



# Long Beach Transit Bimonthly Employee Newsletter

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**Happy Holidays, LBT!**



# Warm wishes from LBT!



**Kenneth A. McDonald**  
President and CEO

During this special time of year, we want you to know how much you are valued by the Executive Leadership Team. We hope your holidays will be filled with warmth and joy. Thank you for your work this year and we look forward to seeing what we accomplish in the new year!



**Lilia Montoya**  
Deputy CEO

As our Diamond Anniversary celebrations come to an end this year, we reflect on our many accomplishments over the decades and look ahead to what the future holds.





# 60 years of LBT



“ In 2023, Long Beach Transit celebrated its Diamond Anniversary of connecting communities, moving people and making everyday life better, it is worth reflecting on where we have been for the last 60 years and what the future holds for the agency. ”

**Kenneth A. McDonald**  
President and CEO



# Did you know?



LBT's fleet began with 25 buses in 1963



LBT operated red double-decker buses from London, UK



LBT began Dial-A-Lift in 1975, 15 years before the adoption of the Americans with Disabilities Act



AquaLink service started in 2001



The Transit & Visitor Information Center opened in 2009



LBT services 39 routes



LBT has 44 Battery-electric Buses in service in 2023



Five BYD coaches will join LBT's fleet in 2024





# Celebrating 60 Years of Connecting Communities



## Kick-off Event

LBT invited local and regional stakeholders to celebrate our 60th anniversary at LBT1 in late March. The event was an opportunity to showcase all the great work our employees have accomplished and to gain support for where we want to go in the future.



## Summer Jamboree

All employees were invited to enjoy a couple of days to connect and have fun at the LBT Summer Jamboree at LBT1 and LBT2 in July. We celebrated with music, food and creative games. Thank you to our Employee Engagement Committee for putting together this event!





It was a joyful year as LBT celebrated its Diamond Anniversary. Take a look back at the events we held for our employees, leaders and local stakeholders.



## Time Capsule Opening

Employees celebrated the opening of the LBT2 time capsule on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, the day it was designated to be opened. The time capsule was buried in 1998, the same year the Jackson Transit Center (LBT2) opened. The 25-year-old time capsule was a glimpse into our agency's past, with vintage pins, an LBT ACFR financial report from 1997, a transit guide and service maps.

## Rosa Parks Board Chamber Dedication

The board chamber at LBTCO was formally dedicated to Rosa Parks in early December. The board chamber was named after Parks, a pioneer of civil rights and equality. LBT continues her legacy through our mission of "Dedicated to connecting communities and moving people... making everyday life better."





# 2023 LBT Awards

## LBT is proud to present the 2023 award recipients for

### Years of Service Award

LBT's Years of Service Award honors employee loyalty and service. Employees receive a Years of Service Award beginning their fifth year as an LBT employee and are recognized every five years thereafter.

The Safety/Safe Driving Award is given to Operators and Maintenance workers who have been employed full-time for at least two years, have completed a minimum of 90% of scheduled work and have had no safety violations during the 11/1/22 - 10/31/23 award year.

### Safety Award

### Perfect Attendance Award

LBT recognizes that consistent attendance and punctuality are essential to providing quality transportation services to our customers. The Perfect Attendance Award is attained when an employee has no Attendance Incidents during 11/1/22 - 10/31/23 award year, this includes absences, tardies or miss-outs.

These awards highlight the loyalty, dedication and diligence of LBT employees who have invested their skills and expertise to LBT's mission of connecting communities and moving people... making everyday life better.

**Congratulations to all award recipients!**





# Years of Service Award Recipients



M&I



Staff



TSDP

## 45 Years

Thomas Santiago Jr.

