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Statewide Bus and Maintenance Roadeo

Background: Fairfax County recently hosted the annual statewide Bus and Maintenance Roadeo at the West Ox Bus Garage. Bus operators and maintenance professionals from jurisdictions around the Commonwealth participate in the annual Roadeo. They compete in several timed events that test problem-solving and technical skills in key areas. Maintenance technicians took a knowledge exam and then identified and diagnosed a range of mechanical issues across vehicle systems including braking, engine, door operation, HVAC, vehicle computer systems and general vehicle inspection. Bus operators competed in a timed obstacle course designed to evaluate driving skills, including serpentine maneuvers, difficult turns, reversing, braking, vehicle inspection, simulated bus stops and navigating a diminished clearance scenario.

Fairfax Connector continued its outstanding performance in the annual competition, winning the overall combined maintenance and operator score and bringing home the Virginia State Bus and Maintenance Roadeo traveling trophy. Outstanding performances included a first-place finish for the maintenance team of Joshua Zaragoza, Jerry Salgado and Martin Lopez; and a second-place finish on the obstacle course by operator Ramarolahy Rinasoa.

Motion: Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to prepare a resolution to recognize the Fairfax Connector winners of the Virginia State Bus and Maintenance Roadeo to be presented at a future Board meeting.