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EXECUTIVE REPORT

March 2018

Bill Deville and Executive Staff

HUMAN RESOURCES: *Trina Bowie*

- CATS made the following hires in February: Administration – 1 Network Administrator (internal promotion).
- A new class of cadets began training on Monday, March 12th.
- The Employee Shared Responsibility Payment (ESRP) issue with the IRS has been resolved and the agency will not have to pay anything.
- The following employees celebrated service anniversaries in the first quarter:
 - One Year:
 - Tafari Beard Police Officer
 - James Crockett Police Officer
 - Darrell Carter Police Officer
 - George Davis Utility Technician
 - Cynthia Cummings Bus Operator
 - David Blair Operations Manager
 - Adrienne Earls Bus Operator
 - Brittany Stewart Bus Operator
 - Five Years:
 - Jeanette Eckert Controller
 - Ten Years:
 - Carrie Arbuthnot Bus Operator
 - Archie Borskey Custodian
 - 31 Years:
 - Hebert Collins Vault Cashier

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE: *Rod Goldman*

- Operations now has 145 Operators on the roster; 133 are active.
- See attached Performance Measures

PLANNING: *Bill Deville*

FACILITIES PLANNING: *James Baker*

- **Transit Hubs – Ongoing**
- **North Baton Rouge Hub** – Staff continues to reach out to major stakeholders to inform them of the plans for the hub project, and recent meetings have included the City-Parish Planning Director and the DDD Executive Director to review possible zoning and traffic issues.
- **South Baton Rouge Hub** – Commuter rail consultants have identified several sites that could accommodate a multi-modal transportation center serving the Baton Rouge Health District, and CATS management is working with them to evaluate site feasibility.
- **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 CEO has been invited to sit on the Steering Committee overseeing the planning for the commuter rail project; this effort is being led by the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority. The Operations and Capital Projects Departments are working with the commuter rail consultants to explore the possibility of a downtown multi-modal transportation center in the area of Government and 14th Streets.

BUS RAPID TRANSIT – Ongoing

- CATS staff has established a Service Improvement Plan Task Force to identify the means and methods to implement and fund infrastructure improvements to begin the Bus Rapid Transit Network of Plank, Florida, and Nicholson service in late 2018 or early 2019.
- **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, EBRDA, and other stakeholders regarding the revitalization of the 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.
- FTA, DOTD, and DPW are initial funding partners for the BRT infrastructure improvements planned on Plank Road and Florida Boulevard, and in accordance with the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant requirements, staff is coordinating with State officials to ensure full grant compliance as well as clarifying the responsibilities of both CATS and DOTD in managing the project.

CEO-EXECUTED CONTRACTS: *Bill Deville*

- Washer Hill Lipscomb Cabaniss Architecture (LA) LLC Planning and Conceptual Rendering Services Professional Contract to provide architectural renderings to support the Capital Improvements and Investments Plan (CIIP) as well as conceptual renderings and site plans illustrating BRT stations at designated stops along Plank, Florida, and Nicholson BRT routes. The contract will be for a period of three months and a cost not to exceed \$40,000.

CEO NOTES: *Bill Deville*

- CATS conducted workshops on Performance Management Integration with Insight Strategies as part of their work with CATS on the Strategic Plan. The agency hopes to have a Performance Management process in place for implementation on June 1st. This process will apply to administrative, non-

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CBA employees only as the union employees are managed according to rules established in the union contract.

- Union negotiations began on Tuesday, March 13th and will continue through the week. Another round of negotiations is scheduled for April as well.
- The CATS website was recently awarded with two American Advertising Awards, also known as ADDYs; they were a gold ADDY in responsive design and a silver ADDY in consumer websites.
- CATS CEO will be with both Louisiana Public Transit Association (LPTA) and the Southwest Transit Association (SWTA) delegation in Washington, D.C. the week of March 19th to meet with Congressional leaders to discuss funding and legislative opportunities for transit and CATS.
- CATS staff is finalizing and plans to bring the Capital Improvements and Investments Plan (CIIP) to the board in April for adoption.

FINANCE:

- LaPorte arrived on March 12th to begin the annual external and material audit.