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TO GCTD Board of Directors
FROM Andrew Mikkelson, Director of Transit Operations
SUBJECT **Million Mile Driver Recognition**

Every year GCTD recognizes our bus operators for safe driving. We hold a safety day celebration for all employees where those drivers recording a year of safe driving are awarded a certificate, patch and pin recognizing this accomplishment.

GCTD uses the National Safety Council (NSC) Guidelines in determining driver safety awards. Every so often we have drivers who qualify to become members of the prestigious **Million Mile Club** consisting of drivers who have completed 25,000 hours of drive time (12.5 Years) without a preventable accident as defined by the NSC.

This year we have four operators that met the criteria for special awards. Two drivers are joining the Million Mile Club for the first time this year, and two more operators are earning their second million mile recognition.

Joining the Million Mile club this year are Operators Alex Dinkel and Cesar Jasso. Operator Dinkel joined GCTD in January of 2000 and Operator Jasso joined in February of 2002. They are the twenty second and twenty third GCTD Operators to reach this prestigious milestone.

This year we also have the privilege of welcoming two more members to the Two Million Mile Club. Operators Guadalupe “Lupe” Juarez and David Little both have accomplished 50,000 hours (25 Years) of driving without a preventable accident. Operator Juarez, currently the most senior Operator with GCTD, began her bus driving career in July of 1980 while Operator Little began driving for GCTD in July of 1987. They are the fourth and fifth GCTD Operators to reach this prestigious milestone.

In today’s driving conditions these operators have accomplished something that demonstrates their high level of safety consciousness and commitment to the safety of their passengers, fellow motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. To put this achievement in perspective one million miles is the equivalent of driving from Los Angeles to New York City – three hundred sixty times. It is our privilege to recognize these operators for this hard earned honor.

In addition to a plaque presented by the Board of Directors these operators will have their names inscribed on a community plaque in the GCTD Operators lounge and a news release will be sent to the media.

On behalf of the GCTD Board and staff, I extend my sincere thanks to Operators Juarez, Little, Dinkel and Jasso for their long and distinguished service to GCTD and its customers.

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