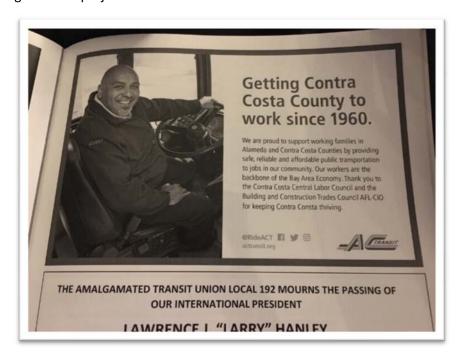
Government Finance Officers Association- The Governmental Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, has notified A.C. Transit that it has won the prestigious "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" for its "Comprehensive Annual Financial Report" (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition of excellence in state and local government financial reporting. It signals peers and members of the financial community that A.C. Transit's financial statements meet the highest professional standards available, and its attainment represents significant accomplishment by the District and its management. Additionally, this is well timed, as the District is going out into the commercial markets to secure funding for the completion of the BRT project, and the refunding of its Certificates of Participation. I would like to acknowledge Claudia Allen and her staff in receiving this award.

AC Transit's Line 97 South County Major Corridor TPI project- The Project has been selected for "2019 Transportation Project of the Year: GHD, AC Transit Line 97 TPI" by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)-CA North Coast Chapter. The Project will also be submitted to the State level for Engineering Excellence awards competition. The Award will be presented at the Chapter's 9<sup>th</sup> Engineering Excellence Awards reception held at the DeTurk Round Barn on Thursday, October 17, 2019 from 5-7 pm. The project improves transit operations and the transit customer's experience with reduced travel time and increased schedule reliability. By improving intersection operations and reducing traffic congestion, associated green-house gas production is reduced for decades to come. Traversing state, county, and 3 city jurisdictions along a 13-mile corridor, this construction management project encompassed 58 signalized intersections, 34 adaptive signal upgrades, and improvements to 22 bus stops. Transit stop upgrades included concrete sidewalk enhancements, relocation/consolidation, and ADA accessibility improvements. Signal modifications included video detection installations, communication improvements, adaptive signal system integration, and transit signal priority (TSP). Funded by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the project had a strict deadline for construction completion to allow time for arterial performance analysis

**Alameda City Manager's Report**- On September 20<sup>th</sup>, AC Transit sponsored and attended the Alameda City Manager's Report on the USS Hornet with, Directors, Chris Peeples, Diane Shaw, and Mark Williams and External Affairs Representative Chantal Reynolds represented AC Transit. Guests received a California Legislative update by Assemblymember Rob Bonta, and a report from the new Alameda City Manager about ongoing Alameda projects.

Contra Costa Labor to Labor Dinner- AC Transit has always been an agency that values its workforce. As such, the agency tends to find itself participating in functions that celebrate Labor's contribution to our agency and community at-large. This year, on September 13<sup>th</sup>, AC Transit sponsored a table at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Contra Costa Labor to Labor Dinner, hosted by the Contra Costa Labor Council and the Contra Costa Building and Constructions Trade Council.



AC Transit Technical Tour – International Zero Emission Bus Conference- AC Transit was selected to host a technical tour of our ZEB program at Division 4 for the 2019 International Zero Emission Bus Conference. The tour was held on the morning of September 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9AM to 1:00PM, kicking-off the conference being held in San Francisco on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Zero Emission Bus Conference originally began in 2011 with 50 participants and has since become the premier event for conversations on zero-emission bus (ZEB) technology. This conference brought international attention to our doorstep, and the technical tour shone a light on our agency. Attendees from all over the world assembled at our Oakland division to learn more about our industry-leading ZEB program, including the Federal Transit Administration Regional Administrator, Ray Tellis. AC Transit has been acknowledged as a global leader in zero-emission transit, and as the California transit industry looks to ramp up their zero emission deployments, AC Transit is who they will turn to for lessons learned.











AC Transit ZEB Tour Ambassadors

## **NEW BUS PROCRUEMENTS:**

- New Flyer 40-foot Battery Electric Bus (BEB) All five BEBs have arrived. Five have completed initial acceptance inspections. The first bus completed the 40-hour test and started revenue service; three more buses are pending the 40-hour test. All five battery chargers have been installed and are awaiting power from PG&E. We cannot decommission more buses and equip the BEBs because we do not have the charging infrastructure ready. Operator and maintenance employee training is underway.
- New Flyer 40-foot Fuel Cell Electric Bus (FCEB) All ten FCEBs have arrived. Nine buses have been initially inspected by the District, six have completed the 40-hours test and are fully accepted. Operator and maintenance employee training continues. Construction on the Emeryville hydrogen fuel station upgrade has begun and is currently on schedule to be completed by the end of 2019.
- New Flyer 60-foot Fuel Cell Electric Bus (FCEB) This is the first 60-foot FCEB bus to be produced in the United States. The District is partnering with CalStart and New Flyer, as part of an FTA grant, to operate the bus and provide performance data. The bus was shipped the week of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 to the Motor Coach Industries (MCI) facility in Hayward awaiting a signed agreement. The Board approved this item during the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 45-foot High Capacity Commuter Bus Procurement The Board of Directors approved a contract award to Motor Coach Industries (MCI) on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Staff will coordinate with MCI to schedule for a pre-production meeting.

