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MST HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 17, 2008 BOARD MEETING

MARCH EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2008-14 recognizing Dean Knox, Coach Operator, as MST Employee of the Month for March 2008. On January 11, 2008, the interlock system on MST coach #2004 was inadvertently disengaged causing the coach to roll backwards approximately 45 feet from the Tyler Street gate at the Monterey Transit Plaza. Dean witnessed the coach rolling backwards and immediately reacted by running across the rear of, and into the path of the moving coach, approached the driver side window, reached into the driver's compartment, and activated the parking brake – bringing the vehicle to rest before it could roll any further. Dean's prompt and decisive reaction to this situation clearly resulted in the prevention of serious damage, injuries, or potential loss of life. Dean has earned MST's sincere appreciation for his actions that day as he prevented this incident from becoming a truly tragic event.

20-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

The MST Board presented Tiziano Minelli, Coach Operator with a 20-Year Service Award.

FY 2008 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

The MST Board authorized staff to schedule a public hearing for April 14, 2008 to receive public comments on the draft Program of Projects for FY 2008.

The Program of Projects (POP) allocates 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.

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.

CALTRAIN FUNDING MOU

The MST Board of Directors approved the execution of the Caltrain funding Memorandum Of Understanding with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County. As a part of this MOU, TAMC and MST would agree to fund Caltrain service operations through available STA and LTF as permitted by the state Transportation Development Act, "with little to no impact on bus transit funding."