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McCloud Transportation & Associates, LLC



## McCloud Transportation debuts in Orlando at APTA Annual Meeting

McCloud Transportation & Associates, LLC successfully kicked off the opening of its transportation consulting, operations planning and transportation management company at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) on October 4-7, 2009 in Orlando, Florida.

This premier industry event attracted more than 3,000 public transportation leaders from across North America to learn, network, discuss influential topics and find solutions. Industry leaders, including U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, addressed attendees and presented the latest industry information and technology. Orlando Mayor, Buddy Dyer welcomed attendees along with LYNX transit system President and CEO, Glenda Watson.

McCloud Transportation President and CEO, Elaine McCloud, was well-received by colleagues from around the industry who expressed tremendous excitement about the value-added service the firm brings to the transportation industry. McCloud was welcomed to APTA as a new member by APTA president, Bill Millar. The firm was featured in the November 9 edition of Passenger Transport Magazine; "People on the Move."

A special introduction was given to McCloud Transportation during a workshop on Doing Business with DBEs by Huelon Harrison, moderator and a leader on APTA's Small Business committee. Throughout the conference, several corporations shared opportunities and advice with McCloud for partnering with their company. Their advice has been well-received. As a result, McCloud Transportation has already partnered with four national transportation companies during the first month of operation. "We are very excited about our future and the contribution we will make to the transportation industry," says McCloud.

## Transit Creates Jobs

APTA President, Bill Millar and U.S. DOT Secretary Ray LaHood, kicks off APTA Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.



## McCloud Transportation wins DBE certification throughout Florida

On October 27, the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority announced that McCloud Transportation & Associates, LLC has become certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) in Florida, under the Unified Certification Program (UCP). The firm is now DBE certified by all 42 Florida UCP members, which includes key counties such as Broward, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Orange, Pinellas, and Sarasota.

McCloud Transportation's certification also includes major cities such as Tallahassee, St. Petersburg, Orlando, aviation authorities, transit agencies and the Florida Department of Transportation. The firm is now listed in Florida's DBE Directory, which can be found at the Florida Department of Transportation's website; [www.dot.state.fl.us/equalopportunityoffice](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/equalopportunityoffice). DBE certification enables McCloud Transportation to compete for, and perform contract work on all United States Department of Transportation federal aid projects in Florida as a DBE contractor, sub-contractor, sub-consultant, or consultant.

In addition, the firm can work on projects for the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Federal Highway Administration.



## RTC Maintenance Facility Grand Opening

"McCloud Transportation President and CEO, Elaine R. McCloud attended the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada's grand opening of its new Sunset Maintenance Facility and participated in a tour of the facility. In attendance were RTC General Manager Jacob Snow, RTC Chairman and Clark County Commissioner Larry Brown, U.S. Rep. Dina Titus and U.S. Rep. Shelley Berkeley. The new facility will become the main service location for the RTC's growing transit fleet. The new building, located at 5165 W. Sunset Rd, near Decatur Boulevard and Sunset Road, will provide a maintenance facility for double-deck Deuce vehicles, the RTC's new ACE rapid transit vehicles and the RTC's paratransit fleet. The building sits on 36.6 acres and has many sustainable building features, including high-efficiency insulation and lighting, low-flow water features, water-efficient landscaping, and a high-efficiency bus wash that reclaims waste water. The construction of the facility began in July 2007 and cost approximately \$75 million. The vast majority of the project's funding came from federal dollars.



## U.S. Rep. John Mica addresses APTA attendees

U.S. Rep. John Mica (R-Winterpark, FL), ranking member of the full Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee, expressed his views to attendees at APTA's annual meeting that "there aren't any real partisan issues when it comes to transportation, although there may be some disagreements." He described working with T&I Chairman James Oberstar (D-MN) toward a six-year, or 72-month, transportation authorization bill rather than the 18-month bill championed by the administration. Mica added, "we need a solid federal commitment to put forth a long-term effort, develop a finance plan, then execute it. I think that situation will improve; we'll work together and see what we come up with." Also during the meeting, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood's message for the Florida Senate was to get behind the planned SunRail commuter train in Central Florida, or forget about the state winning \$2.5 billion in federal money for a high-speed train linking Orlando with Tampa. "If they don't," he said moments later to a Florida official, "there's going to be a lot of disappointed people."



## U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown champions Florida's rail efforts

U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown (D-Jacksonville, FL), who chairs the Railroads and Pipelines Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (T&I), shared with APTA attendees that transportation is bipartisan. "We work across the line as far as transportation is concerned...What moves the economy? Transportation." She pointed out that the requirement in stimulus bill that funding goes to transit agencies rather than state governments has helped with the timely disbursement of the grants. Rep. Brown assured attendees at the APTA annual meeting that "we're going to have it, and it can't be a bridge to nowhere," meaning that SunRail could provide passengers to the proposed high-speed rail train. U.S. DOT Secretary Ray LaHood's message to the Florida Senate, which twice has failed to approve SunRail, was "you've got to get your act together." U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown champions Florida's rail efforts. SunRail legislation has been passed by both the Florida House and Senate, and Governor Crist is expected to swiftly enact it.