

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT
January 12, 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
	James Ford	City of Marina
	Libby Downey	City of Monterey
	Vicki Stillwell	City of Pacific Grove
	Sergio Sanchez	City of Salinas
	Thomas Mancini	City of Seaside
	Fernando Armenta	County of Monterey
Absent:	Maria Orozco	City of Gonzales (Ex-Officio)
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
	Lyn Owens	Director of Human Resources
	Kelly Halcon	Human Resources Manager
	Sonia Bannister	Office Administrator/Marketing & Sales Specialist
	Michael Gallant	Planning Manager
	Kathy Williams	Accounting Manager
	Tom Hicks	CTSA Manager
	Angelina Ruiz	Human Resources Generalist
	Zoe Smallwood	Marketing Analyst
	Charles Armbruster	Communication Systems Manager
	Bill Morris	Contract Transportation Manager
	Mark Eccles	Director of Information Technology
	Carl Wulf	Facilities/Capital Projects Manager
Others:	Dave Laredo	DeLay & Laredo
	Jose Tamonte	MST
	Melinda Tamonte	Salinas resident
	Kim Moore	MST
	Diane Simkins	
	Fred Simkins	MST
	Carrol McCallon	MST

Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.

2-1. – 2-13. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda items consisted of the following:

- 2-2. Adopt Resolution 2009-12 recognizing Sonia Bannister, Office Administrator/Marketing & Sales Specialist, as Employee of the Month for January 2009.
- 2-3. Adopt Resolution 2009-13 recognizing Fred Simkins, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Year for 2008.
- 2-4. Disposal of property left aboard buses.
- 2-5. Minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2008.
- 2-6. Financial Report – December 2008.
- 2-7. Adopt Resolution 2009-14 recognizing Jose Tamonte, Coach Operator, for 9 years of service.
- 2-8. Extend Marina Transit Exchange development agreement with Gannett/Fleming.
- 2-9. Approve performance incentive for GM/CEO.
- 2-10. Approve Monterey-Salinas Transit 2009 Legislative Program.
- 2-11. Claim rejection.
- 2-12. Adopt Resolution 2009-15 for employer paid member contributions (pick ups) to CalPERS retirement.
- 2-13. Adopt Resolution 2009-16 recognizing William Morris, Contract Transportation Manager, for 11 years of service.

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

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO introduced Sonia Bannister, Office Administrator/Marketing & Sales Specialist, as Employee of the Month for January 2009. Since her date of hire, Sonia has consistently improved her job skills and responsibilities and has been the recipient of multiple commendations and awards. Sonia has been selected as MST Employee of the Month on numerous occasions including November 1995, February 2000, and February 2001 for outstanding performance. Most recently, Sonia received an MST Leadership Award for her efforts in

leading the coordination of the staffing of MST volunteers in support of the California Transit Association Fall 2008 Annual Conference.

Mike Hernandez, Assistant General Manager/Chief Operating Officer, introduced Fred Simkins, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Year for 2008. In recognition of his outstanding performance in the delivery of quality public transportation, Fred was selected as Employee of the Month for April 2005, and again in November 2008. In 2008, Fred received his fifth, consecutive safe driving award while maintaining an average on-time schedule adherence of 93%, which exceeds MST's system-wide goal of 87%. Additionally in 2008, Fred once again had perfect attendance and provided exceptional customer service throughout the year.

Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, presented Mark Eccles, Director of Information Technology, with the General Manager's Excellence award. This award is to recognize his efforts during the past year including implementation on online bus pass sales, real-time customer information at transit centers, and online trip planning using Google Transit.

Mr. Hernandez congratulated Jose Tamonte, Coach Operator, on his retirement. Mr. Tamonte has been recognized with numerous safety and customer service awards. He also supported MST's mission through his professionalism and dedication to safety, accumulating 5 years of Safe Driving. He retired after 9 years of service.

Robert Weber, Director of Transportation Services, congratulated William Morris, Contract Transportation Manager, on his retirement. Mr. Morris successfully managed MST's contract transportation services representing 37% of all services delivered by the agency. He also increased the overall quality of services provided by the MST RIDES program for the disabled and elderly community in Monterey County. He will retire after 11 years of service.

Charles Armbruster, Communication Systems Manager, presented a 20-Year Service Award to Jamey McCallon, Communication Systems Specialist.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board accepted and filed the MST RIDES Advisory Committee Minutes – October 20, 2008; and MST Finance Committee Minutes – December 8, 2008.

6-1. MARINA AREA SERVICE STUDY

The Marina Area Service Study (MASS) is designed to evaluate how well MST's bus service in and around the Marina/CSUMB area is meeting passenger demand with regards to on-time performance, safety and convenience; to examine present and anticipated development and travel patterns; and to subsequently propose a series of

new and adjusted bus routes that would better serve existing and future public transit customers as well as increase overall ridership.

Director Downey moved to authorize staff to award a contract for \$56,664 to Moore & Associates to perform the Marina Area Service Study. Director Stilwell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8-1. MV TRANSPORTATION, INC. CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Robert Weber, Director of Transportation Services, reported that in October 2008, the Board directed staff to explore measures that would provide immediate financial relief to MV Transportation, Inc. due to the unforeseen increase in the cost of fuel and other related expenses.

A "Fuel Escalator" provision to the contract would provide a degree of financial assurance to MVTI as it would lock in their fuel prices through the end of their service agreement, which is scheduled to expire on July 17, 2009. The amended provision would contractually require MST to subsidize any additional fuel expense over the amount budgeted by MVTI. This agreement would commence on January 12, 2009 and expire on July 17, 2009.

Director Mancini moved to approve the contract amendment by and between MST and MV Transportation, Inc. which will include a "Fuel Escalator" provision. Director Clark seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

9-1. FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH TAMC

Mr. Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, reported that in years past, MST has looked to TAMC for short-term cash flow solutions when MST has encountered delays in receiving federal reauthorization funds. MST and TAMC has worked out short-term funding arrangements at little or no interest. The draft proposed agreement with TAMC will provide MST with a no-interest transfer of funds to pay off the remaining debt.

Director Ford moved to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County for short-term transfer of funds to retire outstanding debt from bus financing. Director Downey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

10-1. – 10-4. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

The reports consisted of the General Manager/CEO Report; TAMC Highlights – December 3, 2008; Washington DC Lobbyist Report – December 19, 2008; and Board Referrals.

11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Mancini reported that Ian Oglesby, Council Member, is the new alternate for the City of Seaside.

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The MST Board of Directors held their election of officers and re-elected Director Fernando Armenta as Chair and Director Tom Mancini as Vice-Chair. Other staff appointments remain the same.

Director Downey moved to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee regarding Board Officers and appointment. Director Stilwell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

14. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to meet with legal counsel regarding conference with property negotiators.

15. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon returning to open session, General Counsel Laredo announced that the Board met with its real property negotiator, Carl Sedoryk, to discuss issues relating to acquisition of a site for the proposed MST Bus Maintenance and Operations base. A status report was given and general direction was provided to Mr. Sedoryk. No other reportable action was taken by the Board.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

PREPARED BY: 
Sonia AR Bannister