

# Bus Operator Recruitment and Outreach

Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee April 11, 2016





- Renewed attention:
  - Consistent Bus Operator labor shortage
  - Reduced applicant pool
  - Marketplace trends
  - Retirement eligibility
  - Planned system growth
    LRT expansion
  - Equity and diversity in workforce





# Workforce Planning Taskforce

- A coordinated, cooperative approach to the recruitment, hiring and sustainability of our Bus Operator workforce.
- Sub-Working Groups
  - Marketing/Communications
  - Community outreach activity/event planning
  - Position requirements, qualification and selection process
  - Part time hiring (detail planning)
  - Retention
  - Data/trend analysis



# 2015 Marketing / Communications

- Webpage updates
- Web ads
- Bus Interior cards
- Banners
- State Fair signs
- Garage open houses
- Test event promotions
- Equity bus
- Radio Spots



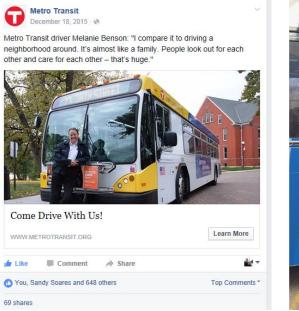
#### Come drive with us! we're hiring bus drivers



\$17.97 per hourEligible for benefits even at part-time30 hours per week to start, guaranteedPaid training

GET DETAILS AND APPLY ONLINE TODAY! METROTRANSIT.ORG/JOBS

Tetro Transit







- Community Based
- Multi-departmental effort (HR/OEO/Marketing/Bus Ops)
- Three events, 306 applicants
  - Earle Brown (Sept)
  - Metro State (Dec)
  - MCTC (Mar)









### **Removing Barriers**

- Operator Applicant Readiness
  - CDL Study Guides
  - Free CDL Preparatory Sessions hosted by Urban Ventures
  - Minimum Qualification Review
  - NeoGov Application Assistance



- Early indicators of success
  - 69% passing rate for those who attended prep sessions (compared to 41%)





### **Bus Operator Engagement**

- Operators Engaging and Connecting with Communities (OECC)
- 20 events to date
- Bus Operators on community radio
- Events targeted to local communities of color
- Cultural centers, places of worship, community events









## 2016 and Beyond

- Quarterly testing events
- Continued Operator engagement
- Expanded candidate preparatory sessions
- All geographical areas covered
- Expanded marketing plan
- Day in the Life Video

