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Good morning Community Transportation agency ,
Please see below email on behalf of central office.

As always do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you!

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Good Morning:

The rapid spread of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to negatively affect supply chains on a global scale. Automotive manufacturers depend on many types of materials and components which fall into this category. When one part of the supply chain is broken, the entire manufacturing processes is disrupted and often results in a shutdown of production. Combined with a shortage of materials and components, the lack of sufficient labor only compounds the problems faced and reduces output even further.

The FDOT Central Office Public Transit and CUTR (Center for Urban Transportation) TRIPS (Transit Research Inspection Purchasing Services) teams have been monitoring vehicle chassis shortages. This shortage is a global problem, and these chassis are required to manufacture many of the vehicles available on the FDOT/TRIPS contracts. Based on communication with dealers and manufacturers, we anticipate full production levels to resume in early 2022. We continue to remain hopeful that improved supply and manufacturing conditions will result in a quicker return to full production. However, we cannot ignore that vehicle orders will continue to be impacted until this occurs and should be prepared for delays in vehicle order fulfilment.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me or Carlton Allen (TRIPS CUTR Program Manager – callen@cutr.usf.edu).

Thank you,

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