

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT
August 18, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Armenta called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Monterey-Salinas Transit Conference Room.

Present:	Karen Sharp	City of Carmel-By-The-Sea
	Kristin Clark	City of Del Rey Oaks
	James Ford	City of Marina
	Libby Downey	City of Monterey
	Vicki Stillwell	City of Pacific Grove
	Sergio Sanchez (10:03)	City of Salinas
	Thomas Mancini	City of Seaside
	Fernando Armenta	County of Monterey
Absent:	Lisa Senkir	City of Gonzales (Ex-Officio)
Staff:	Carl Sedoryk	General Manager/CEO
	Ben Newman	Risk Manager
	Michael Hernandez	Asst. General Manager/Chief Operations Officer
	Robert Weber	Director Transportation Services
	Michael Gallant	Planning Manager
	Michael Cargile	Communications Systems Specialist
	Tom Hicks	CTSA Manager
	Zoe Smallwood	Marketing Analyst
	Chris McDaniel	General Accounting Manager
	Angelina Ruiz	Human Resource Administrator
	Lou Doll	Safety / Training Officer
	Rudy Mora	Coach Operator
	Bill Morris	Contract Transportation Manager
Others:	Dave Laredo	DeLay & Laredo
	Heidi Quinn	DeLay & Laredo
	Lori Cargile	Wife of E.O.M
	Ruth Mora	Wife of Rudy Mora
	Lance Atencio	MV Transportation
	John Slobodir	Pacific Grove, CA

Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.

2. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to meet with legal counsel regarding conference with labor negotiators.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon returning to open Session, General Counsel Laredo provided a status report on the negotiations. No reportable action was taken by the Board.

4-1. – 4-15. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda items consisted of the following:

- 4-2. Adopt Resolution 2009-03 recognizing Michael Cargile, Communications Systems Specialist, as Employee of the Month for July 2008.
- 4-3. Disposal of property left aboard buses.
- 4-4. Minutes of the regular meeting of July 14, 2008.
- 4-5. Financial Report – July 2008.
- 4-6. Approve new check signing authority for LWP Claims Solutions Inc.
- 4-7. Approve MST officers and Appointment.
- 4-8. Reject Liability Claim.
- 4-9. Committee Assignments.
- 4-10. Award \$41,891.85 Contract to Gillig Corporation for purchase of Coach Operator Seats.
- 4-11. Approve Revised Drug and Alcohol Policy.
- 4-12. Directors and Officers, Employment Practices Liability Insurance.
- 4-13. Adopt DBE Goals.
- 4-14. Adopt Resolution 2009-04 supporting the State of California regarding construction of high speed rail.
- 4-15. Authorize General Manager / CEO to sign ballot argument/rebuttal for the TAMC ½-Cent sales tax.

Item 4-9 was pulled from consent for further discussion.

Director Mancini moved to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda. Director Ford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4-9. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Director Downey requested more information on proposed meeting dates for Planning / Operations and Committee Assignments. Director Downey requested to be added to the Legislative Committee.

Director Sanchez moved to authorize the revised committee assignments. Director Stillwell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Director Sanchez arrived at 10:03 a.m.

Robert Weber, Director of Transportation Services, introduced Michael Cargile, Communications Systems Specialist, as Employee of the Month for August 2008. Michael Cargile began his career with MST in April 1991 as a Coach Operator. In May 2006, Michael was promoted to the position of Communications Systems Specialist. In July of 2008, Michael Cargile assumed the role as the Communications Center's lead during the Red Bull Moto GP event. MST provided service to this special event over a 3-day period requiring the deployment of 24 additional MST coaches at it's peak. He was responsible for briefing the 35 Coach Operators assigned to the event and coordinating with Senior Operations Supervisor who was overseeing the overall operation. Michael's performance in the Communications Center was exceptional.

