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Operator Takes Top Spot in Both Divisions of DART Bus Roadeo

Operator Luis Valle won both the 25-foot-bus and 40-foot-bus divisions of the Bus Roadeo held on Saturday by the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority.

A “bus roadeo” is a competition in which professional operators attempt to maneuver 25- or 40-foot buses through an obstacle course that is far more difficult than regular road conditions. The obstacle course includes tight serpentine turns, backing up into narrow passageways, and shooting through an alley of barrels with only inches of clearance on either side of the bus.

This year’s field was particularly competitive, with the first- and second-place finisher in the large-bus division being separated by a single point.

LARGE BUS DIVISION

- 1ST – Luis Valle
- 2nd – Meshack Koech
- 3rd – Justin Hazebroek

SMALL BUS DIVISION

- 1ST – Luis Valle
- 2nd – Paul Flohrs
- 3rd – Les Vanden Berg and Cesar Chavez (tie)

DART holds the Roadeo to showcase operators’ skills to the community and to encourage operators to always strive for their best performance. The top two competitors in each division will compete in the state roadeo on Saturday, June 25, in Okoboji.

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