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Trina Gwerder Named Mason Transit Employee of the Year

SHELTON, WA – For keeping daily operations running smoothly and for inspiring employees during a challenging time for our community, Trina Gwerder has been named Mason Transit Authority's Employee of the Year.

Gwerder has worked at Mason Transit Authority for 14 years, starting out as a shelter monitor. As one of three operations supervisors, she plans, supervises and coordinates transit

schedules and services. In addition, she supervises about 34 drivers.

In nominating her, coworkers described Gwerder as having "the biggest heart and compassion for the customers we serve." Other nominations noted that Gwerder is fair, caring and provides guidance "in an uplifting way that leaves you wanting to perform to the best of your ability."

"Trina keeps everything running smoothly. She cares about people and leads by example. We are very lucky to have her at MTA," said Danette Brannin, Mason Transit general manager.

When she's not working, Gwerder plays softball and spends time with family. She likes hiking, camping, working out and riding dirt bikes with her family.

Staff nominate fellow employees for Employee of the Year every February. Mason Transit leadership and the Employee Engagement Committee team select the recipient based on employee nominations.

<u>Mason Transit Authority</u> serves the Mason County community and connects with area transit systems including Grays Harbor Transit, Intercity Transit (Thurston County), Jefferson Transit, Kitsap Transit, Squaxin Island Transit, and Sound Transit, which in turn provides connections to the ferries, Amtrak and Greyhound service. **You can go anywhere from here!** Mason Transit Authority is a partner in the Health & Safety Commitments Program of The American Public Transportation Association.