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## EXECUTIVE STAFF

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*Chief Executive Officer*

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*Chief Operating Officer*

**Darrell Brown**  
*Chief Administrative Officer*

## EXECUTIVE REPORT

April 2018

Bill Deville and Executive Staff

### HUMAN RESOURCES: *Trina Bowie*

- CATS made the following hires in March: Operations – 21 Bus Operator Trainees; Maintenance – 1 Utility Technician, 1 Tire Technician (internal promotion).
- CATS will be participating in a career fair in Lafayette on April 18<sup>th</sup> and The Advocate Career Fair on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The Human Resources Department will be conducting a 12-month leadership seminar aimed at Supervisors, Managers, and Directors.
- Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, CATS will have a pantry with items consisting of food, clothing, and toiletries donated from CATS staff available for employees in need.

### OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE: *Rod Goldman*

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

### CEO NOTES: *Bill Deville*

- **We have made great progress over the last month since we last met, and here are three things to update:**
  - It was formally announced that CATS was awarded a FTA grant in the amount of \$2.6 million for Fleet Replacement. CATS was the only Louisiana transportation agency to receive any FTA funding in this announcement. The grant application and award ties directly into our evolving Capital Investments and Improvements Plan for a “rapid transit” network for Baton Rouge and the surrounding region.
  - There has been great progress in gaining crucial key stakeholder support for the agency.
    - CATS met with DOTD Secretary Shawn Wilson, and he is “on board” with CATS’ plan for transportation and infrastructure.
    - CATS is working with EBR RDA President Chris Tyson, City – Parish CAO Darrell Gissel, DPW’s Fred Raiford, and a number of others and has had initial stakeholder meetings to further explain the CATS vision for BRT rapid transit network.
  - The recent trip to Washington, D.C. was very successful. Congressman Garrett Graves let CATS know shortly after that visit about the upcoming grant announcement for bus fleet replacement; Senator Cassidy’s office recognized our grant award as well and offered their assistance should we need it. The LPTA and SWTA groups able to visit our entire congressional delegation in a 48 hour period, including the acting head of the Federal Transit Administration at their Washington

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DC headquarters, with our FTA Region 6 Administrator and Deputy joining us via video conferencing from FT Worth, Texas.

- Union negotiations are ongoing through today, April 13<sup>th</sup>, and another round of negotiations is scheduled for May 22-25.

**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 City Parish officials and the DOTD District Administrator to review possible zoning and traffic issues.
- **South Baton Rouge Hub** – Staff continues to work with Health District officials and the Commuter Rail Commission to determine viable locations for the Health District Transportation Center.
- **East Baton Rouge Hub** –CATS continues its efforts to establish the most feasible location for a transit hub.
- **Downtown Hub** –CATS continues its work in support of a Commuter Rail through its Steering Committee, and staff is working to determine suitable sites for the Downtown Health District Multi-Modal Transportation Center.

**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, with our Plank BRT Lite Service starting in early 2019.
- CATS has participated in a number of ongoing discussions with stakeholders regarding plans for the CATS BRT Network
- 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***

Monroe and Corie, Inc. contract for conceptual drawings for the Cortana Wal-Mart hub improvements for an amount not to exceed \$12,625.