

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT  
April 13, 2009

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Armenta called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the MST Conference Room.

Present:	Kristin Clark	City of Del Rey Oaks
	James Ford	City of Marina
	Libby Downey	City of Monterey
	Alan Cohen	City of Pacific Grove
	Sergio Sanchez	City of Salinas
	Thomas Mancini	City of Seaside
	Fernando Armenta	County of Monterey
	Maria Orozco	City of Gonzales (Ex-Officio) (10:05)
Absent:	Karen Sharp	City of Carmel-By-The-Sea
Staff:	Carl Sedoryk	General Manager/CEO
	Hunter Harvath	Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
	Michael Hernandez	Asst. General Manager/Chief Operating Officer
	Robert Weber	Director of Transportation Services
	Sonia Bannister	Office Administrator/Marketing & Sales Specialist
	Michael Gallant	Planning Manager
	Kathy Williams	General Accounting Manager
	Kelly Halcon	Human Resources Manager
	Tom Hicks	CTSA Manager
	Mark Eccles	Director of IT
Others:	Dave Laredo	DeLay & Laredo
	Bob Parks	ATU Local 1225
	Doug Wallace	ATU Local 1225
	Adela Gonzales	City of Soledad
	Daniel Merillana	Coach Operator
	Arnie Casey	Coach Operator
	Renaldo Hernandez	Coach Operator
	Ann Armbruster	Coach Operator
	Debbie Hale	TAMC

***Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.***

## **2-1. – 2-8. CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda items consisted of the following:

- 2-2. Adopt Resolution 2009-22 recognizing Angelina Ruiz, Human Resources Administrator, as Employee of the Month for April 2009.
- 2-3. Disposal of property left aboard buses.
- 2-4. Minutes of the regular meeting of March 16, 2009.
- 2-5. Financial Report – March 2009.
- 2-6. Schedule public hearing for federally funded Program of Projects.
- 2-7. Refer Draft FY 2010 budget to Finance Committee.
- 2-8. 2008 Community Stakeholders survey.
- 2-9. Accept FY 2008 Audited Financial Reports.
- 2-10. Claim rejection.
- 2-11. Authorization to purchase bus engines.

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

Director Orozco arrived at 10:05 a.m.

## **3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO presented a 30-year service award to Ann Marie Armbruster, Coach Operator.

Mike Hernandez, Assistant General Manager/Chief Operating Officer, presented a 20-year service award to Arnold Casey, Coach Operator.

Mike Hernandez, Assistant General Manager/Chief Operating Officer, presented a 20-year service award to Renaldo Hernandez, Coach Operator. Director Downey publicly acknowledged and thanked Mr. Renaldo Hernandez for coming to her aid when she was involved in a car accident a few years back.

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **5. COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Board accepted and filed the MST RIDES Advisory Committee Minutes – January 21, 2009; and Facilities Committee Minutes – March 16, 2009.

## **6. BIDS/PROPOSALS**

None.

## **7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

### **8-1. AB644 (CABALLERO) MST RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT**

Mr. Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, reported that on March 30, 2009, MST received an email copy of a letter signed by South County city managers stating support of AB644, if the bill is amended to provide voting membership to the jurisdictions, and further amended to require a four-fifths majority of voting members in order to submit a ballot measure to voters for the imposition of taxes along with some minor language adjustments regarding public hearings.

This item was discussed by the TAMC Executive Committee at their meeting on April 1, 2009. The TAMC Executive Committee voted to recommend that the TAMC Board support AB644 provided it is amended to require that all incorporated cities be represented on the new Transit District Board. However, the Executive Committee did not support the 4/5 voting requirement amendment and it was recognized that a minor change to reflect the existing requirement for public hearings on fare increases could be added to the bill language.

The City of Soledad sent a copy of a resolution scheduled to be taken up by the Soledad City Council on April 15 stating support of AB644 as well as the City's ability to be a voting member on the MST Board.

Mr. Sedoryk commented that making substantial changes to the original AB644 language would require re-approval from MST's current member jurisdictions who had already gone on record in support of the original language.

Mayor Orozco, City of Gonzales, said the South County Mayors met last week and discussed the issue of representation. All of the mayors present agreed they needed to have voting rights on the MST Board. The funding and AB644 were discussed independently.

Chairman Armenta commented that there is a procedure that needs to be followed with regards to becoming a voting member on the MST Board. Regardless of

what happens with AB644, any city that wants to have voting representation on the MST Board needs to independently submit that request in writing. MST staff will meet with each city and discuss other requirements needed in order to become a voting member.

Mr. Armenta expressed his displeasure with the letter from the South County city managers that was sent to Assemblymember Caballero. He felt they were trying to stop a bill that was unanimously approved and supported by all of MST's current member jurisdictions and the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. He commented that Mayor Huerta, City of Greenfield, was not aware of the letter, yet his city was listed as one of the supporters of the letter.

Adela Gonzales, City of Soledad City Manager, commented that when she initially saw the language of the bill, she met with the Public Works director for the City of Soledad to discuss the bill. She said the cities of South County have not felt they were being fairly represented on matters of transit. She prepared the letter and emailed it to South County city managers looking to see if they shared the same position. She received confirmation from four city managers giving her their assurance that this was a position they were willing to support. Assemblymember Caballero offered to meet with her the next day (March 20, 2009) to discuss this issue. It was not her intention to bypass the process. She expressed her concerns to the Assemblymember. She told Assemblymember's staff that they do not want to stall the bill. She stated that the amendment being proposed by MST is not an amendment at all, but rather, transferring the bylaws from the JPA governance to the District governance and only provides for the potential of future membership. The South County cities would like to see stronger language. They are willing to work with MST and Assemblymember Caballero's staff to find a solution.