Mike Hernandez, Assistant General Manager / COO, recognized Rudy Mora, Coach Operator, for 20 years of service with MST. Mr. Mora was awarded with a 20 year commemorative pin.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Fink, Salinas resident, requested better communication between MST Dispatch and MV Dispatch to improve scheduling issues between MST and RIDES. Mr. Fink requests the redesigning of the time tables to ensuring timeliness for riders who travel line 55 from Monterey to San Jose.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board accepted and filed the HR Committee Minutes – July 18, 2008; MST RIDES Advisory Committee Minutes- May 19, 2008 and Facilities Committee Minutes- July 14, 2008.

8-1. PASSENGER SEAT CONTRACT

This portion of the project will rebuild and replace 35 passenger seats on 21 1100-series coaches, and provide one spare bus set. The original seat manufacturer is no longer in business and Bergen Auto Upholstery will rebuild the seats to include new

foam/support materials and fabric. The seats will be installed into the original seat frames either by MST personnel or by an outside vendor. These seats are worn and the original fabric is no longer available. The replacement fabric will match the current fabric used on MST's newest fleet. Replacement seats will remove old worn seats, improve passenger comfort and improve the overall appearance of the fleet.

Director Mancini moved to authorize Bergen Auto Upholstery to rebuild 35 passenger seats for twenty- one buses for a total of \$116,385.13 which includes a 5% project contingency. Director Downey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

8-2. ELECTRONIC DESTINATION SIGNS

MST's model year 2000 Gillig Phantom Transit buses have an average of 381,000 miles, which is the highest in the fleet. This fleet is scheduled for refurbishment work to include the replacement of passenger/driver seats, destination signs, replacement of major components and other work. Refurbishing the fleet is intended to maximize the life of these vehicles beyond the typical 12 year, 500,000 miles.

Director Downey moved to authorize the purchase of new electronic destination signs from DRI Corporation/Twin Vision for a total cost of \$143,074 which includes a 5% contingency. Director Clark seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

10-1. RATIFY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MST EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION

Negotiations ended on August 11, 2008 resulting in recommendations of a 4% increase during the first year of the MOU and a 3.5% increase for the second and third years of the contract. There was also a recommended change to the 1% longevity pay which was agreed by both parties. The agreement is that those employees whose salaries are frozen at the top of their scale shall receive their 1% longevity pay in a lump sum; thereafter not affecting base pay for future increases. One new article was written to address flexible work schedules and a recommendation to increase the tuition reimbursement from \$1,000 per year to \$2,000 per year.

Director Clark commented that she glad to see flextime and tuition reimbursement being raised to offer more opportunity for MST employees. Director Clark moved ratify the MOU between MST and MSTE. Director Sharp seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

10-2. ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM CENTRAL COAST ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH

On May 19th, the General Managers for both MST and the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) met with Alan McKay, the Executive Director of CCAH to discuss the financial and operational impacts that the change in Alliance practices has made on our region's public transit operators. Based on these discussions the Alliance is offering MST \$117, 141 to assist with the costs of associated with the transition of non-essential medical trips from the Alliance to MST RIDES.

Director Manicini moved to accept the proposal from Central Coast Alliance for Health in the amount of \$117, 141. Director Stillwell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

11-1. TAXI STATUS UPDATE

Receive update on the TAMC taxi study and the proposed role of MST as the regional taxi authority for Monterey County. No action was taken.

12-1. – 12-6. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

The reports consisted of the General Manager/CEO Report; Washington DC Lobbyist Report – July 30, 2008; Sacramento Lobbyist report – August 1, 2008; RIDES Vehicle Purchase Report; Board referrals; and Staff trip reports.

13. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Clark commented that she was glad to see flextime and tuition reimbursement being raised to offer more opportunity for MST employees. The Board of Directors inquired about the possibility of holding the September 8 Board Meeting at the new Mobility Management Center in Monterey, CA.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Downey commented there will be a possibility that she will either be tardy or absent from the Board Meeting on September 8 due to a prior engagement.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Prepared by: _____
Angelina Ruiz