



CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

AGENDA MEETING NOTICE

Committees

DATE: Wednesday, April 24, 2019
TIME: 8:30 a.m. Administration & Finance Committee Meeting, and
 Operations & Capital Projects Committee Meeting (estimated at
 9:30 a.m., although to be held immediately following the Administration &
 Finance Committee Meeting)
LOCATION: Staples Street Center
 602 North Staples Street, 2ND Floor Board Room • Corpus Christi, TX

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

TOM NISKALA (Chair)

Glenn Martin ~ Scott Harris ~ Anne Bauman ~ Philip Skrobarczyk

	TOPIC	SPEAKER	EST.TIME	REFERENCE
1.	Roll Call	D. Linnehan	2 min.	-----
2.	Safety Briefing	M. Rendón	2 min.	-----
3.	Receipt of Conflict of Interest Affidavits	T. Niskala	2 min.	-----
4.	Opportunity for Public Comment	T. Niskala	3 min.	-----
5.	Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee to Approve Issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Windstorm and Hail Insurance Coverage	M. Rendón	3 min.	Page 1 PPT
6.	Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee to Adopt a Revised 2019 Emergency Preparedness Policy	M. Rendón	3 min.	Pages 2-3 PPT Attachment A
7.	Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee to Authorize Executing and Submitting the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 2019 Certifications and Assurances	R. Saldaña	3 min.	Pages 4-7 PPT
8.	Adjournment	T. Niskala	1 min.	-----

Total Estimated Time: 19 min.

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OPERATIONS & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

MICHAEL REEVES (Chair)

Dan Leyendecker ~ George B. Clower ~ Patricia Dominguez ~ Matt Woolbright

	TOPIC	SPEAKER	EST.TIME	REFERENCE
1.	Roll Call	D. Linnehan	2 min.	-----

2.	Safety Briefing	M. Rendón	2 min.	-----
3.	Receipt of Conflict of Interest Affidavits	M. Reeves	2 min.	-----
4.	Opportunity for Public Comment	M. Reeves	3 min.	-----
5.	Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee to Approve Issuing an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Two four post Wireless Mobile Column Lifts	J. Fehribach	3 min.	Pages 1-2 <i>PPT</i>
6.	Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize Exercising the First Option Year with Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations L.L.C. for Bus Tire Leasing and Service Charges	J. Fehribach	3 min.	Pages 3-4 <i>PPT</i>
7.	Adjournment	M. Reeves	1 min.	-----

Total Estimated Time: 16 min.

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On **Thursday, April 18, 2019** this Notice was posted by **Dena Linnehan** at the CCRTA Staples Street Center, 602 N. Staples Street, Corpus Christi, Texas; and sent to the Nueces County and the San Patricio County Clerks for posting at their locations.

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Board may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss matters listed on the agenda, when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. In the event the Board elects to go into executive session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the executive session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the Assistant Secretary to the Board at (361) 903-3474 at least 48 hours in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Mission Statement

The Regional Transportation Authority was created by the people to provide quality transportation in a responsible manner consistent with its financial resources and the diverse needs of the people. Secondly, The RTA will also act responsibly to enhance the regional economy.



Vision Statement

Provide an integrated system of innovative, accessible and efficient public transportation services that increase access to opportunities and contribute to a healthy environment for the people in our service area.



Administration & Finance Committee Memo

April 24, 2019

Subject: Approve Issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Windstorm and Hail Insurance Coverage

Background

Windstorm and Hail Insurance coverage was underwritten through Acisure LLC DBA Carlisle Insurance for a one-year term. The coverage will expire on July 27, 2019.

Identified Need

The Authority's assets need to be adequately insured for any and all damages incurred as a result of wind or hail damage.

Financial Impact

The 2018-2019 premium for windstorm and hail coverage for identified CCRTA assets was \$84,000.

Board Priority

This item aligns with the Board Priority – Facilities – Safety and Security

Recommendation

Staff requests that the Administration & Finance Committee recommend the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for windstorm and hail insurance for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Submitted & Mike Rendon
Reviewed by: Director of Safety and Security

Final Approval by: 
Jorge Cruz-Aedo
Chief Executive Officer



Subject: Adopt a Revised 2019 Emergency Preparedness Policy

Background

It is the responsibility of the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) to take measures to safeguard passengers, personnel, and the general public, and also to protect transportation vehicles and facilities. As a public employer, the CCRTA assists before, during and immediately after an emergency situation.

The CEO designates which individuals will be assigned to both the City and County Emergency Operation Centers (EOC). CCRTA's current Emergency Preparedness Board Policy was last revised on May 2, 2018 and originally adopted by the Board of Directors on May 30, 2000.

Identified Need

As a public entity, the CCRTA is a critical component in the network of public sector employers that are responsible for providing essential services to this community. Transportation services are needed even more when there are community disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, ice storms, flooding, or other disastrous weather conditions or non-weather-related emergencies, such as chemical accidents, and emergencies that constitute a threat to the citizens of Corpus Christi, as determined by the EOC or the CEO.

The CCRTA's CEO or his designee is responsible for initiating and directing all emergency efforts. The CEO declares when emergency procedures will be activated. Members of the Executive Management Team are responsible for ensuring that all employees are aware of proper emergency procedures and abide by guidelines provided in the CCRTA's Emergency Preparedness Plan.

The revised Emergency Response Board Policy (Attachment A) guides CCRTA personnel in preparing for emergencies. The 2019 Emergency Response Board Policy was modified to update position titles, to clarify employee roles and potential pay.

Financial Impact

This item has no budgetary cost impact in itself but if an evacuation order is given the cost would be eligible for reimbursement by FEMA.