Director Sanchez said for the past five years that he has been on the MST Board, there has been constant discussion about Board membership from South County cities. All of the existing cities turn their Local Transportation Funds over to MST. He said MST should have been consulted before the letter was sent to Assemblymember Caballero.

Mayor John Huerta, City of Greenfield, said he supports AB644. He said there has been some miscommunication with the intent of the letter. He seems to feel that this issue will be worked out.

Debbie Hale, TAMC Executive Director, said the proposed amended language to AB644 is stronger than originally proposed. It would be good if there was consensus from the South County cities. They were also surprised to receive the letter from South County cities one day before their Board meeting. She commented that some dialogue between the parties involved should have occurred before the letter was sent.

Chairman Armenta commented that if MST did not have AB644 already in the works, TAMC was already prepared to draw out additional LTF funds from South County cities for line 23. Ms. Hale concurred.

Mr. Sedoryk reported that the MST Legislative Committee recommended submitting a letter to the TAMC Board asking them to reconsider the recommendation to the TAMC Executive Committee and to support AB644 with the amended language, or support AB644 as originally submitted.

Mr. Sedoryk said this bill could be held over and remodified for another year. Assemblymember Caballero is already committed to this bill and he doesn't see the need to delay the process.

Ms. Gonzales said a meeting has been scheduled for April 24 with South County, MST, and Assemblymember Caballero's staff to work out the language that satisfies all parties.

**Director Downey moved to send a letter to the TAMC Board with the amended bill language and ask them to reconsider the recommendation of the TAMC Executive Committee and to support AB644 with the amended language, or support AB644 as originally written. Director Clark seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Director Clark moved to amend AB644 as shown in the letter sent to TAMC. Director Mancini seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Director Downey moved to: 1) encourage staff to start the timeline on the process with South County and to meet with South County in advance of the April 24, 2009 meeting with Assemblymember Caballero's staff; and 2) authorize staff to modify AB644 as long as it does not delay the bill. Director Sanchez seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Harvath reported that there will be other opportunities to modify this bill. The timeline in the Legislative process allows for this type of modification. This would not slow down the process.

## **8-2. TAMC UNMET NEEDS PROCESS**

Mr. Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, reported that this unmet needs process applies to jurisdictions which include South County cities in Monterey all currently do not use all of their Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for transit service. There are a number of requests from community members, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, hourly service on line 23 which provides service from King City to Salinas.

South County cities have expressed some concern about the impact that the allocation of LTF funds to MST will have should MST provide hourly service on line 23. Hourly service would take all of the LTF funds that South County cities have available to them. These lines continue to be overcrowded.

Debbie Hale, TAMC Executive Director, said TAMC has been working with South County cities to discuss phasing in of LTF funds. TAMC will recommend that this is an unmet need.

Director Orozco commented that since the South County cities will be giving up their LTF funds in May, the discussion of joining MST and contributing all their LTF funds is confusing.

Mayor Huerta, City of Greenfield, asked for ridership information to warrant the amount of LTF funds being diverted to MST from South County cities.

Adela Gonzales said Soledad reps have meet with TAMC requesting information and to date, they have not received the information requested.

Director Orozco left at 11:39 am.

### **8-3. PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY – DLI EXPRESS BUS SERVICE**

Mr. Michael Gallant, Planning Manager, said last summer, the Naval Postgraduate School approached MST to talk about finding a solution to their parking problems at NPS during weekdays. A shuttle bus (line 12) will operate as a limited-stop bus route between the La Mesa military housing community and NPS during weekday commute hours.

Today, line 12 operates between The Dunes Shopping Center/Fitch Park/DOD-POM Annex and NPS. The La Mesa segment has been renamed Line 14. Both routes continue to increase ridership each month as more students learn of the convenience of riding the bus to class instead of driving their car and having to search for a parking space.

In December 2008, the Army and Navy again looked to MST to try to identify possible solutions to the current (and future) parking issues at the Presidio of Monterey-DLI. The Presidio of Monterey will be experiencing a substantial reduction in the number of available parking spaces in late October 2009 because of several construction projects. More parking spaces at the Presidio of Monterey are scheduled to be removed in 2010 to accommodate other construction projects.

The Army is requesting several direct express bus routes from numerous communities around the Monterey Peninsula and the Salinas area to the Presidio of Monterey. The service will operate during weekday commute hours. Routing and schedule information will be provided at the May Board meeting.

### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**10-1. – 10-7. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS**

The reports consisted of the General Manager/CEO Report; TAMC Highlights – March 25, 2009; Washington DC Lobbyist Report – April 1, 2009; Sacramento Lobbyist Report – April 1, 2009; Board Referrals; Award from American Red Cross regarding MST's support during the Basin complex fire; and Award from Transportation Safety Institute for MST hosting the Transit Supervisor Certification Course.

**11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

None.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Finance Committee meeting, April 27, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to meet with legal counsel regarding conference with real property negotiators regarding the parcel on the former Fort Ord.

This item was pulled for lack of action on this item.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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