

## **Agenda Action Supplemental Form Overview**

2018 “Champions in Transportation” Awards & Proclamation

### **Background/Justification**

For the past three years, Durham County ACCESS in conjunction with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) celebrates the importance of the demand response public transportation service with several activities including a reception, award presentation and a proclamation naming Champions in Transportation Week. During the BOCC Meeting, Durham County ACCESS engages the Commissioner in recognizing and presenting awards to the award recipients.

The “Champions in Transportation” awards recognize some of the true and often unsung Durham County residents, as well as other non-profit and government champions that contribute to the success of the ACCESS program. The 2018 recipients despite being disabled, seniors or challenged by lack of transportation options rely on Durham County ACCESS for transportation to work, training, medical appointments and other social activities that ultimately contribute to the overall economic position, health and quality of life. During this time, Durham County ACCESS also takes a moment to recognize organizations and individuals for exceptional leadership and advocacy.

Prior to the Board of County Commissioners Board Meeting, DCA along with the Transportation Advisory Board will host a festive reception. The reception is followed by the Board of County Commissioners ceremonial presentation of the Champion awards and a request to the Board to proclaim January 25 – March 4, 2019, “Champions in Transportation” Week.

### **2018 Champions in Transportation Awards Recipients**

#### **Passenger of the Year Award**

LeRoy Farrington (Rural General Public work trip)

#### **Senior Citizen of the Year Award**

Mary Cropper (Trips to Senior Center Programs)

#### **Exceptional Customer Service Award**

Thandiwe (Tiny) Meek, First Transit, Customer Service Representative

#### **Excellence in Advocacy Award**

David Rhew, Executive Director NCPTA

#### **Chairman’s Awards**

##### ***Spirit of Durham Award***

Zack Hawkins, State Representative, TAB Vice Chair

*Heart of a Champion Award*

Randolph Lynch (Former First Transit Employee)

**Policy Impact**

Further engages the Transportation Advisory Board in their role and focus on service, outreach and advocacy.

**Procurement Background**

None

**Fiscal Impact**

Funds for promotional items and awards to support this initiative are budgeted through the 5311 Community Transportation Grant.