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OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

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2023 BUDGET MESSAGE

Dear Commissioners and Residents of East Baton Rouge Parish:

In accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, and our responsibility to prepare a comprehensive budget, the Capital Area Transit System (CATS) submits our balanced budget for fiscal year 2023. This budget presents the financial guide which will govern our strategic plan, goals, and direction, as well as enabling us to continue connecting our riders to what matters. The budget will be presented to the CATS Board of Commissioners at its December 2022 board meeting.

CATS' Total Operational Expenses for the year 2023 is estimated at $34,415,005, an increase of $5.3 million. This is due to increases in the cost of Labor and Fringe Benefits, the need for additional planning services associated with the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, the funding of the Baker Microtransit project (LYNX), increases in costs for materials and supplies, and rising fuel costs.

CATS' Capital Expense budget totals $2,382,649, in expected project expenditures, including the North Transit Center, updates to our Paratransit fleet, and the purchase of buses for the BRT project. These Capital projects are also funded by grant awards and local matching funds. This brings CATS' total estimated budget for fiscal year 2023 to $36,797,654.

CATS' estimated total Revenues for 2023 is also budgeted at $36,797,654, which results in a fully balanced budget.

CATS' self-generated revenues include passenger-paid fares, special transit fares, ADA Paratransit (CATS on Demand) fares, and advertising revenue. The budgeted amount totals $2,235,648 compared to $1,757,597 last year. The Parish and Local fund revenues anticipated amount to $20,866,000. The increase in revenue is expected due to the recovery of ridership after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The budgeted Federal Operational Subsidies amount to $11,313,357. Included in this amount is $7,295,893 derived from the annual formula funding provided under FTA Section 5307 and Section 5339, as well as an additional $4,017,464 provided for under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

As a taxpayer funded entity, CATS recognizes our duty to be careful stewards of the funds made available to us, and we continuously examine our operations to ensure that we are serving you in the most cost efficient manner possible.

Sincerely,

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Operating Budget

For the Year Ending December 31, 2023

Operating Revenues

Description	2023 Budget	2022 Budget	Dollar Variance
Operating Revenues			
Passenger Paid Fares	1,032,864	839,172	193,692
Special Transit Fares (Contract)	61,712	74,337	(12,625)
ADA/Paratransit Revenue	87,827	74,502	13,325
Advertising Revenue	551,835	525,000	26,835
Interest Income	35,350	4,584	30,766
Other Agency Revenue	466,060	240,002	226,058
Total CATS Generated	**2,235,648**	**1,757,597**	**478,051**
Non Federal Revenue			
Hotel/Motel Tax	1,210,000	1,045,032	164,968
Parish Transportation Fund	550,000	550,000	0
Property Tax Revenue	19,106,000	19,000,000	106,000
Total Non Federal	**20,866,000**	**20,595,032**	**270,968**
Federal Operating Subsidies			
FTA - Preventive Maintenance	3,797,840	4,300,000	(502,160)
FTA - Project Administration	1,399,200	500,000	899,200
FTA - Planning	2,098,853	691,000	1,407,853
FTA - ARP	4,017,464	1,220,297	2,797,167
Total Federal Operating	**11,313,357**	**6,711,297**	**4,602,060**
Total Operating Revenue	**34,415,005**	**29,063,926**	**5,351,079**
FTA - Capital Projects	2,382,649	7,599,000	(5,216,351)
TOTAL SOURCES OF REVENUE	**36,797,654**	**36,662,926**	**134,728**

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Operating Budget

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Operating Expenses

Description	2023 Budget	2022 Budget	Dollar Variance
Operating Expenses			
Labor	11,126,020	11,443,841	(317,821)
Fringe Benefits	7,413,645	6,393,101	1,020,544
Labor and Fringe Benefits	**18,539,665**	**17,836,942**	**702,723**
Casualty and Liability	1,869,348	1,759,500	109,848
Services	4,372,989	2,881,030	1,491,959
Purchased Transportation	3,361,741	1,967,653	1,394,088
Materials & Supplies	4,394,103	3,150,000	1,244,103
Utilities	290,398	205,900	84,498
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,380,664	1,162,323	218,341
Leases and Rentals	206,097	100,578	105,519
Total Operating Expenses	**34,415,005**	**29,063,926**	**5,351,079**
FTA - Capital Projects	2,382,649	7,599,000	(5,216,351)
Total Operating/Planning/Capital	**36,797,654**	**36,662,926**	**134,728**
NET BALANCE (+/-)	**0.00**	**0.00**	

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