Recommendation

Staff requests the Administration & Finance Committee recommend the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee to Adopt the 2019 Emergency Preparedness Policy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed & Submitted by: Mike Rendón
Director of Safety & Security

Final Approval by: 
Jorge Cruz-Aedo
Chief Executive Officer



CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

**CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD POLICY**

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS POLICY

I. **PURPOSE:** This Emergency Preparedness Policy ("Policy") outlines the responsibilities of employees of the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) in case of emergencies and/or disasters (collectively referenced herein as "emergency"). This Policy is not intended to conflict with the CCRTA Emergency Response Plan (the "Plan"), which is issued annually.

The CCRTA includes within its service area the cities of Corpus Christi, Agua Dulce, Banquete, Bishop, Driscoll, Port Aransas, Robstown, Gregory and San Patricio, Texas, as well as all unincorporated areas of Nueces County. The purpose of this Policy is to provide for emergency preparedness and evacuation services in these communities within the RTA's service area relating to hurricanes and other emergencies requiring evacuation. The CCRTA has a responsibility to work cooperatively with the City of Corpus Christi and the Nueces County Emergency Management Offices ("EMO"). Each community will provide staff or designated volunteers as necessary in order to help coordinate the evacuation and provide security and traffic control as necessary. Such services shall include registration of evacuees, security and traffic control, water and snacks, and health services, as needed.

The CCRTA agrees to provide emergency evacuation services upon the occurrence of a hurricane or other emergency in order to transport residents to designated Evacuation HUB sites in the CCRTA's service area and return individuals to their communities after the areas have been cleared for return. In the event of an emergency declaration by the County Judge of Nueces County as a result of the imminent threat of a hurricane or other disaster, a community may notify the CCRTA's CEO or designee of the need for emergency evacuation services, and the CEO or designee will provide transportation services to transport individuals to an emergency HUB determined by the CCRTA. The CCRTA will provide an appropriate number of additional vehicles for special needs transportation as it has available. In the event sustained wind speeds are greater than or equal to 35 miles per hour prior to, during, or after landfall or water levels or other conditions become unsafe, buses shall not operate due to safety reasons. The CEO or designee is delegated the authority, in his or her complete discretion and judgement under the circumstances existing at that time, to determine which buses and staffing should be made available to provide these services.

While CCRTA will not knowingly jeopardize lives and property in an emergency support or relief effort, the EMO may call upon CCRTA to provide services for the benefit of the general public during emergencies, including transportation services the EMO may request before, during and after an emergency. By providing employees with clear expectations of their responsibilities in emergency situations, CCRTA can most effectively and efficiently provide these necessary services.

CCRTA POLICIES REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE WORKING OR ON-CALL THROUGHOUT ALL PHASES OF AN EMERGENCY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROHIBITIONS AGAINST WORKING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

II. APPLICATION: This Policy applies to **ALL** CCRTA employees, including part-time and temporary employees. Failing to acknowledge receipt of this Policy does not constitute a waiver of adherence to this Policy.

III. DEFINITIONS:

1. **“Emergency Event”** as referenced in this policy, emergency event refers to natural and man-made events, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, ice storms, flooding, or other disastrous weather conditions or non-weather-related emergencies, such as chemical accidents, and emergencies that constitute a threat to the citizens of Corpus Christi, as determined by the EMO or the CEO. An Emergency Event is considered an emergency response activity as used in section 7(o) (3) (A) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (“FLSA”).

2. **“Essential Positions”** are those held by employees who are required to be available to work during the preparation stage, during the emergency event and/or immediately after the emergency event.

3. **“Essential Employees”** are those persons filling Essential Positions and who volunteer to work during emergencies and may not evacuate without an approved waiver or the CEO’s express authorization to leave.

4. **“Step up”** employees are those who are not employed in essential positions, but who are designated to work during the emergency and thereby become essential employees. Step up employees, once assigned to become an essential employee, become subject to all the policies and procedures as though they were originally employed in essential positions. References to Essential Employees in this Policy includes step up employees.

5. **“Employee Refuge of Last Resort”** refers to one or more physical locations designated by CCRTA as emergency living locations where essential employees will shelter in place until the emergency ends.

6. **“Emergency Operations Center”** or “EOC,” as used herein references the designated location(s) from which the CEO or his/her designee and other key personnel will direct operations during the Activation Phase, Condition 3. (For purposes of an actual emergency or disaster the governmental entity controlling the effort may utilize a different term.)

IV. PHASES OF THE EMERGENCY EVENT: The CEO has the authority to declare that the Plan is activated or that conditions otherwise warrant the use of this Policy. The CEO or his/her designees will give notice to employees of the status of the activation and changes to the phases of the Plan as declared by the CEO or his/her designees or the EMO.

A. **Beginning of the Disaster Vulnerability Season:** Condition 4. Condition 4 refers to situations which cause a higher degree of disaster possibility than is normally present. Condition 4 automatically goes into effect at the beginning of the hurricane season (June 1st through November 30th each year), or other general conditions, such as fire threat due to severe drought. During Condition 4, the City and CCRTA will initiate general increased readiness activities, submit all

updated plans and utilize the media and other sources to recommend various protective actions to the public.

1) All employees will be given a deadline by which to submit a waiver from serving as an essential employee.

B. Condition 3 - Readiness Phase: Activation of Condition 3 signifies CCRTA-Wide procedures are necessary and hazardous conditions could develop which present a greater potential threat than Condition 4, but with no immediate threat to life or property. Condition 3 might be generated by events such as a hurricane, tornado, or severe thunderstorm watch, or the presence of hazardous material in transit through the City. Condition 3 will be declared when the course of a hurricane has been established and the National Weather Service predicts a likely landfall within 36 hours and/or within 100 miles of Corpus Christi. Condition 3 has the probability of moving to Condition 2.

