



Board of County Commissioners • Escambia County, Florida

Tonya Ellis
Mass Transit Department Director

June 18, 2021

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

ECAT Management and the local ATU 1395 have joined together in a collaborative partnership for researching the creation of a Transit Vehicle Maintenance Apprenticeship Program, with the assistance of the ATU's national resources, which are recognized throughout the transit industry as a model of how unions and management can work together to create career paths for their employees/members.

ATU International Executive Vice-President, Javier Perez, and ATU Workforce Development Coordinator, Jamaine Gibson will be here and spend June 22nd and 23rd with ECAT Management, Local ATU 1395, and ECAT technicians to assess and discuss the feasibility of establishing a Transit Vehicle Maintenance Apprenticeship Program here locally. There will be additional local partnership speakers that will also participate.

We jointly invite you to stop by at your convenience, on June 22nd, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM or June 23rd from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for the ECAT Transit Maintenance Training and Assessment Workshop. There will discussion of future battery electric presentation, funding opportunities, maintenance training and development, apprenticeship opportunities, possible local community partnerships, establishing on-the-job-training, vocational school and veteran service outreach.

We have attached a copy of the agenda for the two-day workshop. Please feel free to contact ATU Local President Mike Lowery or County Mass Transit Director Tonya Ellis if you have any questions about this exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Tonya Ellis
Escambia County Mass Transit Director



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Lowery".

Michael Lowery
President / Business Agent
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1395

