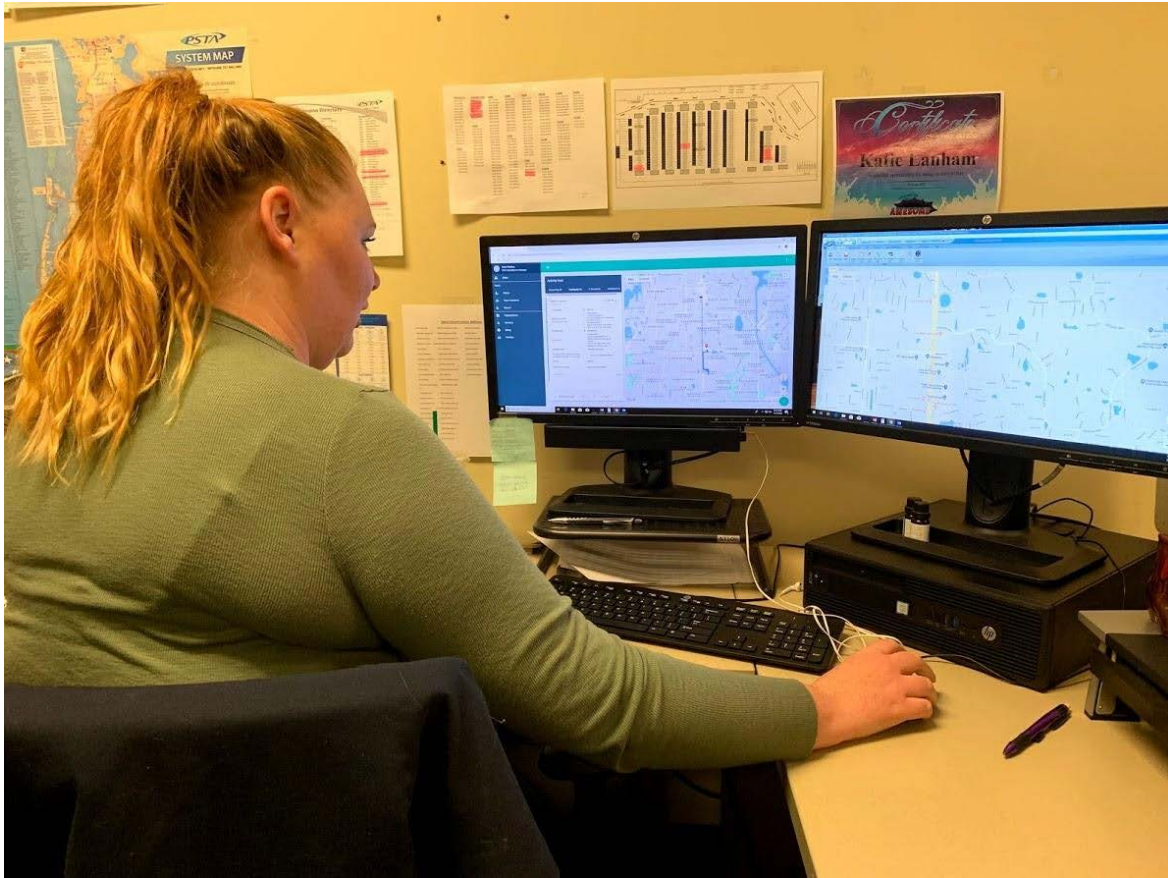
MOD Marketplace

 Paratransit Customer calls PSTA



 Pick-up Customer

One Call...