1) **All employees must report to work as scheduled prior to an Emergency Event, unless on leave approved by the Department Head or otherwise expressly instructed. CCRTA will make every effort to cancel services early enough to allow employees to safely secure themselves, their families, and properties.** However, emergencies by their very nature are unpredictable and CCRTA makes no guarantees.

2) Approved scheduled leave that conflicts with an employee's assigned responsibilities during the emergency will be cancelled. Department Heads will reassess and determine whether to cancel personal leaves and return the employees to work. Cancelled leave will be rescheduled at the Department Head's discretion.

3) During Condition 3, essential employees who have agreed to work during the Emergency Event may, with the approval of the Department Head, utilize personal leave, or leave without pay if their paid leave has been exhausted, to secure their families and property. Essential employees must return to work as instructed.

4) All employees must update their emergency contact information when acknowledging this Policy and as soon as an emergency is threatened. Employees who are not sheltering in a designated CCRTA Employee Refuge of Last Resort must provide CCRTA with a phone number and/or location where they can be reached immediately after the Emergency Event, or when the EMO announces the Return to Duty Phase. (Even after complying with this requirement, employees are still required to "call in" or "report" to work when the Return to Work phase is announced.)

5) After securing all CCRTA property, Department Heads will release non-essential employees to evacuate if they choose to do so. **Non-essential employees should secure personal leave prior to evacuating to cover unplanned time off in the event they are unable to return to work in a timely manner upon the announcement of the Return to Duty Phase by the CEO or EMO.**

6) Employees who have not secured approved leave prior to evacuating will be expected to return to work at their next regularly scheduled shift upon the announcement of the Return to Duty

phase. Failure to report to work may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination. **It is the responsibility of employees to call 361-289-3585, if in doubt about their report status.**

C. **Condition 2 - Essential Services Phase:** Condition 2 will be declared by the EMO to identify a hazardous situation which has a significant potential and probability of causing loss of life and/or damage to property. Condition 2 may be triggered by a hurricane, tornado or severe thunderstorm warning, or any other notification of the existence of a direct threat, such as a toxic material spill, major fire, growing civil disturbance, etc. Condition 2 will be declared when the National Weather Service indicates the possibility of a hurricane landfall will be close enough to cause damaging winds or rising tides in Corpus Christi in the next 24 hours.

- 1) The CEO or his/her designee will declare that this Policy is in effect.
- 2) As stated in the Plan, Department Heads are responsible for the security and protection of CCRTA property within their immediate areas of responsibility during an Emergency Event or severe weather. The CEO or his/her designees may also direct Department Heads to assist in any other areas deemed necessary for the protection of CCRTA property.
- 3) At the beginning of Condition 2, the CCRTA's EOC Liaison will advise all Department Heads of the location of the Employee Refuge(s) of Last Resort designated for use by CCRTA essential employees.
- 4) All essential employees, not on duty, will report to work upon the declaration of Condition 2, unless advised otherwise by the Department Head or the CEO. Employees must advise the Department Head or his/her designee of the phone number and/or location where they can be reached, if not required to report to work during the Emergency Event. Non-essential employees may be released at this time, and are required to report back to work as outlined in the Return to Duty Phase.

D. **Activation Phase:** Condition 1 is declared when hazardous conditions or a major Emergency Event are imminent. Events such as a hurricane making landfall predicted in 12 hours or less, tornado strike, large explosion, widespread civil disturbance, damaging tides, or other similar events will constitute a "Condition One" declaration.

For the safety of CCRTA personnel and property, only extreme emergency activities should occur during this period of time.

- 1) The CEO or his/her designee will staff the EOC and inform CCRTA staff of the status of the emergency.
- 2) The CEO or his/her designee will provide emergency services as necessary.
- 3) The CEO or his/her designee will oversee all final preparations if to do so will not knowingly jeopardize the safety of personnel or property.

4) The CEO or his/her designee will oversee the safety of operations to protect employees, equipment and the community.

When emergency conditions have abated, employees may be released temporarily to return to their homes and secure their property with requirements to return to duty or remain on-call. Even if temporarily released, employees are expected to refrain from using alcohol and/or controlled substances while on-call or subject to being recalled or any activity that would make them unfit to return to duty. Violation of this policy will lead to discipline up to and including termination.

E. Return to Duty Phase: The announcement of the Return to Duty phase will be made by the CEO or the EMO. Each employee will meet their responsibility as a CCRTA team member by reporting to work to assist in restoring normal services to the community as soon as safely possible.

1) CCRTA employees are expected to monitor their cell phones and emails to determine whether the Return to Duty Phase has been announced by the CEO or the EMO and can call 361-289-3585 to determine whether the Return to Duty Phase has been announced. If the Return to Duty Phase has been announced for Corpus Christi City Employees, CCRTA employees should also return to duty, as the announcement also applies to CCRTA employees.

2) Following the announcement of the Return to Duty Phase, all employees who have not secured leave will report to work at the start of their next regularly scheduled shift unless otherwise directed by their Department Head to call in or report sooner. **Employees who have prior approved leave must still call in.**

3) Employees who cannot report at the start of the next regularly scheduled shift are required to call in and speak with their supervisor/manager **as soon as possible but in no event less than two (2) hours before** the time the employee's next regularly scheduled shift is scheduled to begin. Bus operators must comply with regular Transportation Department guidelines.

