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Mountain Line CDL Course Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Flagstaff, AZ - The Mountain Line CDL (Commercial Drivers License) Training Course on Northern Arizona University's campus celebrated its official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, May 22nd. This groundbreaking project represents a partnership between Mountain Line (Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority), Northern Arizona University (NAU), and Coconino Community College (CCC), creating a collaborative CDL testing site and course in northern Arizona.

The ceremony was attended by representatives from Mountain Line, NAU, and CCC, alongside Kinney Construction LLC (KCS Civil), the Contractor on the project, Nations Group, HDR Architects, Dibble Engineering, Speedie & Associates, and elected officials including Flagstaff City Council Member and Mountain Line Board Member, Miranda Sweet, Flagstaff City Council Member Deb Harris, Coconino County Supervisor and Mountain Line Board Vice Chair Jeronimo Vasquez, Coconino County Supervisor Judy Begay, and Coconino County Supervisor Adam Hess. This partnership underscores the commitment of these institutions to foster economic growth and provide valuable educational opportunities within the community.

The establishment of a proper CDL Course in northern Arizona is expected to generate additional CDL opportunities by offering both Class A and Class B License Programs. This initiative is set to create numerous jobs for the community, enhancing the local workforce and contributing to the region's economic vitality.

Mountain Line CEO and General Manager, Heather Dalmolin, stated at the ceremony, "For organizations that train and employ CDL drivers, this is so much more than a slab of concrete. This represents the ability to train and test drivers without searching and negotiating for empty parking lot space all over town. As we face a nationwide shortage of CDL drivers, this course is a true workforce development engine, and an incredible example of community partnership."

"We are thrilled to see this project come to fruition," said Mike Thomas, Project Director at KCS Civil. "This CDL course will not only provide essential training and certification, but creates significant employment opportunities for our community. It's a win-win for everyone involved."

To learn more about career opportunities with Mountain Line, visit: <https://mountainline.az.gov/employment/>.

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