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MST HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 8, 2008 BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2009-11 recognizing Raul Estrada, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Month for December 2008. On October 23, 2008, Raul performed the Heimlich maneuver on a co-worker who was choking on a food item. From all reports, the employee had a fully obstructed airway and was in severe distress. Raul's intervention helped to dislodge the obstruction – avoiding what could have been a truly tragic event.

FARE INCREASE

After conducting a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed fare increases for MST fixed-route bus and RIDES and/or service reductions, the MST Board: 1) adopted a \$0.50 base fare increase to fixed-route; 2) adopted a \$0.50 per zone fare increase to MST RIDES; 3) return to using Ultra Low Sulfur Clean Diesel until Biodiesel is financially competitive; 4) implemented height-based free fares at less than 46"; 5) fast-tracked "smart" farebox procurement; and 6) maintained youth (ages 5-18) discount and revisit for FY 2010 budget. These changes would go into effect January 2009.