4) **It is important that Department Heads have an accurate assessment of their staffing levels while business returns to normal. Failure to report or call in will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination depending on the circumstances and with concurrence of the Director of Human Resources and the CEO.**

RESPONSIBILITIES:

CEO and Department Heads:

CEO: The CEO and Department Heads share the responsibility to communicate the implementation of the Plan to all CCRTA employees.

The CEO shall select the CCRTA EOC liaison and communicate the selection internally and to all agencies which need to know the identity of the EOC Liaison.

Department Heads:

- 1) Each Department Head is responsible for identifying the positions which are required to work during the Emergency Event. Department lists will be included in the Plan on June 1 of each year.
- 2) Department Heads will ensure that a meeting is held with their employees prior to June 30 of each year to discuss and ensure employees understand their responsibilities as part of the Plan and this Policy.
- 3) Department Heads must maintain an up-to-date list designating the essential and non-essential positions in their department, including the names, phone numbers, and locations of where each employee will personally shelter. A copy of each Department's list must be provided to Human Resources at the beginning of Condition 2. Operators will step up on a first come-first serve basis. In the event fewer operators step up than are needed, operators will be involuntarily stepped up in reverse order of seniority.
- 4) Each Department Head will reassess all personal leave at the beginning of Condition 3 and maintain a list of all personnel on approved leave at the beginning of Condition 2.
- 5) Department Heads will ensure that all applicants interviewed within their departments are provided with this Policy.

Supervisor Responsibilities:

- 1) Supervisors are responsible for the support and implementation of this Policy in a consistent and fair manner. Supervisors may initiate disciplinary action, with the concurrence of the Department Head, for failure to adhere with this Policy.
- 2) Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that each employee under their supervision correctly completes and signs his/her Emergency Preparedness Acknowledgement Form with the employee's position assignment correctly designated as "Essential" or "Non-Essential."
- 3) Supervisors, in conjunction with Department Heads, are responsible for explaining the responsibilities of employees under this Policy.

All CCRTA Employees' Responsibilities:

- 1) Every CCRTA employee is responsible for knowing his/her designation as essential or non-essential and his/her responsibilities under this Policy.
- 2) Unless instructed otherwise by the Department Head, all employees must assist with securing CCRTA property prior to the emergency/disaster.

3) **Compliance with this Policy is mandatory.** Every employee is responsible for complying with the procedures and deadlines as outlined in this Policy, and the requirements relating to Waiver Request Forms.

4) Employees are required to phone in or check in personally with their Department Head on their own initiative, within a reasonable time after learning the Return to Duty Phase has been announced. Employees who do not have a telephone are not excused from this requirement.

5) Every employee is required to work their regular work schedule through the Readiness Phase. Employees on personal leave may be required to cancel previously approved leave. Failure to report to work may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

6) Every employee is responsible for timely reporting to his/her Department Head, or designee, as directed under the Return to Duty Phase of this Policy and showing up for work. Failure to report to work at the employee’s next regularly scheduled shift may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Human Resources Responsibilities:

Human Resources will provide general information about this Policy to applicants and upon hiring and will obtain the initial acknowledgement form. Human Resources will provide general assistance to the CEO and Department Heads in the implementation and handling of duties set out herein. It will coordinate disciplinary actions, review and approval of waivers and determine pay issues.

DESIGNATION OF ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL POSITIONS: All employees/positions will be classified as either “Essential” or “Non-Essential.”

1) **Essential Positions:** EMPLOYEES HOLDING THE FOLLOWING ESSENTIAL POSITIONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE TO WORK DURING THE READINESS AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES PHASES AND/OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EMERGENCY EVENT. **ESSENTIAL POSITIONS MAY NOT EVACUATE WITHOUT A WAIVER FROM THE CEO OF CCRTA.**

ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES ARE:

Chief Executive Officer
Managing Director of Administration
Managing Director of Operations
Managing Director of Customer Services
Director of Transportation
Director of Marketing
Director of Safety & Security
Director of Planning (<i>OEM Representative-City</i>)
Director of Maintenance
Assistant Director of Maintenance
Director of IT

Director of Human Resources
Director of Finance
Director of Procurement
DBE/EEO Compliance Officer
Lead Dispatcher
Dispatchers*
Bus Operators*
Road Operations Monitors*
Transportation Supervisors*
Vehicle Maintenance Technicians*
Garage Service Technicians*
Training Instructors*
Sr. Transit Planner*
Outreach Coordinator*
Planning Data Technician*
IT Systems Administrator*
Vehicle Electronics Technician*
Customer Service Supervisor
Facilities Building Manager
Facilities Maintenance Technician Lead
Facilities Maintenance Technicians II*

*Additional information is listed below with the breakdown of how many employees will be utilized from the essential category.

OPERATIONS EMERGENCY PERSONNEL (Fixed Route, Paratransit, and Other Services) – The following are considered necessary emergency positions which will be staffed as indicated.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

- Essential on-duty 24/7 (Pre-Emergency Event to End)
 - Director of Maintenance
 - Assistant Director of Maintenance
 - 2 Vehicle Mechanics
 - 1-2 Garage service technicians (GST)
 - Maintenance Manager of Contracted Services
- Post-event service levels (Limited or Full) – staff quantity and shift(s) to be determined by CCRTA

OPERATIONS

- Essential on-duty 24/7 (Pre-Emergency Event to End)
 - Managing Director of Operations
 - Director of Transportation
 - 3 Operations Supervisors

