

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT
December 14, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present:	Karen Sharp	City of Carmel-By-The-Sea
	Kristin Clark	City of Del Rey Oaks
	Libby Downey	City of Monterey
	Alan Cohen	City of Pacific Grove
	Thomas Mancini	City of Seaside
	James Ford	City of Marina (10:10)
	Sergio Sanchez	City of Salinas
	Fernando Armenta	County of Monterey
	Maria Orozco	City of Gonzales (Ex-Officio)

Absent: None

Staff:	Carl Sedoryk	General Manager/CEO
	Hunter Harvath	Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
	Robert Weber	Director of Transportation Services
	Michael Gallant	Planning Manager
	Sonia Bannister	Office Administrator/Marketing & Sales Specialist
	Mark Eccles	Director of IT
	Lyn Owens	Director of Human Resources
	Michael Hernandez	Asst. General Manager/CFO
	Kathy Williams	General Accounting Manager
	Zoe Shoats	Marketing Analyst
	Tom Hicks	CTSA Manager
	Theo Kosub	Planning Intern

Others:	Dave Laredo	DeLay & Laredo
	Bob Parks	ATU Local 1225
	Jim Cook	Monterey County Redevelopment Agency
	Lance Atencio	MV
	Deanna Sessums	League of CA Cities
	Nancy Cooper	Member of the public
	Don Cooper	Member of the public

Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.

2. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to meet with legal counsel regarding conference with labor negotiators, potential and existing litigation, and discussion with property negotiators.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon returning to open session, General Counsel Laredo reported that the Board gave legal counsel general direction. No action was taken on any item.

4-1. – 4-11. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda items consisted of the following:

- 4-2. Adopt Resolution 2010-05 recognizing Jim Lopez, Advanced Mechanic, as Employee of the Month for November 2009.
- 4-3. Adopt Resolution 2010-06 recognizing Kathy Williams, General Accounting Manager, as Employee of the Month for December 2009.
- 4-4. Adopt Resolution 2010-07 recognizing Rayford Moore, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Year for 2009.
- 4-5. Disposal of property left aboard buses.
- 4-6. Minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 2009.
- 4-7. Financial Report – September 2009.
- 4-8. Financial Report – October 2009.
- 4-9. Amend CTSA Advisory Committee membership.
- 4-10. Liability claim rejection.
- 4-11. MST Trolley Monterey Summer 2009 results.

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

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Hunter Harvath, Assistant General Manager/Finance & Administration, introduced Kathy Williams, General Accounting Manager as Employee of the Month for December 2009.

The MST Board recognized Rayford Moore, Coach Operator as Employee of the Year for 2009.

Carl Sedoryk, General Manger/CEO, presented the General Manager's Excellence Award to Michael Gallant, Planning Manager for his work in securing additional service resulting in over \$1 million in additional bus service.

10-1. MONTEREY BAY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY UPDATE

Mr. Hernandez reported that staff is currently working to finalize the construction documents and selecting building materials.

Jim Cook, Director of Redevelopment Agency with Monterey County, gave a brief update on MST's project and the Whispering Oaks development. He reported that MST's project is on schedule. This is one of the examples on the former Ford Ord on how to develop commercial properties correctly.

No action was taken on this item.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Parks, President, ATU Local 1225, asked to have the position of the camera relocated to the right side of the driver instead of being directly in front of them. He submitted a petition signed by drivers requesting this change.

7-1 – 7-5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board accepted and filed the MST RIDES Advisory Committee Minutes – August 17, 2009; MST Legislative Committee Minutes – October 12, 2009; MST RIDES Advisory Committee Minutes – October 12, 2009; MST Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc Committee Minutes – November 3 & 6, 2009; and MST Planning/Operations Committee Minutes – November 9, 2009.

8-1. SECURITY CAMERAS CONTRACT

Mark Eccels, Director of IT, reported that MST purchased buses with factory installed security cameras in 2002. Since then, cameras have been added so that all 76 of the MST fixed route fleet and the 6 MST trolleys have cameras installed. Security cameras on board have been an extremely valuable tool for investigating accidents, vandalism, assaults and fraudulent claims against MST.

Approval of this item will authorize the purchase and installation of 48 new camera systems as well as upgrading and adding cameras to the 76 fixed route and 6 trolleys, from GE Security Inc., not to exceed \$400,000.

Director Downey moved to authorize a \$400,000 purchase of additional cameras and associated hardware from GE Security, inc. Director Ford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

11-1. FY 2010 STATE AND LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS

Mr. Harvath, Assistant General Manager/Finance & Administration reported that at the federal level, Congress has implemented a continuing resolution to extend the programs and funding levels of the Transportation Authorization bill (SAFETEA-LU) that expired September 30, 2009. While the Congress is working on the next multi-year transportation authorization bill, federal support for FY 2010 has been frozen at FY 2009 levels, including provisions related to funding transit operations and capital programs, as well as programs designed to fund transit in rural areas, to increase access for the disabled, to protect transit vehicles and facilities, and to support intelligent transportation systems (ITS).

