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## **SPECIAL TAC Meeting, March 30, 2022, 10:00am**

Virtual via Zoom

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### **AGENDA for TAC**

- 1. Call to Order – William Taylor, Chair TAC**
- 2. Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Statement**
- 3. Public Comment Period**
- 4. ACTION: Approval of Agenda**  
The agenda for today's meeting is presented for approval.  
*Action: Approve agenda.*
- 5. ACTION: Approve Letter of Support for CCATS**  
The Carteret County Area Transit System (CCATS) provides public transit for Carteret County. The agency is applying for funding via the Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Fund Grant to expand their storage capacity for propane from one weeks' worth to one months' worth in order to maintain transportation operations during an extended loss of power. This will improve the overall resiliency for the agency and public transportation in the county. As a part of the application process, CCATS has requested a letter of support from DERPO; a draft letter will be sent to committee members ahead of this meeting.  
*Action: Approve draft letter of support for CCATS grant application.*
- 6. Other Business/Discussion**
- 7. Adjournment**

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March 29, 2022

Randy Cantor, Director  
Carteret County Area Transportation System (CCATS)  
5231 Business Drive  
Morehead City, NC 28570

Dear Mr. Cantor,

The Down East Rural Planning Organization (DERPO) has received your request for a letter of support for funding from North Carolina Emergency Management's Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Fund Grants. As the Transportation Planning Organization covering Carteret County, we appreciate your interest in our support.

The Down East Rural Planning Organization understands the need to maintain public transportation service in our four-county region during emergency events that would cause a loss of power, such as a hurricane. Having a sufficient supply of alternative fuel is crucial for your agency in an emergency, and we understand that CCATS would like to use the funds to increase your propane storage capacity to remain operational from one week to one month.

We feel that this would be an excellent project for the grant program and its stated goal of preparing transportation infrastructure for storm and flooding events. We are all aware that as a coastal county, Carteret County is at significant risk from hurricanes and other natural disasters, and we must all do what is necessary to prepare for the next event. Therefore, DERPO wholeheartedly supports your application for these funds.

Sincerely,

William Taylor  
Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee  
Down East Rural Planning Organization