- Essential on-duty (Event) – staff quantity and shift(s) to be determined by CCRTA
 - 1-3 Road Monitors
 - 1-2 Dispatchers
 - 1-5 Operators
- Essential on-duty (Post-Emergency Event – 24 hours or less) – staff quantity and shift(s) to be determined by CCRTA
 - 1-3 Instructors
 - 1-3 Road Monitors
 - 1-4 Dispatchers
 - 1-30 Operators
- Post-event service levels (Limited or Full) – staff quantity and shift(s) to be determined by CCRTA
 - Sunday level service
 - 17(L)-30(F) Operators
 - Saturday level service
 - 54(L)-72(F) Operators
 - Weekday service
 - 78(L)-105(F) Operators

PLANNING

- Essential on-duty 24/7 (Pre-Emergency Event to End)
 - Director of Planning (EOC)
 - Senior Transit Planner (SSC)
- Essential on-duty (post event) – shift(s) to be determined by RTA
 - Outreach Coordinator
 - Planning Technician

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Essential on-duty 24/7 (Pre-Emergency Event to End)
 - Director of IT (SSC)
 - IT Systems Administrator (BL)
 - 1 – Vehicle Electronics Technician (BL) (1st option Voluntary basis/2nd option Lowest Seniority for selection)

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

- Essential on-duty 24/7 (Pre-Emergency Event to End)
 - Facilities Building Manager
 - Facilities Maintenance Technician Lead
 - 4 – Facilities Maintenance Technicians II

2) Non-Essential Positions: Employees will be held in violation of this Policy if they do not call in when the Return to Duty Phase is announced and/or if they fail to return to scheduled work at the next regularly scheduled shift after the CEO or EMO has announced the Return to Duty Phase. Employees who evacuate must obtain approved leave from their Department Head *prior to*

evacuating to ensure their absence from work after the Return to Duty Phase begins is considered an excused absence; otherwise, the employee will be held in violation of this Policy for not reporting timely for work.

The following positions are designated as Non-Essential:

Custodian I
Interns
Custodian II
Receptionist (FT/PT)
Maintenance Technician I
Revenue Counters
Customer Service Representatives
Parts Clerks
Junior Buyer
Mechanic's Assistant
Marketing Communication Liaison
Human Resources Technician
IT Systems Technician
Payroll Coordinator
Senior Administrative Assistant
Safety Coordinator
Procurement Administrator
Customer Service Advocate
Eligibility Coordinator
Executive Administrative Assistant
Garage Service Supervisor
Human Resources Analyst
DBE Certification Specialist
Marketing Production Coordinator
Mechanic Supervisor
Accountant
Budget Analyst
Comptroller
Accounts Payable Specialist

The CCRTA reserves the right to amend the designation of positions as Essential and Non-Essential based on the operational needs of the CCRTA.

Waivers for Essential Positions:

1) Making Request: Employees who have personal circumstances which affect their ability to work during any phase of an Emergency Event must file an annual Waiver Request to be excused from fulfilling essential position or essential employee responsibilities. The Waiver Request Form must be filed by the due date stated on the Waiver Request Form. An employee denied the

approval of a Waiver may appeal through CCRTA's grievance process. If a life-changing event occurs during the course of the year, CCRTA will consider waiving the initial deadline. However, the same stipulations will be considered and additional documentation may be requested.

2) Review of Requests: Waiver Requests will be initially reviewed and approved by the Department Head. All forms, including those not approved, will be forwarded to Human Resources within three (3) working days of the Department Head's approval or non-approval. Waiver Request Forms will be maintained by the Human Resources Department and filed in the employee's file at the end of hurricane season. Human Resources will review all forms that are not approved.

3) Waiver Considerations: Department Heads will consider the following factors in approving Waiver Requests:

- a) Is the employee a single parent with primary responsibility for children under the age of 18, or for the care of elderly family members, for whom other care arrangements cannot be made?
- b) Does the employee or the employee's family member for whom the employee is primarily responsible have a chronic, serious health condition or a physical disability?
- c) Does the employee have children under the age of 18 or who have physical disabilities and his/her spouse also works for CCRTA in an essential position?
- d) Is the employee married to an employee of the City of Corpus Christi, other governmental entity, or hospital in an essential position and has children under the age of 18 or who are disabled?

4) Documentation: CCRTA reserves the right to request confirming documentation regarding the validity of the Waiver Request and Form. Failure to timely submit requested documentation will result in denial of the Waiver Request. Appeal rights will not be applicable.

Policy Violations:

The following conduct or inaction will be held in violation of this policy:

- a) Refusing to perform assigned duties required by this Policy, or to obey any order or direction made or given by a supervisor;
- b) Failing to report for duty as directed during any applicable phase of this Policy, including instances where the employee is unable to return to duty without violating CCRTA's prohibition against working under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances;
- c) Failing to abide by CCRTA rules and regulations; and
- d) Failing to administer this Policy.

Emergency Event Pay:

The CEO shall have the authority to grant additional pay to compensate both exempt and non-exempt employees who worked during an Emergency Event. The CEO has broad discretion in determining whether to grant Emergency Event pay and the method of calculating it, in addition to that required by the FLSA, including the use of compensatory time off.

Generally, operators and mechanics will be divided into crews and work 12-hours on and 12-hours off. To the extent possible, the 12-hours off is personal time to eat, relax and rest. If you are on 12-hours off, you are expected to sleep so that you will be rested for your 12-hours on. To the extent possible, you may be allowed to leave, but verify that you have been released or are allowed to leave the premises. The right to leave will change as conditions worsen.

A. **Exempt Employees:**

- 1) Upon activation of this Policy by the CEO, exempt employees who work over 40 actual work hours (as opposed to rest time) in a workweek will be eligible to receive compensatory time off for each hour actually worked over 40 hours in the workweek.
- 2) Compensatory time off reported must be verified and approved by the Department Head.
- 3) Emergency Event compensatory time off must be scheduled and used within 60 days of the date the Return to Duty Phase is announced.
- 4) This provision for exempt employees may be modified or inactivated by the CEO with written notice to the Department Heads.

