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EXECUTIVE REPORT

February 2018

Bill Deville and Executive Staff

HUMAN RESOURCES: *Trina Bowie*

- CATS made the following hires in January: Operations – 12 Operator Cadets; Administration – 1 Risk and Safety Manager.
- The agency is continually advertising for bus operators and is currently advertising for mechanics and a network administrator.
- CATS has plans to attend the following job fairs in March and April: T.H. Harris Career and Transfer Fair, March 22nd; Career Fair, April 18th; and The Advocate Job Fair, April 25th.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE: *Rod Goldman*

- Operations now has 145 Operators on the roster; 137 are active.
- CATS held a Customer Appreciation Day on January 26th at the terminal. CATS staff served lunch to customers and raffled bus passes, ranging from 24-hour to 31-day. The Operations and Communications Departments are planning to make this a quarterly event for the customers.
- See attached Performance Measures

PLANNING: *Bill Deville*

FACILITIES PLANNING: *James Baker*

- **Transit Hubs – Ongoing**
- **North Baton Rouge Hub** – Conceptual designs have been developed by Rex Cabaniss and presented to the Planning Committee. Design revisions are underway to incorporate committee feedback. The Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) has been completed and it revealed no evidence of recognized environmental conditions (RECs) in connection with the property; these results have been sent to the FTA.
- **South Baton Rouge Hub** – Staff is in ongoing discussions with Baton Rouge Health District (BRHD) and the commuter rail planning consultants regarding the feasibility of a 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 engaged in a positive strategic relationship with the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority and is in planning discussions for the commuter rail project; specifically, the discussion has centered on the invited role of CATS in the development and operations of the proposed downtown multi-modal transportation center.

BUS RAPID TRANSIT – Ongoing

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- 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.
- **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 and discussions are underway with CPEX, EBRFDA, and other stakeholders regarding the revitalization of the Plank Road Corridor.
- 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 is meeting with the EBR Redevelopment Authority, DPW, DOTD, and other stakeholders regarding potential partnerships to create and implement the vision for transitioning the Plank Road Corridor from a blighted area into a modern model for economic development via Bus Rapid Transit, Land Use Improvements, Complete Streets, and the conversion from a state highway to the City Parish.
- CATS representatives will travel to the BYD electric bus manufacturing plant in the Los Angeles area to perform due diligence; this is to ensure manufacturing specifications are being met.
- CATS CEO has been appointed to the steering committee for Commuter Rail Stations in Baton Rouge.
- FTA FMO group completed its two week on-site review; the results are expected in approximately 30 days.
- Insight Strategies completed a two-day training workshop on the final phase of the Strategic Planning process with organizational values and leadership competencies.
- FEMA extended the time by two weeks to complete its flood disaster funding review.

FINANCE:

- LaPorte will begin its external audit process in March.