



DATE January 4, 2017
TO GCTD Board of Directors *SPB*
FROM Steve Brown, General Manager
SUBJECT **Special Recognition to Robert Lurie on Retirement from GCTD**

Please join me in giving special recognition to Robert Lurie, Director of Fleet and Facilities on his retirement from GCTD after nearly 35 years of service.

Rob joined GCTD (then known as SCAT) in March of 1982 as a Mechanic I, and was promoted to Maintenance Supervisor in 1986, where he excelled for over a decade. At the time Rob started with Gold Coast Transit District we had just 25 peak buses and served just 1.7 million passengers, less than half of what we serve with today's fleet.

In 1999, Rob was promoted to Director of Maintenance, and in 2001, took on the additional role of Director of Fleet and Facilities, a leadership position which he has held for the past 15 years. Through these years at GCTD, Rob has passed on his knowledge to numerous staff, and has been involved in countless acquisitions of new equipment and fleet vehicles that have all contributed to our mission to provide high quality transit service to our community.

Beyond GCTD, Rob has also become a well known figure in the Transit industry for his expertise as a bus mechanic and as one of the first in the state to successfully implement a 100% CNG fleet. To put his experience into numbers, if you add up all of the vehicle miles that Rob and his team have serviced over the last 35 years, the mileage adds up to over 50 million vehicle miles.

Rob now plans to enjoy his retirement with his wife Deborah, and their three grown children, Jeffery who lives in Oakland, Colleen who lives in Ventura and Matthew who lives on the East Coast (while working in the Obama Administration).

On behalf of Gold Coast Transit District, I want to sincerely thank Rob Lurie for the contributions he has made to the growth and success of GCTD over his nearly 35-year career at GCTD, and wish him a relaxing and rewarding retirement.

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