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BTD AWARDED FY 2023 BUSES AND BUS FACILITIES/LOW-NO GRANT

BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION, TX: Monday, June 26, 2023, Brazos Transit District (BTD) was awarded \$9.65 million from the highly coveted FY 2023 Buses and Bus Facilities/Low or No Emissions (Low-No) Grant. This prestigious grant, which was awarded competitively, will enable BTD to procure cutting-edge low or no emission vehicles and equipment in partnership with Texas A&M University Transportation Services.

The FY 2023 Buses and Bus Facilities/Low-No Grant, provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is a testament to BTD, Texas A&M University, and FTA's commitment to sustainable and environmentally friendly transportation solutions. With this grant, BTD will revolutionize its fleet and take further strides toward significantly reducing emissions, improving air quality, and creating a greener future for our community. The FTA grant funds will be used to purchase electric vehicles and related equipment necessary to support the deployment of these advanced vehicles.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded the Buses and Bus Facilities/Low-No Grant," said John McBeth, President/CEO of BTD. *"This grant will enable us to add cutting-edge, environmentally-friendly vehicles to our fleet, aligning with our commitment to sustainability and the well-being of our community. We are excited to improve rider experience by providing cleaner and greener transit options for our passengers while contributing to the overall reduction of carbon emissions."*

"We are delighted to receive this grant and for the opportunity to add to the three battery electric buses we currently have in service. These additional buses will expand our electric fleet to nearly ten percent of our total bus inventory," said Peter Lange, associate vice president for Transportation Services. *"We are grateful to BTD for their commitment and dedication throughout this process and to our elected officials for their efforts in making this possible."*

BTD would like to express our gratitude for the longtime partnership with Transportation Services. We are immensely grateful for their support, and together, we remain steadfast in our mission to create a seamless and efficient transportation system that benefits our community as a whole.

As we move forward, BTD remains steadfast in its pursuit of excellence in sustainable transit operations. With the FY 2023 Buses and Bus Facilities/Low-No Grant, we are confident that we will continue to provide our community with reliable, efficient, and environmentally-conscious transportation options.

BTD would like to express our gratitude to FTA for their support and recognition of our vision for a sustainable future. We also extend our appreciation to our local, state, and federal officials who represent the Bryan and College Station region, whose unwavering commitment and hard work made this grant possible. Special thanks to Senator John Cornyn, Representative John Raney, Congressman Michael McCaul, Brazos County, Texas A&M Transportation Services, City of College Station, City of Bryan, Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living, Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce, Brazos Valley Council of Governments, and Bryan/College Station Metropolitan Planning Organization for letters of support.

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