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BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
 Board of Directors

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns *Michael T. Burns*
 General Manager

FROM: Bill Lopez *Bill Lopez*
 Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Employees of the Month for June 2006

RECOMMENDATION:

Recognize Maria Testa, Information Services Representative, River Oaks Administration; Michael Hoshida, Bus Operator, Chaboya Division Operations; David Lasich, General Maintenance Mechanic, River Oaks Facilities Maintenance, and Mark Robinson, Engineering Group Manager, as our Employees of the Month and Supervisor of the Quarter for June 2006.

BACKGROUND:

Maria Testa, the Administration Employee of the Month for June has over 25 years of experience with VTA. As an Information Services Representative, Maria tirelessly promotes the benefits of public transportation. Maria is the Youth Outreach Program coordinator for her workgroup, assisting student field trips through VTA's Class Pass program and conducting presentations at local schools. Through her work, Maria has established strong ties to the education community and received much praise for courteous service. Maria exemplifies customer service because she consistently goes the extra mile to present VTA in a positive and meaningful way. Congratulations to Maria Testa, Administration Employee for the Month for June!

Michael Hoshida, Chaboya Division Coach Operator, is this month's Operations award winner. With over thirty years of service to VTA, Michael currently serves as a line instructor for new operators. He functions as both a mentor and a positive role model for new employees. He has a

vast knowledge of driving techniques, and a high standard of professionalism. His great sense of humor makes him a joy to work with and his work ethic is second to none. Michael sets an example for others, by working with a great sense of dignity and pride for the profession of Coach Operator. Congratulations to Michael Hoshida, Operations Employee of the Month for June!

David Lasich, a General Maintenance Mechanic at River Oaks, is this month's Maintenance Employee of the Month. David has proudly served VTA for over six years. Known for his great customer service and reliability, David is a tremendous asset to the River Oaks Maintenance team. David's troubleshooting talent deals efficiently and effectively with problems related to building maintenance. He follows through on requests until problems are resolved. Through his timely response to repair requests, he keeps things running with minimum downtime, and is always willing to do what is necessary to keep the office environment functioning smoothly. Definitely an asset to VTA, David also demonstrates a wonderful, caring attitude to co-workers. Congratulations to David Lasich, Maintenance Employee of the Month for June!

Mark Robinson, the Engineering Group Manager for Transit Facilities Construction is the Supervisor of the Quarter. Mark has served VTA for almost 24 years in various engineering capacities. Most recently as Project Manager, Mark led the successful opening of the Vasona Light Rail Project. Mark has supervised a diverse engineering and construction team. He has created partnerships with VTA's Operations group for easy turnover of the completed line, as well as working positively with various city public works officials. To add to Mark's accomplishments, last year he was promoted to a senior level position responsible for managing the design and construction of VTA bus and rail facilities. Nominated by his direct reports for this award, Mark is known as a leader who is responsive, fair, and knowledgeable. He generates a positive work environment for all employees. Congratulations to Mark Robinson, Supervisor of the Quarter!

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