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## WeGo celebrates apprentice mechanic signing

**NASHVILLE** – WeGo Public Transit hosted a ceremony today for its latest group of mechanics joining the WeGo Mechanic Apprenticeship Program. It combines training with a full-time salary and benefits, including health insurance.

"WeGo mechanics are vital to our mission. They keep our buses on the road. The Apprentice Mechanic program allows us to grow skilled heavy-duty mechanics with expertise in bus mechanical systems," WeGo CEO Steve Bland said. "They will have great opportunities for advancement once they graduate."

The goal is to advance people into a starting mechanics position at WeGo, offering better pay and room for further advancement. It's a hands-on program taught in the WeGo maintenance facilities with participants working on active fleet buses. WeGo recruits a new mechanic apprentice class once a year. To join, applicants must be 18 or older, submit a resume, pass a mechanical aptitude test, and complete an interview process. The program is a joint effort of the 1235 Amalgamated Transit Union and Davidson Transit Organization/WeGo Public Transit.

Applicants for the next class can get started today by signing-up on the WeGo <u>Talent Community</u> page at WeGoTransit.com.

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The signing, front left to right. Apprentice signees: Adam AL-Hajjaj, Lakewood; William Martin, Nashville; Eduardo Badillo, Mexico City, MX; Brent Miner, Ashland City; Adrian Mayers, Mobile, AL; and Charles Phelps, Joelton. Back row: Vince Malone Chief of Staff and Administration; Shalondria S. Shaw, State Apprenticeship Director and Steffany S. Daniel, Apprenticeship Specialist, Apprentice TN; Kym Tucker, WeGo Director of Administration; and Steve Bland, WeGo CEO.

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## About WeGo Public Transit

The Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (Nashville MTA) and the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee (RTA) are operating bodies of WeGo Public Transit, which serves 26 local bus routes, nine regional bus routes, and one train serving Davidson and Wilson Counties. Visit <u>WeGoTransit.com</u>