**Class Summary**

The responsibilities of this classification include operating and performing routine maintenance on a variety of heavy-duty vehicles and equipment used in transit facility maintenance operations.

**Distinguishing Characteristics**

This is the first level of a two-level classification series. Work involves the safe and efficient operation of specialized heavy-duty equipment and vehicles used in transit property and facility maintenance, construction, and repair projects. It is distinguished from other classifications because no other classifications are responsible for equipment operation within the Metro Transit Department.

**Examples of Duties**

1. Operate and maintain a variety of specialized heavy-duty equipment and vehicles including backhoes, compactors, bucket trucks, sweepers, and similar equipment.
2. Perform minor repairs and preventive maintenance on equipment; visually inspect and report safety problems; check and correct fluid levels and tire pressure; refuel and maintain equipment cleanliness and serviceability.
3. Operate mobile trash compactor trucks to collect trash, recyclables, compost, and other waste materials from dumpsters and street side containers; perform trash collection on assigned routes.
4. Operate snowplows, sanding, and de-icing trucks during adverse weather conditions.
5. Operate eductor/vactor trucks; perform inspections and clean catch basins, vaults, oil/water separators, and similar structures.
6. Perform or assist in clean-up and containment of fuel or other types of incidental spills.
7. Maintain equipment records and maintenance logs.
8. Maintain varied records including work performed, time spent, materials used, and related information; enter and extract data using automated systems; maintain manual records as required.
9. Perform other duties as assigned.

**Knowledge/Skills**

Knowledge of the use and safe operation of a wide variety of specialized heavy-duty equipment

Knowledge of routine preventive maintenance requirements and minor repair of equipment

Knowledge of routine traffic laws and regulations

Knowledge of safe moving and lifting practices, occupational hazards and safety requirements

Knowledge of and compliance with working in confined space regulations

Skill in heavy equipment operation

Skill in the use and care of tools and equipment

Skill in verbal and written communication

Ability to work nights, weekends, holidays, and during adverse weather events or emergencies

Ability to effectively engage in and sustain relationships with people from diverse cultures and socio-economic backgrounds

Ability to work independently and as a team member

Demonstrated proficiency with business applications, such as Microsoft Office suite

**Education and Experience Requirements**

Any combination of education and experience that clearly demonstrates the ability to perform the job duties of the position

**Licensing, Certification and Other Requirements**

Valid Washington State Driver License

Commercial Driver License with appropriate endorsements

Must pass a post-offer, pre-employment physical examination

Must pass drug and alcohol testing provisions for safety sensitive positions as required by the U.S. Department of Transportation, 49 CFR Parts 40 and 655

Additional licenses, certifications and other requirements determined to be necessary to meet the business needs of the employing unit may be required

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| **FLSA Designation** | Non-Exempt |
| **Service Status** | Career Service  |
| **EEO Code** | 6 |
| **Levels within same series** | Transit Equipment OperatorTransit Equipment Operator – Lead |
| **Class History** | 10/2010 – Updated description and changed format2/2021 – Updated content to reflect the creation of Transit Equipment Operator – Lead |