

# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

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# James Beck

Director of Operations & Maintenance

## 15 Years Service Award



James joined GCTD in 2010 where he began as Mechanic II and then Fleet Manager before assuming his role of Director of Operations and Maintenance.

James has more than 25 years of experience in maintenance management and operations. James received an Associate's Degree from Universal Technical Institute and his Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Management from Grand Canyon University. James is also member of both the Operations and Maintenance committees for the California Transit Association (CTA) as well as the Clean Propulsion Committee for the American Public Transportation Association (APTA).

James is leading GCTD's efforts in zero-emissions planning as we move into the future.

**Thank You, James, for Your Service!**



# Manuel Barbosa

## Operator

### 20 Years Service Award

Manny is a 20-year veteran of our team who truly enjoys serving the community. Before joining Gold Coast Transit District, he worked as a correction officer, bringing a strong sense of discipline and responsibility to his current role. Manny says he appreciates working here because he enjoys working for the public and making a positive difference in people's daily lives.

He also shares that, even as a bus operator, he remains mindful of his past experiences—sometimes keeping an eye out for former inmates to make sure they are staying on the right path. Manny's unique background and dedication to community safety enrich the service he provides every day.



**Thank You, Manuel, for Your Service!**



# Gustavo Hernandez

## Operator



## 5 Years Service Award

Gustavo has been a valued member of our team for five years, serving as a bus operator. He enjoys working here because it gives him the opportunity to make a positive impact on the community. "Having the opportunity to help our community through transit means a lot to me," Gustavo says. "It feels good knowing that the service we provide makes life a little easier and keeps our city connected."

In addition to his work on the bus, Gustavo has contributed to the marketing department by helping create service change videos in both English and Spanish, helping ensure important information reaches all members of the community.

**Thank You, Gustavo, for Your Service!**





# Don G. Prado

## Operator

### 5 Years Service Award



Don has been a dedicated member of our team, serving as a bus operator for five (5) years. Known for his reliability and professionalism, Don has maintained a clean safety record with no preventable accidents, demonstrating his commitment to safe and dependable service. While he may be quiet, his consistent work plays an important role in keeping our transit system running smoothly and serving the community.

**Thank You, Don, for Your Service!**



# Gabriel Magana

## Service Worker

### 10 Years Service Award

It is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate Gabriel Magana on his 10th anniversary with GCTD. Gabriel began his career with us as a Service Worker I, and through his consistent hard work, reliability, and dedication, he earned a well-deserved promotion to Service Worker II. He now serves as our lead Service Worker on the night shift, ensuring that both our Demand Response and Fixed Route vehicles are clean, prepared, and ready for service every single day.

Gabriel is a hardworking professional who truly takes pride in what he does. He leads by example, demonstrates strong ownership of his responsibilities, and can always be counted on to support the team. GCTD is fortunate to have someone of his character, commitment, and work ethic.

Outside of work, Gabriel enjoys spending time with his family and cheering on his children as they play sports, something he takes great joy and pride in.

We sincerely appreciate all that he brings to GCTD, and we look forward to many more years of working together.



## **Thank You, Gabriel, for Your Service!**