



# STATEMENT

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## Statement regarding RTA commuter bus incident

**NASHVILLE** – At approximately 6:55 a.m. today, a commuter bus carrying passengers of the Regional Transportation Authority's (RTA) Clarksville Express route caught fire after a mechanical error was detected on the bus en route to Nashville.

Upon identifying the mechanical error, the bus operator quickly pulled the bus over and evacuated all passengers before any injuries could occur. The delayed passengers boarded another RTA Clarksville Express bus carrying passengers on a later trip and safely transported all passengers to downtown Nashville.

RTA Staff and Gray Line personnel are fully cooperating with officials in their investigation of the incident. We are appreciative of the bus operator's quick thinking to keep passengers safe.

Gray Line is contracted by the RTA to assist in operating seven of the 10 RTA commuter bus routes serving residents of the surrounding Middle Tennessee counties who work in Nashville.

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