B. **Non-Exempt Employees (hourly):**

- 1) Non-exempt employees who are required to report to work after the Essential Services Phase has been declared shall be paid a minimum of three (3) hours or the number of actual hours worked, whichever is greater.
- 2) At the election of the CEO, actual hours worked under this Policy after the Essential Services Phase has been declared may be compensated at the overtime rate of one and one-half times the employee's base hourly rate in cash or in compensatory time off in lieu of cash.
- 3) When compensated in cash, actual hours worked directly related to an Emergency Event shall be compensated in cash as follows:

Example: An hourly employee who is paid \$10 an hour works during an Emergency Event covering two (2) workweeks.

In the first workweek, the employee worked a total of 48 hours, 35 hours before the Emergency Event and 13 hours after Condition 2 was declared. In Workweek 1, the employee will earn 35 hours at \$10 an hour plus 13 hours at \$15 an hour. (In a non-emergency situation, the employee would have earned the overtime rate for only eight (8) hours of overtime.)

In Workweek 2, the employee worked 30 hours after Condition 2 was declared as part of his total of 40 hours. The employee will be paid 30 hours

at \$15 an hour and 10 hours at \$10 an hour. (The employee was not otherwise entitled to any overtime pay.)

- 4) By your signature to this Policy, you agree that CCRTA may also choose to compensate you for working an Emergency Event with compensatory time off in lieu of cash. Compensatory time off will be earned at a rate not less than one and one-half hours for each overtime hour worked.

Example: An hourly employee who is paid \$10 an hour works during an Emergency Event covering two (2) workweeks.

In the first workweek, the employee worked 35 hours before Condition 3 was declared and 13 hours after for a total of 48 hours and may be compensated 35 hours at \$10 an hour plus five (5) hours at \$15 an hour, and will also accrue eight (8) hours X 1.5 or 12 hours of compensatory time off.

In Workweek 2, the employee worked 30 Emergency Event hours as part of his total of 40 hours. The employee will be paid 30 hours times \$15 an hour and 10 hours at \$10 an hour. Because there was no overtime (time in excess of 40 in the workweek), employee was not entitled to any compensatory time off.

- 5) Emergency Event compensatory time off must be scheduled and used within 60 days of the date the Return to Duty Phase is announced. Employees may use the compensatory time off upon reasonable request that does not unduly disrupt operations when considering the normal schedule of work, anticipated peak workloads based on past experience, emergency requirements for staff and services, and the availability of qualified substitute staff for his/her duties. If a Department Head reasonably and in good faith anticipates that the request for time off would impose an unreasonable burden on CCRTA's ability to provide services of acceptable quality and quantity for the public, the request may be denied and postponed to a fitting time.

- 6) Compensatory time off earned for emergency response activity may not exceed 240 hours.

- 7) When used, compensatory time off is not counted as hours worked or included in the calculation of overtime in the workweek taken.

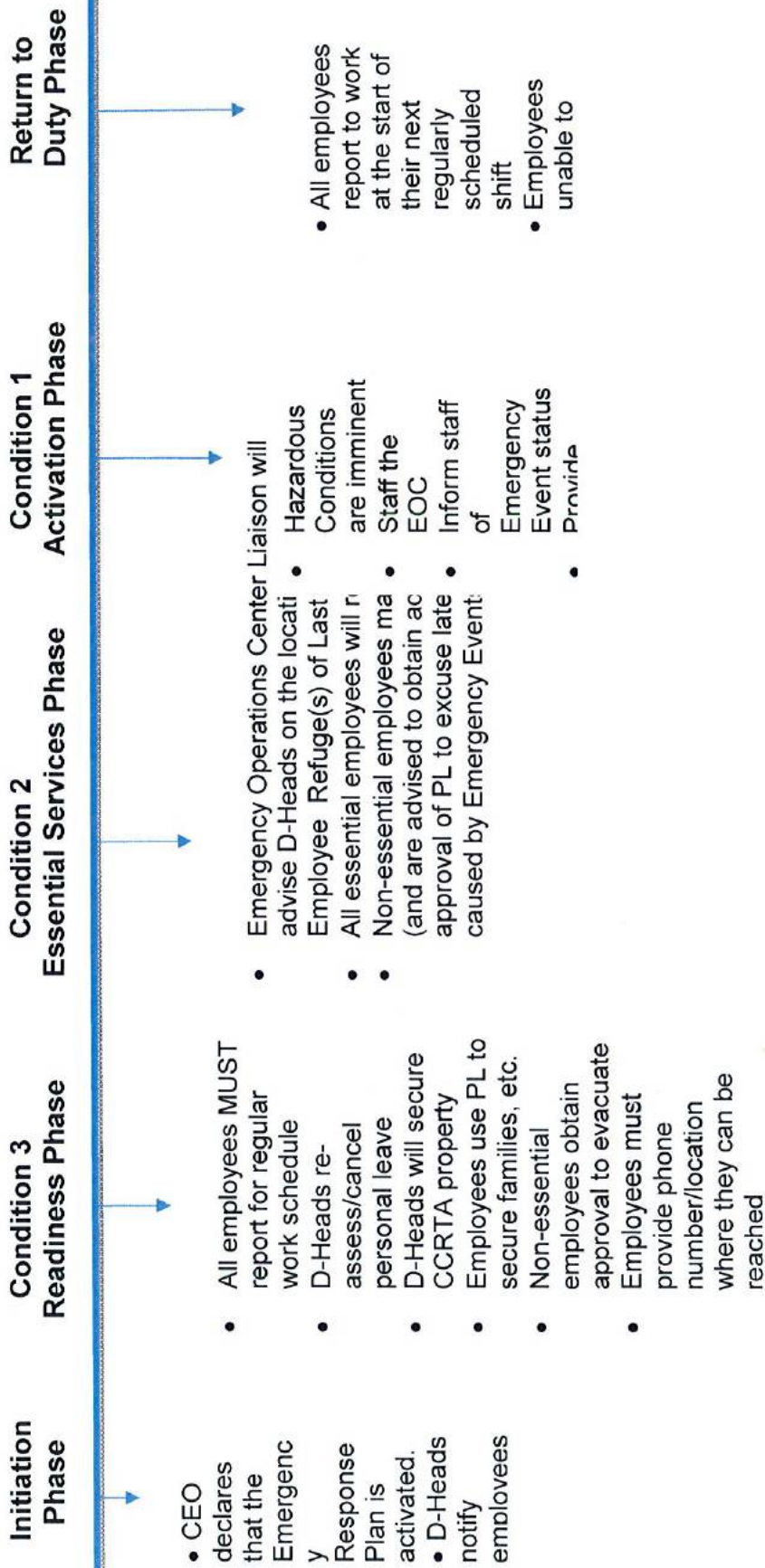
- 8) CCRTA reserves the right to pay out compensatory time off accrued, including pay out occurring at separation. Compensatory time off will be paid at the employee's hourly rate at the time of pay out or the average regular rate the employee earned over the three-year period preceding the pay-out, whichever is greater.

