



Date: June 26, 2006
 Committee Meeting Date: _____
 Board Meeting Date: August 3, 2006
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BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
 Board of Directors

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns
 General Manager

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FROM: Bill Lopez
 Chief Administrative Officer

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SUBJECT: Employees of the Month for August 2006

RECOMMENDATION:

Recognize Phillip Vaughn, Bus Technical Trainer, Chaboya Division Administration; Fonotaga Soli, Coach Operator, Cerone Division Operations; Lehmer Sidhu Electro Mechanic, Light Rail Maintenance as our Employees of the Month for August 2006.

BACKGROUND:

Phillip Vaughn, a Bus Technical Trainer is August's Administration Employee of the Month. Phillip is a consistent, professional team player who leads several key training projects including the hydrogen-fuel cell bus operator training. With over 25 years of service to VTA, Phillip also trains operators on the articulated bus. Known as fair, dependable, and knowledgeable, operators feel comfortable asking him for additional mentoring and assistance in learning bus operations. Phillip's enthusiasm is contagious and he goes out of his way to help anyone with his patient, even-handed approach. Congratulations to Phillip Vaughn, Administration Employee of the Month for August!

Fonotaga Soli, Cerone Coach Operator, is this month's Operations' award winner. With over 20 years of service to VTA, Fonotaga is known for his positive work attitude and his comfortable, easy manner. When working as a floating dispatcher, he has been known to accept last minute calls to fill in for the regular dispatchers. Fonotaga deals well with passengers and co-workers

alike. When performing his job as Coach Operator or dispatcher he always does an excellent job. Congratulations to Fonotaga Soli, Operations Employee of the Month for August!

Lehmber Sidhu, an Electro Mechanic at Guadalupe Division Light Rail, is the Maintenance Employee of the Month. Serving VTA proudly for almost seven years, Lehmber is known as a team player who willingly shares his extensive Light Rail knowledge with other employees. Lehmber leads the early morning pullout crew and is well-respected by peers and supervisors alike because of his dedication to work and vast technical knowledge. He has an excellent attendance record and is an outstanding role model. Congratulations to Lehmber Sidhu, Maintenance Employee of the Month for August!

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