

## **SENT ON BEHALF OF CHAIRMAN YUSUF HAKEEM:**

I had an opportunity to share with Mr. Duckett about my desire for all parties in this matter to come together and start the process that would be a win-win for all involved. As a result of my discussion with Mr. Duckett, please see below for the list of potential discussion points at our meeting. If this list is too broad for one session, let us narrow it down to targeted items that we will agree upon during the meeting. I have concluded, after discussions with most of the parties, that the meeting should take place on **Monday, March 17, at 1:00 p.m. at CARTA**. I look forward to our discussion then.

***Chairman Yusuf Hakeem***

***Chattanooga City Council***

### **Transportation Discussion Points between CARTA and Millennium**

**Mission:** The public and private sector seeks to establish a partnership that will better serve Chattanooga and surrounding areas. The partnership is set to establish a cost effective transportation system that moves as many Chattanooga's at the lowest possible cost to have a long-term positive impact on reducing Chattanooga's transportation costs.

**Problem:** Vehicle for hire industry in decline and taxicab utilization problematic

**Free Rides:** Downtown free shuttle adversely affects vehicle for hire demand day and night

**Big Buses:** Running all day and part of night nearly empty or with very few passengers - Not cost efficient

**Demand Requirement:** Require RPA to prepare overall ridership and demand study because its long-term transportation plan excludes taxicabs in its planning.

**Solution:** Cooperative agreement between the public and private sector involving principle stakeholders City of Chattanooga, Millennium Taxi and CARTA

#### **Goals:**

1. Lowering long-term transportation costs through a more efficient public and private operational partnership with Millennium Taxi that seeks to improve services and Chattanooga's overall transportation system.
2. Reducing Big Bus operational costs through a public voucher partnership system with Millennium Taxi.
3. CARTA and the City agreeing to establish an electric taxicab pilot program through the initial use of providing funding for 40 Nissan e-NV200 taxicabs to Millennium Taxi to compliment CARTA's operational fleet which is authorized through TCA 7-56-107.
4. CARTA reducing its downtown free shuttle operational hours to expand its partnership with Millennium through a green initiative to use all electric taxicabs of Millennium to increase demand in the for hire transportation sector through its partnership with Millennium. The combination of the electric shuttles and the Nissan e-NV200 electric taxicabs is expected to further reduce CO2 emissions and serve the downtown and community markets.
5. CARTA and the City providing support services including insurance and maintenance to Millennium's Nissan e-NV200 taxicabs fleet.