## 35 Years

Jaime Cervantes  
Arturo Cervantes  
Javier Mora

## 30 Years

Anthony Reynolds

## 25 Years

Agustin Castellanos  
Marlon Perez  
Normita Velayo  
Bruce Jenkins  
Adam Jones  
Margarita Medina  
Patricia Piña  
Robbie Williams  
Johnny Burton  
Montgomery Crawford  
Marsha Curtis  
William Gomez  
Brian Jones  
Michelle Jones  
Rodolfo Lomeli  
Arthur Mitchell  
La Tanya Mitchell  
Calvin Moore  
Victor Rodriguez  
Jacqueline Ware  
Nanette West  
Willie Williams

## 20 Years

Mateo Alvarado  
Branden Spalding  
Glenn Trinidad  
David Borge-Sanchez  
Abraham Espinoza  
Marlene Jefferson-Kornegay  
Lydia Johnson  
Jecksan Ojeda  
Samay Pack  
Gilberto Perez  
Christopher Ramsey  
Edward Revilla  
Luis Turcios

## 15 Years

Mark Juarez  
Gabriel Quintero  
Araceli Lozano  
Christopher MacKechnie  
Ricardo Marquez  
James Nieuwdorp  
Ricardo Vergara  
Jaimey Wasson Sr.  
Reginald West  
Cheryl Aviles  
Antramone Bullard  
Robert Carrillo  
Lidia Cervantes Gonzalez  
Sopheadevyn Chum  
Peter Diaz  
William Garcia  
Claudia Lopez  
Assata Otero  
Keith Parker  
Cesar Perez  
Jeffrey Perkins  
Gustavo Prado Jr.  
Milton Swafford  
Venezer Tan  
Crystal Williams



# Years of Service Award Recipients

## 10 Years

**Alejandro Perez-Galicia**  
**Julius Pressley**  
**Romie Watkins III**  
**Mario Almozara**  
**Samantha Ihlenfeldt**  
**Steven Jorgensen**  
**Kenneth A. McDonald**  
**Sandra A. Sanchez**  
**Joel Abella**  
**Sabiea Allen**  
**Hendrix Anderson**  
**Dean Bartlett**  
**Carlos Brizzolara**  
**Luis Carrillo**  
**Yolanda Coleman**  
**Mayte Echols-Valdez**  
**Jose Guillermo II**  
**Sonjarai Harris**  
**Darron Henry**  
**Yuan Ching Huang**  
**Ricardo Perez**  
**Susana Perez**  
**Visal Rath**  
**Juan Serrano**  
**Liem Sheu**  
**Kristian Sison**

## 5 Years

**Francis Arme Abrenica**  
**Brandon Echols**  
**Timothy Smith**  
**Omarr Castillo**  
**Octavio Guzman Jr.**  
**Melissa Kalie**  
**Tynishia Lewis**  
**Jimmy Phillipps**  
**Mark Reese**  
**Erwin Sarceno**  
**Jonathan Serrano-Blanco**  
**James Tai**  
**Kenisha Taylor**  
**Elizabeth Wesley**  
**Ashley Ables**  
**Keosheia Adams**  
**Miguel Garcia**  
**Darjione Hayes**  
**Robert Hendrix**  
**Maximiliano Herrera**  
**Gayretta McClendon**  
**Andrew Perez**  
**Robert Ragland**  
**Christopher Serrano**  
**Dennis Stalons**  
**Angie Villasano**  
**Robert Walker**  
**Sacottie Williams**

# Safety Award Recipients



M&I



TSDP

## 39 Years

Alberto Rodriguez

## 34 Years

Earl Burr

## 32 Years

Dennis Chambers

## 31 Years

Javier Mora

## 30 Years

Rhonda Boggoney  
Jonathan Haley

## 28 Years

Rang Phan  
Kelly Williams

## 27 Years

Calixtro Sagbigsal  
Keith Harris

## 25 Years

Alejandro Lem

## 24 Years

Michael Vidal

## 23 Years

Alex Ariola  
Agustin Castellanos  
Juan Percastegui  
Jeffrey Scott

## 22 Years

Richard De Ocampo  
Daniel Green  
Ramon Lopez

Parzettie McClure

Mario B. Mendoza

## 20 Years

Martin Esparza  
Johnny Burton  
Luis F. Morales  
Chris Roberts  
Rida Shihata  
Melody Williams

## 19 Years

Marlon Perez  
Anthony Ford Sr.  
Pearl Franklin  
Clarice Funches  
Bernard Gammage  
Ronaldo Grepo  
Alejandro Jones  
Brian Jones  
Ricardo Preciado  
Preston Wicks

