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CTE to Help Gainesville Deploy Electric Buses

Atlanta, GA, February 2019: The Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) is working with Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS) in Gainesville, FL, to deploy two 40' GILLIG battery electric buses and two ChargePoint charging stations. CTE will provide technical support services to help reduce deployment risks, maximize service efficiency, and minimize operating costs. The zero-emission buses are expected to enter service in 2020.

RTS currently operates over 130 diesel-fueled buses in fixed-route service in the City of Gainesville and surrounding communities. RTS's service connects several local college campuses and provides the city's residential population with access to business districts and employment centers. Over the past decade ridership has increased over 20% to more than 9 million trips per year as of 2016.

The zero-emission GILLIG buses will be used to replace older diesel buses. Emissions reductions achieved through the project will help the City of Gainesville and the University of Florida reach their sustainability goals.

"It's always exciting to be a part of an agency's first battery electric bus deployment," said Blake Whitson, Engineering Consultant at CTE. "Gainesville RTS will learn things through this project that impact its fleet replacement plans. This is the first step on a path to a zero-emission transit service."

The project was made possible through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Low or No Emission Vehicle (Low-No) Program. RTS is one of six transit agencies in Florida to receive Low-No program funds, including Broward County Transit, Jacksonville Transportation Authority, and the Pinellas-Suncoast Transit Authority—which have each partnered with CTE for similar technical support services.

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