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## **MST HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 14, 2008 BOARD MEETING**

### **APRIL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2008-15 recognizing Samuel Fernandez, Master Mechanic, as Employee of the Month for April 2008. Sam is currently working on a door modification to add an improved safety feature to the parking brake systems for MST's fleet. He is highly motivated, conscientious and a skilled Master Mechanic, who expertly diagnoses and repairs some of our fleets most troublesome and difficult problems. Sam is highly skilled in all aspects of transit vehicle maintenance and is also certified to service and repair bus AC systems. Over the past 28 years, Sam has played a key support role as MST introduced new buses into our fleet. He has participated in trips to various bus manufacturer plants and has most recently helped prepare the new 2000's and 1700's Gillig fleet for service.

### **20-YEAR SERVICE AWARD**

The MST Board presented Janet Madler, Fleet Manager, with a 25-Year Service Award.

### **RETIREMENT AND SALE OF FLXIBLE BUSES, PARTS, AND VEHICLES**

The MST Board authorized staff to: 1) Approve the retirement and sale of eight (8) 1995 Flxible buses along with obsolete spare parts/tools; and 2) Approve the retirement and sale of ten (10) minibuses and support vehicles.

### **BUS STOP CLEANING AND SHELTER PROGRAM**

The Board approved the "Adopt a Bus Stop", sponsorship and bus stop beautification program.

This program is intended to allow community groups or individuals to sponsor a bus stop bench or shelter through a purchase, and, or volunteer to "adopt" a bus stop for a periodic or single event cleaning and beautification efforts.

### **REJECT PROPOSALS FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS WITH BOYLE ENGINEERING**

The MST Board of Directors: 1) Rejected proposals for Architectural and Engineering Services (RFP #0801) for the Frank J. Lichtanski, Monterey Bay Operations Center (FJL); and 2) Authorized staff to negotiate with Boyle Engineering for architectural and engineering services for FJL.

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MST owns several land parcels in the former Fort Ord, which have been identified for the development of MST's new operating facility. The new facility, the Frank J. Lichtanski Monterey Bay Operations Center, will combine operations from MST's two current facilities in Salinas and Monterey, which exceed their design capacity, into one larger operations, maintenance and administration center.

### **MONTEREY MOBILITY MANAGEMENT CENTER**

The Board: 1) Awarded a contract to Fred Oakes Company for up to \$154,150 for tenant improvements for the Monterey Mobility Management Center (3MC); and 2) Authorized staff to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the 3MC building, contingent upon the results of a building appraisal.

MST has outgrown the current Albert Division in Monterey and is in dire need of additional office space to meet current needs and CTSA training requirements. The Monterey Mobility Management Center is designed to promote and conduct travel training for seniors and disabled passengers. The center will also provide much needed office space for the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency Manager, the Contract Transportation Manager, the Paratransit Eligibility Specialist and a Customer Service Representative. This location will also provide convenient downtown Monterey access for customer ticket and pass sales.

### **FY 2008 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

The MST Board directed staff to: 1) adopt the FY 2008 Program of Projects; and 2) authorize the filing of the appropriate grant applications with the Federal Transit Administration.

The Program of Projects (POP) allocates Section 5307 federal funds to specific projects each fiscal year. The POP becomes part of MST's application for federal grant funding that is submitted to the Federal Transit Administration via AMBAG. According to federal regulations, MST is required to develop, publish and afford an opportunity for a public hearing on and submit for approval a POP that are funded by Section 5307 funds. In addition, the projects listed in the POP will be submitted to AMBAG for inclusion in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

### **RETIREMENT OF BUS DEBT**

The Board authorized staff to establish an escrow account and execute all necessary documentation to retire outstanding debt for 15 buses acquired in FY 2008.

In September 2007, the California Transportation Commission allocated \$7.5M of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds to reimburse MST for costs to complete the purchase of these buses. The Master Agreement between MST and the State of California allows for the reimbursement of costs related to the financing of transit equipment.