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## **Operators place at DART Bus Roadeo, advance to state competition**

Four operators took top honors in today's DART Bus Roadeo at Southridge Mall, advancing to state finals on Saturday, June 21, in Davenport.

DART operators competed in a timed driving contest called a roadeo, in which they navigate the large buses through a tightly configured obstacle course of road cones. Those who hit the fewest cones, while finishing on time, score the most points. The top two finishers from each class advance to state finals. Today's winners include:

### **Fixed route (35-foot bus)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Cesar Chavez  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Abay Mengistu  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Bill Smith

### **Paratransit (25-foot bus)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ivan Thompson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kurt Mackel-Wiederanders  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Cherie Shippy

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