

# User Guide



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# Welcome to Transportation Operations Manager (T.O.M.)

Thank you for selecting Transportation Operations Manager (T.O.M.). T.O.M. was created by Gecko Microsolutions, a software firm specializing in the development of software products for school transportation operations.

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