Conflicts: This Policy is not intended to conflict with any state, federal, or CCRTA policy or practice. The CCRTA reserves the right to amend this Policy.

Adopted: May 30, 2000

Amended: May 6, 2015; May 4, 2016; April 5, 2017; May 2, 2018; May 1, 2019

Emergency Preparedness Phases





Subject: Authorize Executing and Submitting Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 2019 Certifications and Assurances

Background

Since 1995, the FTA has been consolidating the various Certifications and Assurances that may be required of its grant applicants and their projects into a single document for publication in the Federal Register. FTA also requires a current compliance with the obligations imposed by the Certifications and Assurances that are selected (see attached "FTA FISCAL YEAR 2019 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES").

The annual Certifications and Assurances for federal fiscal year 2019 (October 2018 through September 2019) covers all projects for which the CCRTA seeks funding for in 2019. All applicants for FTA formula program, capital investment program assistance, and current FTA grantees with an active project financed with FTA formula program or capital investment program assistance, are expected to provide the 2019 Certifications and Assurances within 90 days from the date of the Federal Register publication. The 2019 Certifications and Assurances were published in the Federal Register on March 19, 2019.

There are 18 categories within the annual Certifications and Assurances that the CCRTA must agree to comply with before federal funding can be received from the FTA. These are noted below:

01. Certifications and Assurance Required of Every Applicant
02. Tax Liability and Felony Convictions
03. Lobbying
04. Private Sector Protections
05. Transit Asset Management Plan
06. Rolling Stock Buy America Reviews and Bus Testing
07. Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program
08. Formula Grants for Rural Areas
09. Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants and the Expedited Project Delivery for Capital Investment Grants Pilot Program
10. Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment Grant Programs
11. Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Programs
12. State of Good Repair Grants
13. Infrastructure Finance Programs
14. Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing
15. Rail Safety Training and Oversight
16. Demand Responsive Service
17. Interest and Financing Costs
18. Construction Hiring Preferences

By signing the annual Certifications and Assurances, the CCRTA understands and agrees that every provision in these Certifications and Assurances may not apply to it or to every project for which FTA provides federal financial assistance through a grant agreement. The type of project and the section of the statute authorizing federal financial assistance for the project will determine which requirements apply.

Identified Need

Before FTA may award a federal grant to the CCRTA, the CCRTA must submit all Certifications and Assurances pertaining to itself and its projects as required by federal laws and regulations. FTA requires the CCRTA to obtain a current affirmation signed by the agency's attorney affirming CCRTA's legal authority to certify its compliance with the FTA Certifications and Assurances that CCRTA has selected.

Financial Impact

None

Board Priority

This item aligns with Board Priority – Public Image & Transparency

Recommendation

Staff requests the Administration & Finance Committee recommend the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer and CCRTA's Attorney, John Bell, to execute the Federal Transit Administration's Fiscal Year 2019 Certifications and Assurances.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed & Submitted by: Robert M. Saldaña
Managing Director of Administration

Approval: 
Jorge Cruz-Aedo
Chief Executive Officer

FTA FISCAL YEAR 2019 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR FTA ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

(Signature pages alternate to providing Certifications and Assurances in TrAMS.)

Name of Applicant: _____

The Applicant certifies to the applicable provisions of categories 01–18. _____

Or,

The Applicant certifies to the applicable provisions of the categories it has selected:

Category	Certification
01 Certifications and Assurances Required of Every Applicant	_____
02 Tax Liability and Felony Convictions	_____
03 Lobbying	_____
04 Private Sector Protections	_____
05 Transit Asset Management Plan	_____
06 Rolling Stock Buy America Reviews and Bus Testing	_____
07 Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program	_____
08 Formula Grants for Rural Areas	_____
09 Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants and the Expedited Project Delivery for Capital Investment Grants Pilot Program	_____
10 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment Grant Programs	_____
11 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Programs	_____
12 State of Good Repair Grants	_____
13 Infrastructure Finance Programs	_____
14 Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing	_____
15 Rail Safety Training and Oversight	_____
16 Demand Responsive Service	_____
17 Interest and Financing Costs	_____
18 Construction Hiring Preferences	_____

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019 FTA CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES
SIGNATURE PAGE

(Required of all Applicants for federal assistance to be awarded by FTA in FY 2019)

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Name of the Applicant: _____

BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that it has duly authorized me to make these Certifications and Assurances and bind its compliance. Thus, it agrees to comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements, follow applicable federal guidance, and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing page applicable to each application its Authorized Representative makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in federal fiscal year 2019, irrespective of whether the individual that acted on his or her Applicant's behalf continues to represent it.