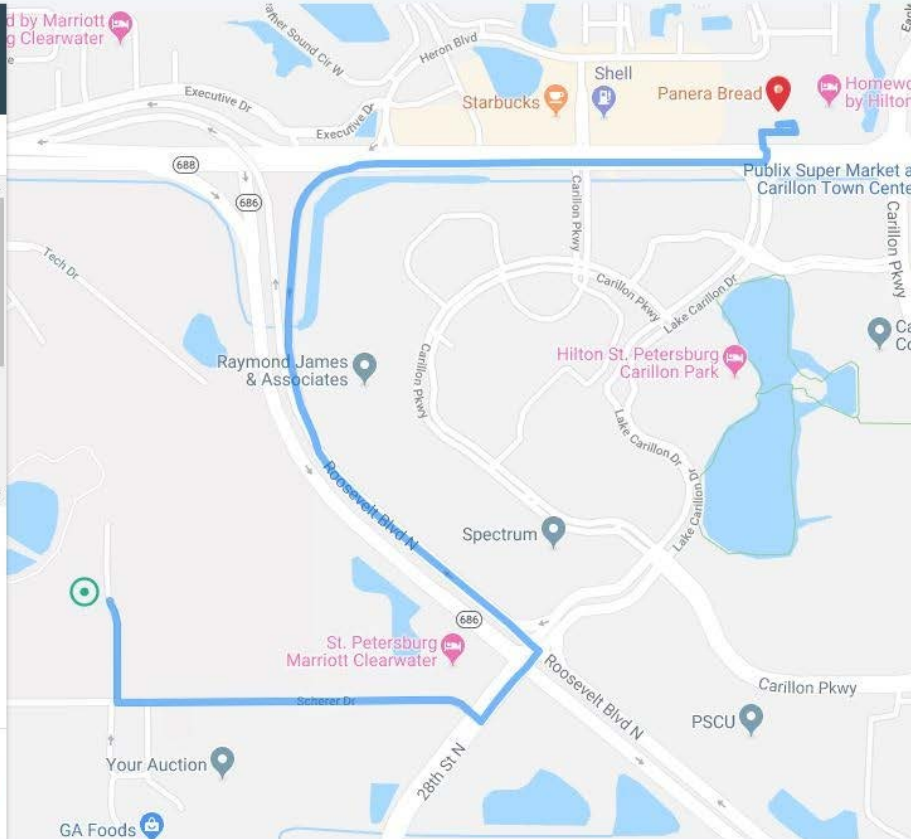
Mobility On-demand Project

Bonnie Epstein 10/05/2017 \$30.00

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	Lyft	2 mins
	Wheelchair Trans. WC	5 mins
	Care Ride	5 mins
	United Taxi	8 mins
	Balance	\$30.00 Add funds
	Bonus Balance	\$0.00 Add bonus

[Cancel Request](#) [Logs](#) [Request Ride](#)



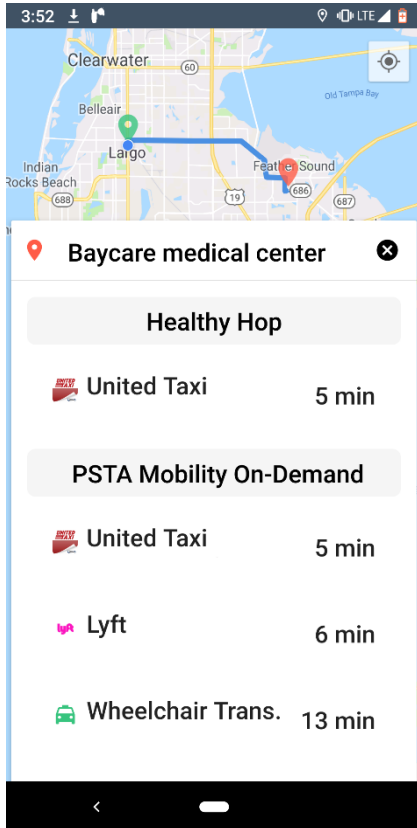
Rides for All



Cross-Disability Access

- Call center for less tech. savvy users
- User app for deaf
- Achieving access for blind users
- Mobility aids and assistance needs
- Fine motor skills
- Location notes and ability to contact driver directly via call or text.

Accessible App Design



Cross-Disability in Action



Thank you

Questions?

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