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EXECUTIVE REPORT

January 2018

Bill Deville and Executive Staff

HUMAN RESOURCES: *Trina Bowie*

- CATS made the following hires in December: Facilities Maintenance – 1 Custodial Crew.
- The agency had a week of activities, including holiday decorating, ugly sweater, and various other Christmas related contests, that concluded with a pot luck lunch on Thursday, December 21st.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE: *Rod Goldman*

- Operations now has 141 Operators on the roster; 134 are active.
- The Operators of the Month for December were Marlon Gotch and Sheila Bennett.
- See attached Performance Measures

PLANNING: *Bill Deville*

FACILITIES PLANNING: *James Baker*

- **Transit Hubs – Ongoing**
- **North Baton Rouge Hub** – CATS is conducting an Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) of the LSU property to determine if any hazardous material is present. To date, the consultant has conducted interviews with LSU officials and is completing the review of title documents. Management is working with Rex Cabaniss to have meetings with stakeholders and adjacent property owners promoting the planned transit hub.
- **South Baton Rouge Hub** – Staff is in ongoing discussions with Baton Rouge Health District (BRHD) officials regarding their infrastructure implementation plan as well as exploring suitable locations for a major multi-modal transit hub.
- **East Baton Rouge Hub** – Management has submitted two federally funded grant applications to support the development of the East Baton Rouge Transit Hub. CATS anticipates a response from FTA on the disposition of these requests in the next 30 to 60 days.
- **Downtown Hub** – CATS has met with representatives of the City-Parish and with the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority to discuss a multi-modal transit center; this center could also serve as a stop for the proposed commuter rail.

BUS RAPID TRANSIT – Ongoing

- Phasing in of the CATS modified BRT plans, including both the **Plank Road and the Florida Boulevard routes** are in development stages. CATS plans to utilize electric buses for both these BRT routes.

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- **Plank Road BRT** – CATS is looking to invest in new electric buses and undertake substantial infrastructure improvements. These capital investments will take place over the next three years and total approximately \$5 million.
 - Planning that focuses on the site improvements and transit amenities is ongoing. A dialogue has been established with the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority and its new Executive Director Chris Tyson; this discussion centered on the project scope, funding structure, and schedule.
- **Florida Boulevard BRT** – CATS has submitted a grant application to support the development of the site infrastructure improvements and transit amenity enhancements along Florida Boulevard. CATS anticipates a response from FTA in the next 30 to 60 days regarding this application.

CEO-EXECUTED CONTRACTS: *Bill Deville*

- None

CEO NOTES: *Bill Deville*

- CATS will be participating in a workshop on Practical Solutions and Complete Streets hosted by LaDOTD Secretary Shawn Wilson.
- CATS is in the process of providing disaster recovery documentation to FEMA that is due by the end of January.
- CATS will be asking the board for approval to extend the consulting contract with Victorious Gold for the Interim CFO services of Bob Miller through the end of March.
- Insight Strategies will be conducting a two day workshop to continue the work of the strategic plan in late January as a conclusion to their work on this project.
- CATS will be leasing additional office space at Mid-City Tower on the ninth floor.

FINANCE:

- The Financial Edge Software Phase One implementation has occurred and staff is now using the software.
- CATS is working with LaPorte to resolve any outstanding issues from 2017 ahead of the 2018 annual audit.