



JOINT POWERS AGENCY MEMBERS:

*City of Carmel-by-the-Sea • City of Del Rey Oaks • City of Marina • City of Monterey • City of Pacific Grove
City of Salinas • City of Seaside • County of Monterey*

MST HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 13, 2008 BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2009-06 recognizing Zoe Smallwood, Marketing Analyst, as Employee of the Month for October 2008. Zoe has been instrumental in the opening of the new Bus Stop Shop located in Downtown Monterey in September. She has worked together with the Facilities staff to implement a new MST logo signage at TDA and the new Downtown Monterey location. Zoe also helped organize special service to events such as the Monterey County Fair and the Monterey Jazz Fest.

MAXIMUS INC. MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to execute a contract with Maximus Inc. for one year of service maintenance with an option for one additional year at a cost not to exceed \$55,557.

In April 2005 MST implemented the Maximus Maintenance system. The system is used to keep track of the maintenance requirements of the fleet of buses and support vehicles as well as monitoring inventory and creating work orders for bus and facilities work control.

RETIREMENT RESOLUTION

The MST Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2009-07 recognizing Tom Greer, Coach Operator, for 21 Years of Service.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

The MST Board approved the purchase and installation of a video surveillance system for the Thomas D. Albert Facility in Monterey from Westcorp at a cost of \$39,102.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARINGS

The MST Board: 1) authorized staff to schedule public hearings for possible fare increases, MST RIDES fare increases, and other possible service adjustments; and 2) authorized the Chair to appoint Hearing Officers for the hearings.

With the adoption of the California FY 2009 Budget in September, over \$1.7B of funds designated for transit purposes was shifted to other General Fund programs resulting in a \$2.9M loss of expected revenue to MST. The revenues that were shifted were State Transit Assistance funds, which are used, in part, to pay for MST's RIDES Paratransit program. Compounding this issue is that MST is experiencing a dramatic growth in

usage of the MST RIDES program due to changes in local Medi-Cal policies that have resulted in a surge of dialysis related trips on the MST RIDES service. At the same time, Congress has declined to pass a new federal transportation budget for the federal fiscal year that began October 1, 2008 and has passed a continuing resolution that calls for freezing federal public transportation at last year's level.

MV TRANSPORTATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATUS

The MST Board: 1) received a report from MV Transportation Inc. (MVTI) on the current financial situation of their Monterey County Division; and 2) authorized staff to enter into formal negotiations with MV Transportation to: a) explore measures that would provide immediate financial relief to MVTI due to the unforeseen increase in the cost of fuel and other related expenses; and b) exercise the first 2-year option to extend the service agreement with MVTI from July 18, 2009 – July 17, 2011.

AB2766 AIR DISTRICT GRANTS

The MST Board approved the execution of FY 2009 Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District AB2766 grants totaling \$119,465.

These grants would fund the following projects: 09-14 Purchase Equipment to Produce Biofuel from Mustard Seed – To fully implement its sustainable biodiesel program; 09-15 Conversion to Biodiesel for MST Diesel Fleet; 09-16 Chicago Climate Exchange Membership; and 09-18 CSUMB Transit Pass Demo – Year 2.