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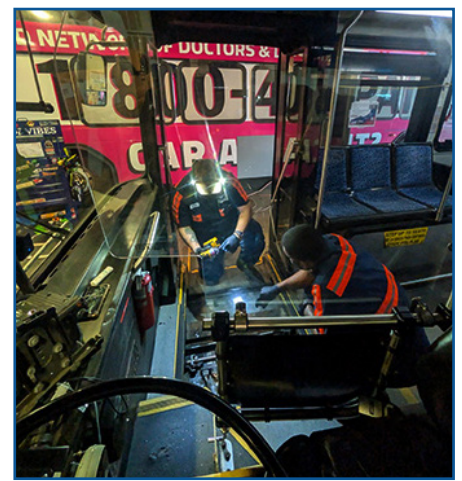
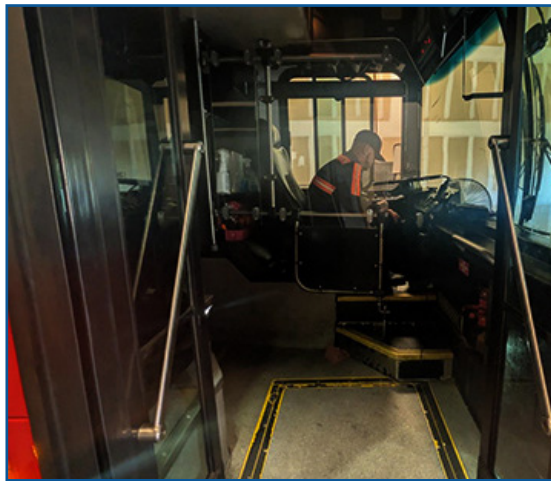
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David Delgado, RTS, Nic Young, Citrus Connection, and Marcus Bell, Bridge to Hope in Ocala, participated in the Paratransit I Gas Engine class offered in February.



Port Saint Lucie MV enrolled technicians in two FTTP Engine PM classes in February.

Christopher Bortner and Daniel Wint comprised the first group with Gabriel Boscarino, Hector Torres, Lonny Miller and Victor Quintero in the second group. Thanks to Rick Knick, MV Supervisor, for supporting the available training.

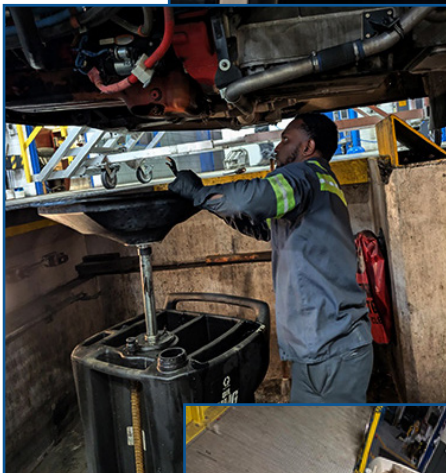
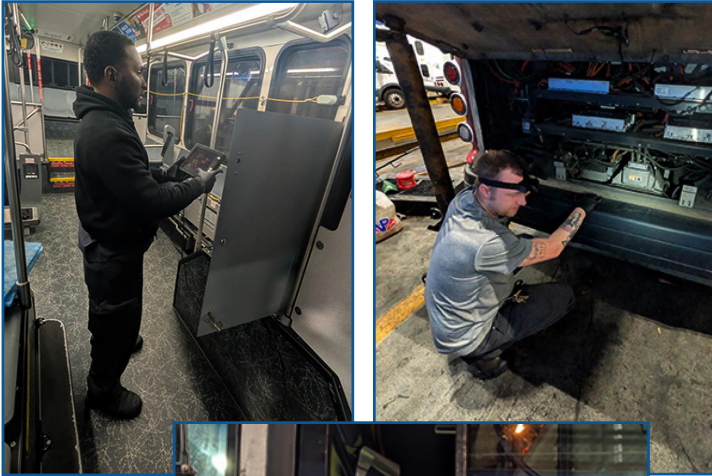


LPIP staff met with the Hendry County transit staff and their maintenance outsource provider, Transition Commute Solutions, for a discussion of vehicle maintenance



related practices and procedures. Those attending from Hendry County included Timmi Finnerty, James Simpson, Jimmie Nelson, Marvin Hunojose and Neydel Rego. Ernesto Carmona represented Transitions Commute.