FTA intends that the Certifications and Assurances the Applicant selects on the other side of this document should apply to each Award for which it now seeks, or may later seek federal assistance to be awarded during federal fiscal year 2019.

The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the Certifications and Assurances it has selected in the statements submitted with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31, apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with a federal public transportation program authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other statute

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing Certifications and Assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and accurate.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Name _____ Authorized Representative of Applicant

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

For (Name of Applicant): _____

As the undersigned Attorney for the above-named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has authority under state, local, or tribal government law, as applicable, to make and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the Certifications and Assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on it.

I further affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these Certifications and Assurances, or of the performance of its FTA assisted Award.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Name _____ Attorney for Applicant

Each Applicant for federal assistance to be awarded by FTA must provide an Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney pertaining to the Applicant's legal capacity. The Applicant may enter its electronic signature in lieu of the Attorney's signature within TrAMS, provided the Applicant has on file and uploaded to TrAMS this hard-copy Affirmation, signed by the attorney and dated this federal fiscal year.



Subject: Approve Issuing an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Two four post Wireless Mobile Column Lifts

Background

The RTA Maintenance Department facility currently houses eight bays and five stationary vehicle lifts. Lifts undergo monthly equipment Preventative Maintenance Inspections (PMI) or repairs and are out of service to vehicle Technicians, causing disruptions in vehicle servicing. A four-post wireless mobile column lift allows for bays without equipment to be used and thus maximize the existing square footage allotted to maintain rolling stock.

Identified Need

The CCRTA Maintenance Department is responsible for maintaining a fleet of 70 buses (35' - 40'). Four post wireless mobile column lifts have an 18,500-pound weight capacity and are able to accommodate any size wheel base. Wireless mobile lifts offer the flexibility of being powered with single phase, three phase, or a battery system.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

Staff will review DBE and collaborate with the successful bidder to pursue DBE participation, including subcontracting opportunities.

Financial Impact

The Four Post Wireless Mobile Column Lift project is budgeted for \$80,000 and is a 2019 CIP project funded partially by 5307 Formula Funds. The local match is 20% with an estimated cost of \$16,000, and a federal estimated cost of \$64,000.

Board Priority

This item aligns with the Board Priority – Budget: Service delivery is aligned with the budget

Recommendation

Staff requests the Operations & Capital Projects Committee recommend the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee to Approve Issuing an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for Two (2) Four Post Wireless Mobile Column Lifts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Submitted by: Bryan Garner
Director of Maintenance

Reviewed by: Jennifer Fehribach
Managing Director of Operations

Final Approval by: 

Jorge Cruz-Aedo
Chief Executive Officer



Subject: Authorize Exercising the First Option Year with Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC for Bus Tire Leasing and Service Charges

Background

CCRTA utilizes a contractor for tire leasing and service charges for the bus fleet. Tires are leased based on actual miles driven and have a minimum operating tread depth, front 4/32nds and rear 2/32nds.

A contracted Tire Technician provides a turnkey service to include; conduct monthly inventory, document all tire transactions, mount and dismount tires, repair damaged tires, ensure proper tire pressure, and identify/mitigate tire related concerns. In addition, the contractor is responsible for the disposal of scrap tires in accordance with all state and federal laws.

CCRTA staff analyzed performing services in-house. However, the high capital investment and implementation cost, additional staffing and liability of scrap tire disposal, were deemed not to be cost effective.

Identified Need

On June 1, 2016, the Board of Directors approved the award of a contract for Bus Tire Leasing and Service Charges to Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC. The contract is structured as a three-year base with two (2) one-year options, option years requiring Board of Directors approval.

The turnkey service ensures a specialized technician, trained on current and new advances, will maintain the fleet's tires to industry standards; tire wear, alignment, repair or replacement due to road hazards, tire installs and demounting processes.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

Staff will review DBE and collaborate with the successful bidder to pursue DBE participation, including subcontracting opportunities.

Financial Impact

Total estimated cost is \$228,161.58 and is budgeted in the FY2019 Operating Budget. Actual expenditures are determined by usage.

- Estimated annual tire lease: \$155,273.58
- Estimated annual tire specialist service charge: \$72,888.00

Bus Tire Leasing and Service Charges				
DESCRIPTION	LEASE RATE PER MILE	ESTIMATED FLEET MILES	ESTIMATED COST PER TIRE	ESTIMATED FLEET LEASE (INCLUDES EST. SPARES)
Tire Lease	\$ 0.00622	3,782,401	\$ 336.09	\$ 155,273.58
DESCRIPTION	SERVICE CHARGE RATE	OPTION YEAR MONTHS	ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE	
Service Charge	\$ 6,074.00	12	\$ 72,888.00	
Option Year One, Estimated Total Cost				\$ 228,161.58

Board Priority

This item aligns with the Board Priority – Budget: Service delivery is aligned with the budget

Recommendation

Staff requests the Operations & Capital Projects Committee recommend the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee to exercise the first option year with Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC for Bus Tire Leasing and Service Charges.

Respectfully Submitted,

Submitted by: Bryan Garner
Director of Maintenance

Reviewed by: Jennifer Fehribach
Managing Director of Operations

Final Approval by: 
Jorge Cruz-Aedo
Chief Executive Officer