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Board Meeting Date: May 3, 2007

BOARD MEMORANDUM

ACTION X DISCUSSION INF

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns
General Manager

FROM: Bill Lopez
Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Employees of the Month for May 2007

RECOMMENDATION:

Recognize Tracene Crenshaw, Board Assistant, River Oaks Administration; Ron Morin, Coach Operator, Chaboya Operations; and Densel Smith, Light Rail Paint & Body Worker, Guadalupe Maintenance, as Employees of the Month for May 2007.

BACKGROUND:

Tracene Crenshaw, a Board Assistant in the Board Secretary's Office at River Oaks, is May's Administration Employee of the Month. An employee since 1997, Tracene is considered the nucleus of the Board Office, never hesitating to assist and mentor her colleagues when needed. When representing VTA at public meetings supporting the VTA Board of Directors and Advisory Committees, Tracene always displays exceptional professionalism. In her work with the Board Office, Tracene maintains her composure and focuses on the issues at hand, playing a crucial role in ensuring that deadlines are met. Throughout her nine years with VTA, Tracene has been an asset and an outstanding role model to her team. Congratulations to Tracene Crenshaw, Administration Employee of the Month for May!

Ron Morin, Chaboya Division Coach Operator, is this month's Operations Award winner. Ron has been with VTA since 1988 and is noted as a safe and dedicated driver, as indicated by his Million Mile award for safe driving. Numerous customers have taken the time to call in with compliments about Ron, describing him as a truly caring person, and a driver who shows kindness and understanding to his passengers. Ron is described by his fellow Operators as honest and respectful to all - a great employee to work with. Ron takes pride in his work as a Coach Operator, upholding VTA's values of displaying courtesy and professionalism toward every customer. Congratulations to Ron Morin, April's Operations Employee of the Month!

Densel Smith, Light Rail Paint & Body Worker at Guadalupe Division, is our Maintenance Employee of the Month for May. Densel has over ten years of service with VTA. He has perfect attendance and is highly respected by his coworkers. Densel takes great pride in his work, with a level of attention to detail that truly sets him apart. His supervisor also commends his excellent attitude and ability to adapt well to change. Densel goes above and beyond his regular duties by serving as a mentor to his fellow maintenance workers when he sees an opportunity to help them with a challenging project. Definitely an asset to Guadalupe Rail Operations, Densel is an outstanding and very deserving recipient. Congratulations to Densel Smith, Maintenance Employee of the Month for May!

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