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Mr. Craig Coffey
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Re: Flagler County Triennial Review Safety Deficiencies – Notice of removal of vehicles from service

Mr. Coffey:

The Florida Department of Transportation District 5 conducted a follow-up site visit at Flagler County Public Transportation (FCPT) on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 to verify that the agency has addressed the findings resulting from its November 2017 Triennial Review. The most notable findings were related to non-compliance with FDOT Preventative Maintenance Standards and upkeep of the fire suppression systems on-board public transportation vehicles. These findings were classified as major safety deficiencies. Adherence to these requirements is a pre-requisite of receiving federal and state public transportation funding.

In the eight (8) months since the initial review, the fire suppression systems have remained uninspected and documentation of preventative maintenance has remained non-compliant. Two (2) of the vehicles' fire suppression systems have been disconnected from power, and several systems need to be recharged. **Attachment 1** outlines fire suppression system maintenance requirements as per F.S. 633.071. While Flagler County Transportation staff has made substantial efforts to address the remaining findings, these outstanding deficiencies pose a significant safety concern.

Fire suppression is mandatory on all FDOT-funded transit buses. FDOT also requires that both fire suppression and fire extinguishers be maintained properly. It is vital that FCPT correct this problem as soon as possible. **Attachment 2 and 3** provides a list of vendors certified to conduct these inspections. All of these vendors should be able to come to your facility to correct any issues and/or complete system inspections. **Attachment 4** is a Fogmaker Training notice. There is a training session being held in Daytona on July 25. The Department requires FCPT's attendance.

As it related to FDOT Preventative Maintenance Standard requirements, District Five has made training opportunities available for Flagler County staff. This training is being made available through Florida State University's Preventative Maintenance Planning, Training and Technical Assistance Program. Training will be mandatory for Flagler County's staff responsible for the maintenance of vehicles that provide public transportation to residents of Flagler County.

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While Flagler County Transportation staff has made significant efforts to address the remaining findings, safety deficiencies pose substantial safety concerns for Flagler County residents. Effective immediately, FCPT must remove from service any vehicle with a fire suppression system that is non-functioning (disconnected from power or with a gauge showing need for recharge). All vehicles with outdated inspections must be inspected (and, if necessary, repaired) by Friday, July 27, 2018. Failure to respond to this requirement in a timely manner will necessitate the removal of additional vehicles from service. Beginning tomorrow, July 18, 2018, a FCPT employee must provide daily written progress reports (via email) to all FDOT District 5 representatives in copy. We look forward to working with your team to ensure the continuation of Flagler County's Transportation program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (407) 482-7860 or via email at Diane.Poitras@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

Attachment 1 – FDOT Fire Suppression and Fire Extinguisher Maintenance Requirements - March 2017
Attachment 2 – Amerex Service Providers
Attachment 3 – Fogmaker Service Providers
Attachment 4 – Fogmaker Training Notification