## 18 Years

Marie Ocampo  
David Borge-Sanchez  
Chrystal Burton  
William Gomez  
Daniel Harang III  
Rosalio Hernandez  
Latrice Mc Elroy  
Edward Perez  
Chroy Theng  
Frederick Williams

## 17 Years

William Bahr  
Armando Estrada  
Manuel Fernandez-Alonso  
Lawrence Aaron

Arturo Andrade

Elizalde Balbin  
Bacilia Cadena  
Kendall Coleman  
Luz Elizarraras  
Jose Gutierrez  
Jewel Hardy  
Terrell Johnson  
Syrus Magee  
Humberto Mendoza  
Calvin Moore  
Gerardo Noguera  
Francisco Palacios  
Willie Williams

## 16 Years

Nam Ngo  
Michael Bernard Sr.  
Denny Countee  
Montgomery Crawford  
Marsha Curtis  
Carlos Lopez  
Alejandro Monroy  
Edward Revilla  
Miguel Salazar  
Annette Washington  
Nanette West

## 15 Years

Daniel Fischer  
Pacifico Guzman  
Ronald Abril  
Martin Alcalá  
Hector Amezcua Arzate  
Gwen Branson  
Laura Cibrian  
Abraham Espinoza  
Peter Heng  
James Henry  
Lydia Johnson



# Safety Award Recipients



M&I



TSDP

Rodolfo Lomeli  
Arthur Mitchell  
Maria O'Campo  
Gilberto Perez  
Sergio Perez  
Cedrick Potts  
Jose Roman  
Marcus Smith

## 14 Years

**Mark Juarez**

**Rodolfo Mercado**  
**Gabriel Quintero**  
Florentino Aguilar  
Latanya Haynes  
Martin Pena  
Adelaida Rodriguez  
Marque Snow  
Toinika Stafford  
Venezer Tan

## 13 Years

Yvette Croom  
Kim Leatherwood  
Jesse McGee  
Keith Parker  
Gustavo Prado Jr.  
Maria Reyes  
Jazmine Salazar Calderon  
Robert Sosa  
Milton Swafford  
James Taylor

## 12 Years

**Bruce Pech Kong**  
**Jorge Melendez**  
**David Quintero-Perez**  
Antramone Bullard

Sopheadevyn Chum  
Peter Diaz  
Sandra Galindo  
Mauricio Gavilanes  
Angelina Madrigal  
Rigoberto Magana Lopez  
Jeffrey Perkins  
Virak Port  
Lara Singleton

## 11 Years

**Reuben Allen De Ocampo**  
Victor Arredondo  
Robert Carrillo  
Ramon Esparza  
Letitia Finney  
Daniel Harang IV  
Yuan Ching Huang  
Marlene Jefferson-Kornegay  
Laquisha Marshall  
Michael Myles  
April Swafford  
David Valdez  
Dolores Williams  
Eric Zapata

## 10 Years

**Alejandro Perez-Galicia**  
**Julius Pressley**  
**Roberto Vargas Jr.**  
Edgardo Asis  
Valerie Brown  
Angel Carrillo  
Cirilo Cortes  
Tangyika Fields  
Jonathan Jensen  
Jimmy Jones  
Joseph Martin  
Ramiro Palomares  
Cesar Perez

Christopher Ramsey  
Jeanette Sykes

## 9 Years

**Kenard Lipscomb**  
**George Soto**  
Dornell Griffin  
Ezekiel Griffin  
Fernando Guizar  
Allie Hathaway Jr.  
Hassan Rasheed  
Crystal Williams  
Manrique Williams

## 8 Years

**David Cuevas**  
Joel Abella  
Luis Carrillo  
Prentis Gipson  
Mario E. Hernandez  
Miguel Hernandez  
Richard Hernandez  
Mark Martinez  
Roy Norwood  
Ricardo Perez  
Liem Sheu  
Kristian Sison

## 7 Years

**Fernando Martinez**  
Hendrix Anderson  
Johnny Chea  
Ralph Duron  
Stephen Fomby  
Dorsey Holmes  
James King  
Alfred Segovia  
Javier Solis  
Dewander White  
Dushun White



# Safety Award Recipients

Vondala Whitehead  
Tracy Williams  
Dustin Yan

## 6 Years

Alejandro Ayala  
Israel Caro  
Ricardo Federico  
Adrian Lopez  
Arshon Rogers Jr.  
Laverna Beed  
Shaunte Boatright  
Mario Castellanos  
Angelica Colin Navarro  
Denise Duhon  
Mayte Echols-Valdez  
Sergio Gonzalez  
Carl Grover  
Jose Guillermo II  
Darron Henry  
Latoya Irvine  
Visal Rath  
David Saldana  
Pablo Vega Jr.

