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BOARD MEMORANDUM

ACTION ITEM

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 December 2007

RECOMMENDATION:

Recognize Sal Duckworth-Lanzo, Associate Civil Engineer, Construction Administration; Joel Place, Coach Operator, North Division; and Jimmy Brionez, Facilities Worker, Chaboya Maintenance, as Employees of the Month for December.

BACKGROUND:

Sal Duckworth-Lanzo, Associate Civil Engineer in the Construction Division, is the Administration award winner for December. Sal has been with VTA for over 7 years, and performs his duties with high skill and professionalism. Sal oversees the design and construction of VTA's passenger facility projects such as transit centers, park and ride lots, bus stop improvements and Light Rail station shelters and signage. He constantly strives to design and construct the best facilities to meet the needs of our passengers while being sensitive to the project budget. Sal serves as an excellent role model and mentor for less-experienced engineers, making himself available to help and answer questions any time. Known among his project team members as a very competent engineer with a delightful sense of humor, Sal is truly an asset to the Construction Division and to VTA. Congratulations to Sal Duckworth-Lanzo, Administration Employee of the Month for December!

Joel Place, North Division Coach Operator, is December's Operations Award Winner. Joel has been with VTA since 1998 and performs his job to a high standard. Joel has received numerous compliments from his customers that have observed his outstanding demeanor and level of service. One customer commended Joel as being very kind and helpful to everyone on the bus, especially with assisting two people in wheelchairs. Another made note of Joel's safe driving, stating that he was an excellent driver. Recognized by his supervisors for providing quality customer service, Joel sets a great example for his coworkers. By making his passengers' needs a

high priority, Joel upholds VTA's commitment to superior customer service and is very deserving of this award. Congratulations to Joel Place, Operations Employee of the Month for December!

Jimmy Brionez, Facilities Worker at Chaboya Division, is our Maintenance Employee of the Month for December. Jimmy has over 25 years of service with VTA. His current assignment is to maintain the bus operations facilities at Chaboya, which he performs efficiently and effectively. The Bus Operators at the Division are appreciative of Jimmy's efforts, noting that he keeps the drivers' break room clean and well stocked with supplies. Noted by his supervisors as a highly respected employee with a can-do attitude and exceptional attention to detail, Jimmy is a positive role model to his fellow employees and helps make VTA a better place to work. With his friendly demeanor and ready smile for everyone he encounters at work, Jimmy is clearly an asset to his Division as well as to VTA. Congratulations to Jimmy Brionez, Maintenance Employee of the Month for December!