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WestCAT's Bus 201 Reaches One Million Miles of Service

A Milestone Made Possible by the Dedication of Operators, Mechanics, and Staff

Pinole, Calif. — July 14, 2026 — The Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WestCAT) is proud to announce that Lynx Bus 201 has officially reached an extraordinary milestone—1,000,000 miles of service.

Since entering service on September 19, 2008, Bus 201 has safely transported thousands of passengers throughout West Contra Costa County and beyond, traveling the equivalent of more than 40 trips around the Earth. Reaching one million miles is a remarkable achievement that reflects nearly two decades of dependable service, exceptional maintenance, and the commitment of the people who keep WestCAT moving every day.

"This milestone isn't just about a bus—it's about the people behind it," said Rob Thompson, General Manager of WestCAT. "Every mile represents the dedication of our mechanics, operators, dispatchers, and support staff who work tirelessly to provide safe, reliable transportation for our community. Bus 201 reaching one million miles is a testament to their professionalism and pride in their work."

Throughout its years of service, Bus 201 has been maintained through WestCAT & MV Transportation's comprehensive preventive maintenance program. Skilled technicians have performed thousands of inspections, repairs, and routine maintenance activities to ensure the vehicle continued to operate safely and reliably while serving riders across the region.

The milestone also honors the many Lynx operators who have driven Bus 201 over the years. Their commitment to safe driving and exceptional customer service has helped the coach remain a dependable part of WestCAT's fleet since 2008.

To recognize this historic accomplishment, WestCAT will celebrate its Million Mile Maintenance Team with a special breakfast honoring the maintenance professionals whose expertise helped make this achievement possible.

"One million miles doesn't happen by accident," said Telisha Burns, MV Operations Manager. "It takes teamwork, attention to detail, and a shared commitment to excellence every single day."

This celebration is our way of saying thank you to the mechanics, operators, and staff who made this incredible milestone possible."

As WestCAT looks toward the future of public transportation, Bus 201 stands as a symbol of the agency's commitment to responsible fleet management, sustainability, and delivering dependable service.



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