

To: MTD Board of Directors
From: Jerry Estrada, General Manager
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Subject: General Manager's Report

Operations and Fleet Maintenance

The annual Department of California Highway Patrol (CHP) terminal inspection was recently conducted over a four-day period resulting with a Satisfactory rating across all areas – the highest possible evaluation.

The CHP Motor Carrier Specialist inspected regulated vehicles, maintenance records, and driver records, to determine compliance with applicable motor carrier safety related statutes and regulations. All components of MTD's program were found to be in compliance including the Vehicle Examination and Maintenance Program, Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing Program, and Driver Records and Hours of Service.

Congratulations to all for this achievement which reflects the ongoing commitment and diligence of the entire team and the year-round efforts that made it possible.

The 8 new Gillig BEBs are being fully utilized in revenue service. In September, they accrued over 17,000 miles, representing 8.4% of total fleet miles with minimal issues. The first bus in our next order of 8 Gillig BEBs is scheduled to enter the production line on October 13, 2026, with a tentative ship date of October 27, 2026

Two Operators have recently completed all training requirements and are driving in revenue service. An Operator-in-Training continues progressing through the training program in preparation to complete his DMV behind-the-wheel examination to obtain his Class B Commercial Driver License (CDL).

Operations Department is preparing for the Fall service change, with Operator bidding expected to begin next week.

The Safety Department continues to work closely with Operations and Fleet and Facilities to support employee safety and daily transit operations. Through coordination with Fleet and Facilities, MTD successfully completed the recertification of its overhead fall protection system. Additional efforts include developing supplemental reference materials for mobile column lifts and evaluating equipment-specific training opportunities for maintenance personnel.

Administration

The Information Technologies (IT) team has been replacing automatic power control units in the Server Room to prevent equipment failure. An evaluation of current power needs for the system resulted in an additional circuit being made available. IT completed their segment of the FY2025-2026 Audit; results to be presented in November.

Procurement has completed the Prequalification of fuel vendors for the next bid. Four (4) vendors have qualified.

The current Reserve Policies are being reviewed in anticipation of the federal stimulus funds being exhausted in Fiscal Year 27-28. A recommendation will be made to the Board of Directors during Quarter 3 of Fiscal Year 26-27.

The District currently employs 119 Bus Operators and continues to actively recruit to reach the authorized staffing level of 125. Since the last report, four offers of employment have been extended (two candidates have completed their background and passed their CDL Permit testing with the California DMV. One Candidate has a valid CDL and is testing to obtain passenger endorsements with the DMV. One candidate is pending final background clearance process). Applications continue to be reviewed, and phone screenings are being scheduled as recruitment efforts remain ongoing.

All property/casualty insurance will renew on 7/1/2027 and will be included in the proposed FY 27/28 budget for the District.