At the state level, MST will focus on ensuring that its projects are funded through the state transportation bond approved by voters in November of 2006. MST will continue to push for the restoration of transit funds that have been diverted to other purposes and identification of legislative remedies that enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of transit service. Overarching issues of concern at the state level continue to include another projected budget shortfall for FY 2011 and potential AB32 restrictions on greenhouse gasses. In particular, the continued elimination of the State Transit Assistance program is of grave concern to MST with regards to financial support for the RIDES paratransit program, currently experiencing its second year of a sustained increase in demand compared to FY 2008 levels.

Director Sanchez moved to approve the Legislative Program and refer the JEA & Associates contract to the Legislative Committee. Director Mancini seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

11-2. PRESENTATION FROM LEAGUE OF CITIES

Mr. Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, reported that despite strong voter support of keeping local tax dollars local, the California state government continues to regard these revenues as a fix for state budget shortfalls. This approach is exemplified by the most recent state budget, which transferred to state coffers \$2 billion in local property

tax, \$2 billion in local redevelopment funds (despite a Superior Court ruling that this type of transfer is unconstitutional), \$910 million in transit funds (despite a Supreme Court ruling that this type of transfer is illegal), and more than \$1 billion of local governments' share of the Highway User Tax, thereby breaking an 86-year tradition of sharing proceeds between state and local governments and transit authorities.

Since 2007/08 through the current fiscal year, the State has diverted nearly \$2 Billion dollars of transit revenues to fund other general fund obligations. This has resulted in an estimated loss of operating and capital funds to Monterey-Salinas Transit of \$13,276,000. As a result of these losses, MST has had to raise fares, cut jobs, defer capital maintenance programs, and is contemplating reduced service levels for the next fiscal year. The State Supreme Court has upheld the Third District Court of Appeals ruling that annual raids on public transit funding are in violation of state law; however the courts do not have the authority to mandate state legislative appropriations.

Director Mancini moved to adopt Resolution 2009-08 supporting Local Taxpayers, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010. Director Ford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

11-3. AB 2766 GRANTS

Mr. Harvath, Assistant General Manager/Finance & Administration, reported that the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (Air District) conducts an annual grant process authorized by Assembly Bill 2766 which directs a portion of the state's vehicle licensing fee to emissions reducing projects proposed by local public agencies. At its September meeting, the Air District awarded two grants to MST for the following projects: South Monterey County Transit Plan (\$45,000); and New Transit Service in North Monterey County (\$175,000).

Director Ford moved to approve the execution of FY 2010 Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District AB2766 grants. Director Downey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

11-4. 211 SERVICES

Tom Hicks, CTSA Manager, reported that MST was awarded \$250,000 in grant funding from the FTA New Freedom Program for the purpose of supporting 211 information and transit referral services in Monterey County. These services assist persons with disabilities, as well as other travelers, with information about MST's fixed-route and paratransit services.

The State Public Utilities Commission grants one license per county for the purpose of providing information and referral services using the 211 telephone number. In Monterey County, United Way of Monterey County (UWMC) holds that license, and Staff desires to contract with UWMC for these services beginning January 1, 2010, and ending on June 30, 2011.

Director Mancini moved to approve using Federal Transit Administration New Freedom grant funds for a contract with United Way Monterey County for 211 Information and transit referral services. Director Downey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

11-5. PURCHASE OF SUBURBAN BUSES

Mr. Hernandez, Assistant General Manager/COO, reported that MST operates 8 high-floor suburban styled model year 2002 and 2003 buses in commuter service to South County and San Jose. Transit buses are typically rated for 12 years of service or 500,000 miles. MST's commuter fleet travels almost 6,600 miles per month, approximately twice the fleet average. The 2002 fleet has approximately 430,000 life miles and the 2003 fleet has 360,000 miles. At the current mileage rate, the 2002 fleet will reach 500,000 miles by the end of 2010, after only eight years of service.

MCI coaches are used world wide in heavy-duty commuter service and are also standard equipment at many US transit properties for service on long distance routes. These vehicles are 45 feet long, extremely durable and have a 57 passenger capacity. A hybrid commuter coach is available from MCI; however the hybrid vehicle is priced at approximately \$835,000 significantly higher than the standard commuter coach.

Staff is also considering an option to purchase two demonstration buses from MCI directly, as the base price on these low mileage demo buses is reduced by approximately \$40,000.

Director Ford moved to authorize MST to exercise an option to purchase two heavy-duty suburban buses through the Yolo County Transportation District's contract with Motor Coach Industries (MCI) or to negotiate directly with MCI for two demonstration (demo) buses at a reduced price. Director Downey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

12-1. – 12-5. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

The reports consisted of the General Manager/CEO Report; TAMC Highlights – December 2, 2009; Washington DC Lobbyist Report – October 29, 2009; Washington, DC Lobbyist Report – December 2, 2009; and staff trip reports.

11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Downey thanked Mr. Sedoryk and Mr. Harvath for attending a meeting with the City of Monterey.

Director Sanchez talked about a local company in Salinas promoting green vehicles.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Sonia Bannister