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## [ iWork@Metro ]

- As 2010 rolls out, we want to introduce a new myMetro feature called **iWork@Metro**. This new series offers a quick glimpse of who you work with, and what makes them special. If you'd like to suggest someone to be spotlighted for this feature, please contact us at [myMetro@metro.net](mailto:myMetro@metro.net).



East Valley Division Maintenance Manager Sal Llamas oversees the division's bus fleet.

### Sal Llamas – Div. 15 Maintenance Manager

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**Q:** Tell us a little about yourself. What do you do here at Metro?

**A:** My name is Salvador Llamas. I'm responsible for overseeing the maintenance operation and the bus fleet at Division 15.

**Q:** What do you like the most about working at Metro?

**A:** Providing a valuable service to the community. There's always someone waiting for a bus, and when we get them to where they have to go on time and in a clean, safe, reliable bus, that's great. Sometimes we forget how many times we do that a day, and how many thousands of lives we impact a day. That helps me to be able to deal with the day-to-day struggles and challenges, and we could always do a better job.

**Q:** What is the most interesting place you've ever been to that no one knows about?

**A:** I would say Iraq. I actually had the opportunity to visit some of the ruins that are mentioned in the Bible which were very interesting. There was a lot of very interesting historical sites that I was able to visit. I'm a

Marine and was deployed there for 10 months.

**Q:** What would you do if you won the lottery?

**A:** Oh wow. That's a good question. Believe it or not, I have contemplated that. I don't play anymore but I would want to help my family, my brothers and sisters and my parents. I'd help my family pay off their homes and then establish a business that would contribute somehow to the public.

**Q:** What's the best meal you've ever eaten and who cooked it?

**A:** My mom cooked it and it's a meal called pozole. It's a Mexican traditional meal but the way she makes it is unique because she adds pork and chicken, and it just gives it a whole different flavor. And to this day, I can eat that meal for a whole entire week, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**Q:** What's the strangest or most unusual movie you've ever seen?

**A:** Well the movie that I've seen that has never left my mind to this day is the *Exorcist*, probably because I saw it when I was a child around 10 or 11. And my teenage cousins and my brothers and sisters we were all staying at my uncle's house, and I got forced into it.

**Q:** What would be No. 3 on your bucket list?

**A:** I've always wanted to be able to just pack up and go, see different parts of the world, get to know and understand different cultures. I had a little bit of that in the military. I was able to go to Korea, Japan, and the Middle East. But there are other parts of the world that I've never been to that interest me. It actually humbles you to appreciate humanity when you get to go around the world and see other people struggling to live. It gives you a better appreciation of life.