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Bus Reliability

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Bus Reliability

- Provide a clean, safe and comfortable bus that completes its work without any maintenance-related interruption
 - 750 am peak buses
 - 769 pm peak buses

How it's measured

Total miles + total bus changes = miles per road call



The Journey to Improvement

- Reliability measured the same for years
 - What counted varied
 - Chargeability depended on finding
 - Decentralized accounting
 - We can do better
- A major change in 2003
 - Improve customer experience
 - · Get to the root cause of a failure
 - Reduce overall road calls
 - Centralize accounting
 - Consistent and accurate measurement
 - Report daily





The Journey to Improvement

- 2003 The "root cause"
 - Address "operator error"
 - Scrutinize "no trouble found", "phantom" and "repeat" road calls
 - Address logistical challenges



- 2008 - Reliability part of employee recognition program



- 2011 Inspection program overhauled
 - Perform all on one shift
 - Dedicated supervisors
 - Inspect less, repair more
 - Process improvement

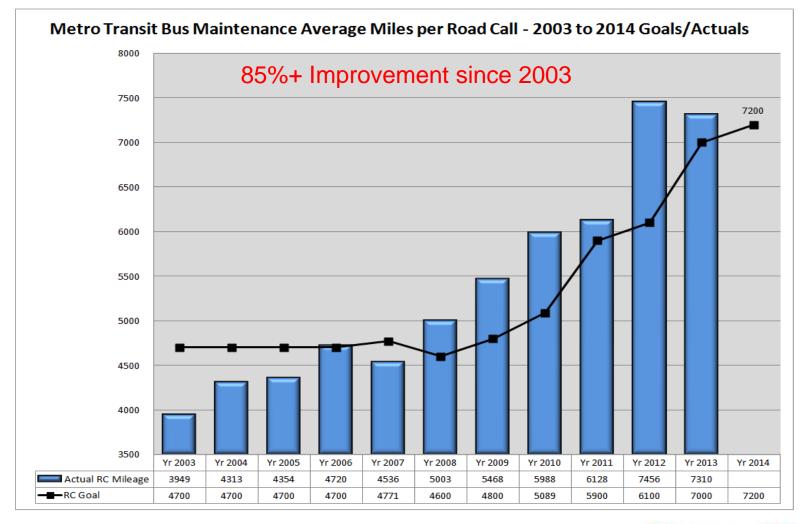


Today's Challenges

- Powertrain systems
 - Exhaust aftertreatment
 - Sensors
 - Electrical
- Exit/entrance doors
- Weather extremes
- Keeping up with new technology
- Keeping ahead of the learning curve

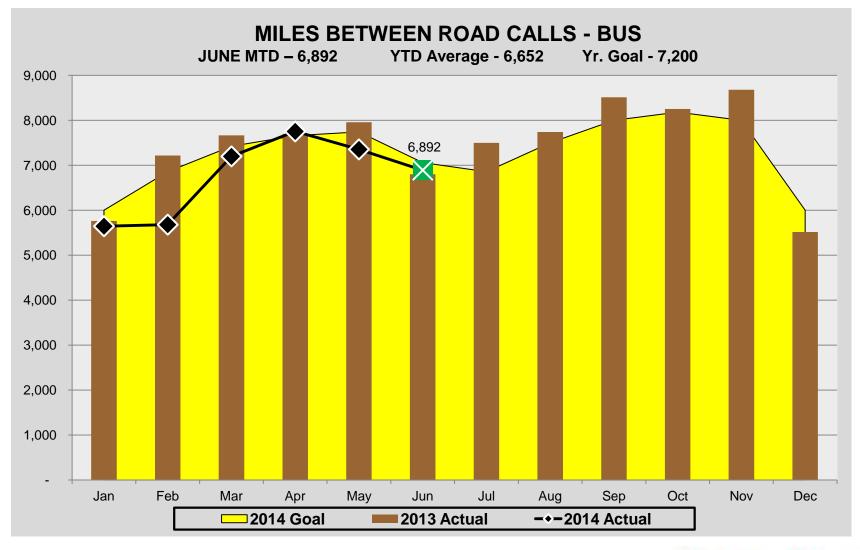


The Annual Reliability Trend





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Continuing the Trend

- Preventive maintenance
- Predictive maintenance
- Daily fleet monitoring
- Training development
- Hiring talent
- Communication
- Bus design/Fleet Improvement
- Analytics













Questions?







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