



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 5, 2025

TO: TARTA Board of Trustees

FROM: Kattie Bond, Director of Capital Projects

CC: Laura Koprowski, Chief Executive Officer
James Karasek, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: MOU with NEORide to develop a Zero-Emissions Workforce Development Program and Training for Member Agencies

TARTA is a recipient of FTA's 2024 Low-No grant, a collaborative effort organized by the Ohio Department of Transportation for several transit agencies in Ohio. This collaboration resulted in TARTA being awarded Eleven Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Thirty-One dollars (\$11,363,131) for the purchase of ten (10) Electric Vehicles (EV), with a portion of said grant set, at \$568,157 allocated towards workforce development.

Part of this collaboration included the Ohio Department of Transportation undertaking Zero-Emissions Work Force Development (WFD) program for all participating agencies. This (WFD) work was subsequently contracted to NEORide and CALSTART who will provide project management support, as well as development of the WFD program.

TARTA as an active and represented member of NEORide will transfer portions of the Low-No grant relating to workforce development to NEORide and CALSTART. To effectively enable this transfer, it has become necessary for TARTA and NEORide to sign this MOU to begin all associated work relating to developing the WFD program. It is worth noting that all associated costs related to this MOU will be funded with grants with TARTA's responsibility limited to the local match.

As an active member of NEORide, TARTA, will have full access to all training curriculums and materials developed as part of this effort, including project management support whenever necessary.

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Again, for all of the above stated benefits, TARTA will be responsible for \$191,631 in total contribution for which most of this funding will be part of the grant awarded for this purpose.

