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## **MST HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 18, 2008 BOARD MEETING**

### **AUGUST EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2009-02 recognizing Michael Cargile, Communications Systems Specialist, as Employee of the Month for August 2008. Michael Cargile began his career with Monterey – Salinas Transit 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 Communication Center's lead during the Red Bull Moto GP event. MST provided service to this special even over a 3-day period requiring the deployment of up to 24 additional MST coaches at its peak. He was responsible for briefing the 35 Coach Operators assigned to the event and coordinating with the Senior Operations Supervisor who was overseeing the overall operation. Michael's performance in the Communication's Center was exceptional.

### **WORKER'S COMP CHECK SIGNING AUTHORITY**

The MST Board approved check signing authority for LWP Claims Administrators for worker's compensation expenses commencing September 1, 2008.

### **CLAIM REJECTION**

The MST Board of Directors rejected the liability claim of an MST passenger who claimed injury to her neck from an incident that occurred on May 22, 2008 when the bus braked suddenly to avoid a collision.

### **COACH OPERATOR SEATS**

The MST Board approved the purchase of 21 coach operator seats from Gillig Corporation as part of the 1100 Gillig Mid-Life Rebuild Project. The cost per seat is \$1,994.95 for a total project cost of \$41,891.85.

### **DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) ANNUAL GOALS**

The MST Board of Directors approved the proposed 4% goal for FY2009 to comply with the FTA Regulations.

## **HIGH SPEED RAIL**

The MST Board approved resolution 2009-04 in support of the construction of a high speed rail network in California. High speed rail in California will provide necessary additional capacity to meet mobility needs at lower cost than building new roads or airport runways as well as have low environmental impact and high energy efficiency on electricity, not oil.

## **PASSENGER SEAT CONTRACT**

The MST Board authorized Bergen Auto Upholstery, Teterboro, NJ to rebuild 35 passenger seats for 21, model year 2000 Gillig Phantom's for \$4,987.13 per bus seat for a total project cost of \$116,385.13 which includes a 5% project contingency.

## **ELECTRIC DESTINATION SIGNS**

The MST Board authorized the purchase of new electronic destination signs from DRI Corporation / Twin Vision to replace MST's mylar curtains on 21 buses for a cost of \$6,488.63 per bus. The total cost of the project is \$143,074 which includes a 5% contingency. Funding is available in the capital budget from the 1100 Gillig Mid-life Rebuild Project.

## **MOU BETWEEN MSTEAM AND MST**

The MST Board of Directors approved the ratification of the memorandum of understanding between MST Employee Association and MST resulting in:

1) A wage increase of 4% the first year of the MOU and a 3.5% increase for the second and third years of the contract; 2) Increase for tuition reimbursement from \$1,000 per year to \$2,000 per year; and 3) Change to 1% longevity pay.

An agreement was made between both parties 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.

## **CENTRAL COAST ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH**

The MST Board accepted the funding assistance proposal from Central Coast Alliance For Health in the amount of \$117,141 in additional revenue for MST RIDES services.