

AGENDA ITEM 3 A
Information Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 7, 2026
TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
FROM: Ryan Robinson, Safety Program Manager
SUBJECT: 2025 Safe Driving Recognition

REQUESTED ACTION:
BY MOTION,

No Action. Information Item.

BACKGROUND

The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) Transit Operators are trained and licensed to safely operate a diverse fleet of agency vehicles, including wheelchair-accessible minivans, medium-duty cutaways, low-floor transit buses with air brakes, and over-the-road commuter coaches with air brakes. Transit Operators regularly perform their duties in a wide range of challenging driving environments, including the rural and mountainous roads of El Dorado County as well as the congested freeways and urban streets of the Sacramento corridor.

The Safe Driving Recognition Program provides an opportunity to formally acknowledge Transit Operators who have demonstrated safe, professional performance while operating in these demanding conditions. In accordance with El Dorado Transit's updated Safe Driving Recognition Program, award eligibility is based on calendar-year performance and is determined solely by preventability determinations documented in Trackit, the agency's official system of record for incident and accident investigations.

Under the updated program, El Dorado Transit recognizes Transit Operators through two award categories:

Expert Driver Award (EDA) – Recognizes consecutive calendar years (January through December) completed without a preventable accident. Each preventable-free calendar year earns one Expert Year toward a consecutive-year streak. A preventable accident in any calendar year breaks the streak, and the next preventable-free calendar year restarts the count at one.

Safe Driving Award (SDA) – Recognizes cumulative safe driving years earned throughout an operator's career. For each calendar year completed without a preventable incident, the operator earns one cumulative Safe Driving year. These years do not need to be consecutive. Previously earned cumulative years remain on record even if a preventable incident occurs in a later year.

This updated structure better reflects El Dorado Transit’s commitment to recognizing both long-term consistency in safe driving and career-long achievement in professional vehicle operation.

DISCUSSION

The 2025 Safe Driving Recognition recipients were determined using the agency’s adopted Safe Driving Recognition Process and Procedures. All award eligibility was verified through Trackit, which serves as El Dorado Transit’s official system of record for accident documentation, investigation activities, and final preventability determinations. Under the program, if Trackit reflects no preventable incident during the applicable review period, the operator receives credit. If Trackit reflects any preventable incident during the review period, the operator does not receive credit for that period.

This year’s recipients demonstrated a continued commitment to safe, professional, and reliable public transportation service throughout the 2025 calendar year. Their recognition reflects diligence, sound judgment, defensive driving, and consistent adherence to El Dorado Transit’s safety expectations while operating throughout both rural and urban service environments.

El Dorado Transit is pleased to recognize the following Transit Operators for earning Safe Driving Recognition for calendar year 2025:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>EDA</u>	<u>SDA</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>EDA</u>	<u>SDA</u>
Thomas Bluhm	-	6 Years	Stephen Powell	11 Years	11 Years
Robert Bonsack	3 Years	3 Years	Jennifer Quinn	2 Years	2 Years
Windy Corsello	2 Years	4 Years	Jayson Ravens	2 Years	23 Years
Joshua Gamble	4 Years	4 Years	Tony Romo	-	1 Year
Ernesto Garcia	1 Year	6 Years	Gabriel Schranz	10 Years	10 Years
Timothy Gobble	6 Years	6 Years	Monika Sharma	1 Year	2 Years
Ramona Goodge	2 Years	3 Years	Jean Staples	15 Years	15 Years
Stephen Harrington	3 Years	3 Years	Michael Stettner	-	2 Years
Mike Koenig	10 Years	10 Years	Erik Stilling	3 Years	5 Years
Arthur Laarveld	11 Years	11 Years	Jim Suggs	2 Years	2 Years
Julie Lirette	7 Years	9 Years	Leslie Thomas	4 Years	4 Years
Joel Mets	4 Years	4 Years	David Valentine	2 Years	3 Years
Sequoya Nylander	1 Year	1 Year	Sayed Zaki	2 Years	2 Years