## 5 Years

Sultan Hawthorne  
Ruben Rodriguez  
Myron Trimble  
Ignacio Garcia Villalobos  
Michelle Houston  
Sinath Marasingha  
Pedro Martinez  
Andra Montgomery  
Jonathon Montoya  
Juan Quintana Alvarado  
Felicia Session  
Jose Solorio Ocegueda  
Horace Thompson  
Alfredo Topete

## 4 Years

Francis Arme Abrenica  
Brandon Echols  
James Florence Jr.  
Franklin Garcia  
Joanna Aguilar  
Gloria Alvarez Castro  
Miguel Chavez Contreras  
Carmen Hernandez  
Lacey Loftis  
Miguel Luzanilla  
Jorge Meza  
Alex Poeung  
Brandon Romero  
Robert Walker

## 3 Years

Long Nguyen  
Eduardo Perez  
Richard Uy  
Ricardo Becerra  
Gabriel Cortes  
Janelle Dafney  
Yessenia Damian-Garcia  
Miguel Garcia  
David Machado  
Patrick Mansy  
Robert Ragland  
Wendy Sargent  
Max Toledo

## 2 Years

Edward Martinez  
Frank Ortiz  
Anthony Beard  
Scott Bobadilla  
Roberto Carrillo  
Jesus Cortez

Abraham Espinoza Jr.  
Patricia Nauman  
Herman Wynn III

## 1 Year

Gerald Haynes  
Rodney Johnson  
Ruben Lucero  
James MCGiffert  
David Na  
David Romero  
Jose Romero Jr.  
Tommy Sar  
Andrew Sedillo  
Gildardo Avalos Espinoza  
Gabriel Becerra-Orozco  
Dominique Clayton  
Julio Diaz-Carrillo  
Ray Flemister  
Seth George  
Lennyn Gutierrez  
Alanna Johns  
Coquice Johnson  
Duane Kenton  
Enrique Madrid Valdovinos  
Maikol Morris Pena  
Giovanni Pineda  
Kay Rainer  
Manuel Rodriguez  
Guadalupe Ruiz-Jefferson  
Carlos Zacarias  
Jesus Zavala  
Evelyn Zeron



# Perfect Attendance Award Recipients



M&I



TSDP

## 6 Years

Mario B. Mendoza

## 5 Years

Dolores Williams

## 4 Years

Mario E. Hernandez

## 3 Years

Rhonda Boggoney  
Frederick Williams

## 2 Years

Alejandro Jones  
Rigoberto Magana Lopez  
David Valdez  
**Andrew Sedillo**

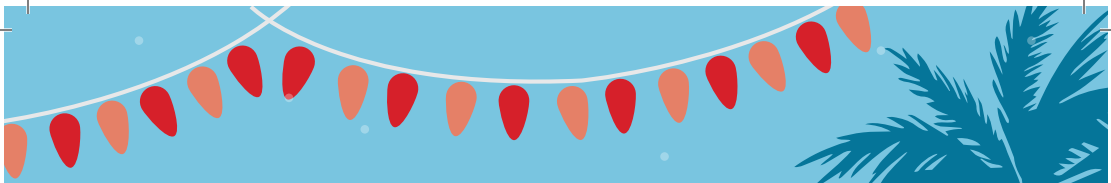
## 1 Year

Anthony Beard  
Chrystal Burton  
Johnny Burton  
Angel Carrillo  
Yvette Croom  
Peter Diaz  
Emad Bolos  
Pearl Franklin  
William Gomez  
Carlos Lopez  
**Reuben Allen De Ocampo**  
**Marlon Perez**

We also want to recognize the  
15 employees who retired in 2023.

**Together, they served LBT a  
combined 364 years!**





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