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## ECHO PARK RESIDENT HONORED AS MTA'S BUS OPERATOR OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

New Mexico native Alfredo Miranda, who moved to Los Angeles 37 years ago and has been driving a bus for the MTA and its predecessors for 36 of those years, was honored as the MTA's Operator of the Month for October.

Miranda, who is known as "Art" to friends and co-workers, has maintained excellent accident, attendance, and safety records. In addition to receiving numerous letters of commendation from his managers and customers, he has earned a 25-year safety award and two Outstanding Operator awards.

"Art is the kind of person who sets an example for our younger operators that can't be taught in the instruction room," said Arthur Leahy, MTA's Executive Officer -- Operations. "It is gratifying to know that, after 36 years, he still looks forward to coming to work every day."

Miranda operates Line 462, which runs from downtown Los Angeles to Cerritos Center via Telegraph Road and Norwalk Boulevard. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, hunting, football and photography. Upon retirement in about two years, he plans to travel extensively.

The Albuquerque, N.M., native has one daughter and one grandchild.

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