

Fleet relocating a front-end loader using a heavy load trailer known as a "low-boy"

Fleet Services Unit

Fleet Services Unit's 41 employees support Metropolitan's sizeable service area, including the CRA. Led by Eric Brown, the unit is comprised of the East, West, and Desert teams, along with managers/staff that support administration of the unit. Fleet oversees nearly 1,800 assets with an original value of \$48 million. The unit maintains 11 service center garage locations and two aircraft for flight operations throughout the service area and beyond-- performing maintenance, emergency repairs, emissions testing, fuel

services, and most recently sanitization of cars, trucks, and other vehicles. Overall, Fleet

performs over 8,000 preventative or corrective repairs on Metropolitan assets every year.

Keeping track of the age and condition of over a thousand different pieces of equipment is challenging. Assets are purchased, received, tracked, and retired in a database using the American Public Works Association (APWA) classification system. Fleet strategically replaces aging vehicles and equipment to increase asset and operational reliability while complying with air quality and other regulations. In this year's Operating Equipment cycle, almost 200 pieces of equipment will enter the procurement process.

This past year, Fleet responded quickly and creatively to

Fleet O&M Tech IVs Chris Weiss (left) and Francisco Pedroza replace brushes on one of Metropolitan's unique tunnel cleaning machine

the COVID-19 pandemic by developing no-contact

disinfection procedures and daily vehicle cleanings. While some Fleet staff shifted to teleworking, most garage staff moved to micro-team rotations to expand physical space inside shops and keep Metropolitan vehicles and equipment moving. Rideshare, vanpool, and aircraft passenger transportation were suspended to reduce the risk to employees. Fleet also reported fuel inventory levels daily to the EOC, ensuring response readiness in a time of heightened uncertainty.

While some of our vehicles may be at a standstill due to the pandemic, Fleet Services continues to be on the move supporting Metropolitan staff and our mission.