## General Manager's Report

AC Transit Goes Back to School in Fremont- AC Transit staff along with Director Diane Shaw engaged in "Back to School Nights" at six school sites in Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) to provide supplementary and regular bus service information and to answer questions about AC Transit service drop off and pick up at bus stops at or near the following schools: Horner Junior High School, Washington High School, Centerville Junior High School, Irvington High School, and American High School. AC Transit staff included: Sean DiestLorgian (Service Planning), James Blair (D6), Nana Acquah (D6), Sharon Locks (D6), Elizabeth Watlington (D6), Kenneth Green (D6), Diann Castleberry (LACR); and Director Diane Shaw.











**BRT OPERATIONS TRAINING** - On September 23, 2019, Division 4 East Oakland training staff launched the inaugural on-street BRT training. Bus Operators were able to practice at available median and curb-side stations. Training D4 Bus Operators will continue through December, Monday through Friday, with some scheduled weekends.



**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INSTITUTE** – The week of September 23, 2019 completed the *Instructors Course for Transit Trainers* as conducted by TSI Senior Associate Staff Instructor and Training and Education Assistant Manager Joseph Tating.

This class is a State of California DMV requirement certifying AFSCME Training Instructors (TIs) as authorized personnel to process the Verification of Transit Training Documents (VTTs). VTTs are required of public transit drivers for which a fare is collected. At AC Transit, weekly scheduled Commercial Drivers License (CDL) classes taught by AFSCME TIs provide Bus Operators with the required hours to maintain VTTs.

Pictured L/R, Back Row - Shaniece Newberry, Anthony Mosley, Joe Tating, Chandler Robinson, Steven Lukes; L/R, Front Row - Corlelia Masters, Vanessa Gilbert, Brenda Clark.

**TRAINING AND EDUCATION Q1 PRODUCTION** - The chart below represents a total of 737 employees, mostly Bus Operators, participating in non-New Bus Operator (NBO) required courses in Q1. Total NBO training for Q1 certified 23 new Professional Operators. Beginning Q2 all NBO classes should begin with 20 candidates in anticipation of certifying 15 per class. The ramp-up in production is expected to reach 1350 FTE Bus Operators by May 2020.



The chart below represents 109 total mechanics trained in 9 different programs in Q1 supporting both foundational bus maintenance and new ZEB technology needs. Additionally, TED staff was successful at continuing deployment of the following Maintenance Career Ladders initiatives:

- On-boarded four newly hired Journey Level Mechanics
- Completed the second of three Heavy Duty Coach Mechanic Apprenticeship Program (HDCMAP) classes (*Air Brakes Systems*) for eight of nine total apprentices
- Completed Pre-Apprenticeship training for four newly promoted ATU Local 192 employees, expected to enter into the HDCMAP beginning Q2
- Launched the Mechanic Helper Program on July 1, 2019 supporting new careers for two Bus Operators and two Service Employees.



## General Manager's Report

**TRANSPORTATION** - Talent Development Academy is a new District initiative aimed at boosting recruitment for new Operators. An Agreement has been reached with The Unity Council, a community-based workforce development service provider, to conduct a pilot Talent Development Academy for prospective AC Transit Bus Operators.

Under the agreement, The Unity Council will first recruit a cohort of 25 candidates and then conduct a six-week basic training program in early 2020, focused on life skills and transit driving requirements. Following the pilot program, graduates will complete DMV Class "B" License testing and apply for employment at AC Transit.

This is a major initiative to not only help the District enhance Professional Bus Operator recruitment efforts but also partner with an organization active in the heart of our service area. The Unity Council was selected for this project through a competitive procurement process.

**ZERO EMISSION BUS PROGRAMS** – Staff hosted representatives from three peer agencies to share the Districts vast experience deploying Zero Emission Bus technology. During the tour, staff provided a presentation on AC Transit's Zero Emission Bus Programs and discussed deployment of battery-electric-buses, expansion of fuel cell-electric-buses, AC Transit's Clean Corridors Plan, Zero Emissions Bus Study, and Facilities Utilization Master Plan.

- On Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> staff hosted representatives from the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (CUMTD). Our peer agency took advantage of the tour by having a total 9 employees from various department consisting of executive staff, grants, maintenance, and facilities.
- On Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> staff hosted representatives from the TriMet. Our peer agency took advantage of the tour by having a total 5 employees from various department consisting of operations, maintenance and facilities. TriMet is also interested in learning about our Heavy Duty Coach Mechanic Apprentice Program and operations of the Central Maintenance Facility. District staff will remain in communication with staff from TriMet for a follow up visit of the interested areas.
- On Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> staff hosted representatives from the Hawaii Department of Transportation. Our peer agency took advantage of the tour by having a total 4 employees from the various Hawaiian transportation agencies.



