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Flagstaff, AZ - Ground has officially broken at the Mountain Line CDL Training Course on Northern Arizona University's campus! The project is in partnership between Mountain Line (Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority), Northern Arizona University (NAU), and Coconino Community College (CCC) creating the first collaborative CDL testing site and course in northern Arizona. The new course will generate additional CDL opportunities for the Flagstaff community and surrounding region.

The Ground Breaking Ceremony was held on Friday, April 14th and attended by members from Mountain Line, NAU, CCC, including special guests Mountain Line CEO & General Manager, Heather Dalmolin; NAU President, José Luis Cruz Rivera; and CCC President, Eric Heiser.

Mountain Line and NAU are partnering on the new federally funded course to meet public transit workforce development objectives, recruiting and training new drivers; CCC will be utilizing the course to support their CDL training program, accommodating both Class A (commercial trucking) and Class B (bus) licenses. The CDL Course is Phase I in a multi-phase plan on NAU's campus that will eventually include bus storage, maintenance, and an electric charging facility.

Kinney Construction Services, Inc. (KCS) was selected as the Construction Manager at Risk for the project back in April of 2022. KCS, Mountain Line, NAU, and Dibble Engineering worked over the past several months to complete pre-construction in preparation for the Spring 2023 project launch.

"It's an honor to be involved in this project that will ultimately create so many opportunities for residents of northern Arizona looking to get their CDL license," says Wil Odell, KCS Civil Project Manager. "Public transportation is more important than ever with Mountain Line integrating battery electric buses. This CDL project will help Mountain Line to expand their workforce and integrate more electric buses throughout the region."

KCS anticipates Phase I of the project to be completed in the fall of 2023.

About KCS: Kinney Construction Services, Inc. (KCS) is a premier construction services firm specializing in commercial building construction and renovation, civil construction through sister company Kinney Construction LLC (KCS Civil), and renewable energy projects. With a passion for building, KCS serves Education, Retail, Municipal, Healthcare, Commercial Office, Hospitality, Real Estate Development, and Industrial customers. With a commitment to service excellence, KCS cultivates lasting customer, community, and industry partnerships. Inspired by continuous improvement, KCS positively impacts projects through creative and innovative solutions. And they have fun doing it.

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