Starmetro technicians James Godwin, Ethan Gurr and Olando Thompson met with Eddie Patane, FFTP instructor, as Starmetro is in the process of standardizing their PM processes throughout the shop.



LPP offered the Paratransit II Drivetrain class in February. Attending this session were Jason Nohrenberg and Jared Porter, Okaloosa, Derrick Estabrtook, Starmetro, and Morris Frick, SVTA.



FFTP instructor, Eddie Patane, provided a Lift and Fogmaker session for PalmTran Transdev scheduled through Karlens Cyrius, Transdev Supervisor. Technicians participating were Fritz Simon, Junior Hurst, Ronald Gaspard, Leford Whitton, Durvin Arthurs and Goonashwar Jaggerdeo.

Lift Fogmaker

Todd O'Neal, LPIP instructor, provided Lift and Fogmaker certification training to a group of five during February. Travis Legall, RTS, attended to renew his annual three-year inspection certification. Those receiving their first annual Fogmaker certification were Bob Major, maintenance provider for Duvall Homes in Deland, and Mike Shafer, David Velazquez and David Hough, all affiliated with Matthews Bus Alliance.

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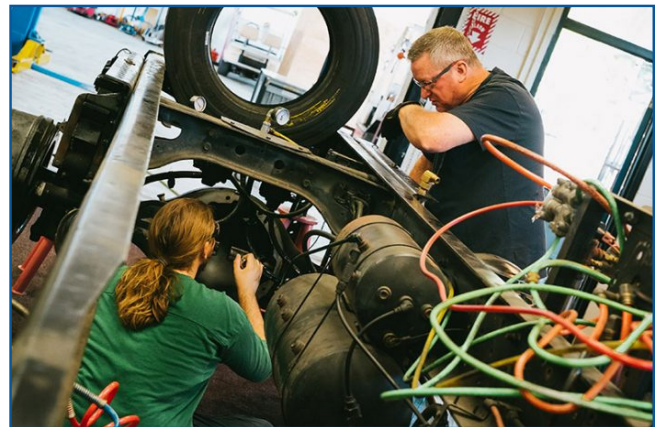
ARC Treasure Coast received a Braun Lift session during the month of February. The session was scheduled by Bert Suarez and attended by Tony Lutz, Richard Sensenback and Rick Martorell.

Driving Progress: How Lively Technical College Helps Power the State's Public Transit Workforce

FDOT Transit Newsletter
By Staff on January 6, 2026

Across Florida, safe and dependable public transportation keeps our communities connected, our goods moving, and our economy thriving. Behind every well-maintained road, every reliable traffic system, and every efficient fleet is a team of highly trained technicians who ensure that the state's transportation network runs with precision. Technicians are the unsung heroes of transportation.

At the center of preparing those skilled professionals is a powerful partnership between Lively Technical College and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)—a collaboration built on innovation, workforce excellence, and a shared commitment to Florida's future. The partnership, known as The Lively Paratransit Technician Instructional Program (LPIP) provides continuing education to the State's network of transit bus technicians.



Without technicians, the gears stop turning! This partnership began as a strategic solution to industry needs but has grown into a statewide model for workforce development. Together, Lively and FDOT are equipping transit agency technicians with the hands-on training, technical expertise, and professional readiness required to keep Florida moving. They receive comprehensive training in vehicle maintenance technology, electrical and mechanical systems, safety and industry regulations, as well as instruction in the specialized areas of accessible transportation.

Lively's LPIP program blends classroom instruction with extensive hands-on experience. FDOT reinforces this learning with real-world context, ensuring that graduates are not only technically capable but fully prepared and industry certified to meet the demands of modern transportation work.

Through the Lively-FDOT partnership, technicians gain the skills required to keep those gears running smoothly. They become problem-solvers, safety champions, and technical experts capable of responding to challenges with confidence. This collaboration doesn't just train individuals—it elevates the entire transportation workforce across Florida. By standardizing high-quality training statewide, the partnership ensures that technicians from Pensacola to Miami receive consistent instruction grounded in industry best practices.