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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 three operators that met the criteria for special awards. Two drivers are joining the Million Mile Club for the first time this year, and one more operator is earning their second million mile recognition.

Joining the Million Mile club this year are operators Cresencio Juarez and Francisco Leon. Operator Juarez joined GCTD in December of 1999 and Operator Leon joined in February of 2002. They are the twenty fourth and twenty fifth GCTD operators to reach this prestigious milestone.

This year we also have the privilege of welcoming one more member to the Two Million Mile Club. Operator Robyn Walton has accomplished 50,000 hours (25 years) of driving without a preventable accident. Operator Walton began her bus driving career in September of 1983. Operator Walton becomes the sixth GCTD operator to earn this honor.

As of today ten of those twenty five members of the Million Mile Club are still in service for GCTD. These operators share their experience with our newer operators every day.

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.

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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 Walton, Juarez and Leon for their long and distinguished service to GCTD and its customers.