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MST HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 15, 2009 BOARD MEETING

JUNE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2009-26 recognizing Rayford Moore, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Month for June 2009. On May 19, 2009, Rayford was injured after being struck by a stray bullet originating from an incident occurring near the intersection of Williams and Market St. in Salinas. While injured, Rayford followed procedure by checking on the welfare of his 26 passengers, activating his covert alarm, and engaging the enhanced resolution features of the on-board video equipment. Activating the covert alarm allowed emergency medical personnel and police to arrive on the scene within a few short minutes, and by engaging the enhanced resolution of the camera system, provided Salinas Police with important images that are being used in the ongoing investigation of the incident.

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

The MST Board recognized Doug Crow, Communication Systems Specialist; Jon Cappella, Operations Supervisor; and Benjamin Newman, Risk & Security Manager for their actions involving a shooting incident.

CTSA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The MST Board established a Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Advisory Committee and designated the RIDES Advisory Committee as a standing subcommittee of the CTSA Advisory Committee. This committee has the responsibility for promoting improvements in public transportation accessibility, affordability, and efficiency.

MARINA TRANSIT EXCHANGE MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

The MST Board authorized staff to extend by one year MST's exclusive negotiations with Gannet Fleming Project Development Corp. and Urban Housing Communities for the development of the mixed-use phase of the Marina Transit Exchange.

HYBRID VEHICLES PURCHASE

The MST Board: 1) authorized the purchase of two hybrid vehicles from Victory Toyota at a cost of \$51,590; and 2) authorized the retirement of one Dodge van and Ford truck and the donation of one Dodge van to the Hartnell College Diesel program.

FIXED ROUTE REPLACING PENINSULA DART SERVICE

After conducting a public hearing to receive comments regarding the elimination of Peninsula DART service and Line 6 Edgewater-Ryan Ranch, which will be replaced with two fixed route bus service, the MST Board approved the replacement of Peninsula DART service and line 6

Edgewater-Ryan Ranch with Line 3 Ryan Ranch via Skyline and Line 8 Del Rey Oaks-Ryan Ranch.

The Peninsula DART, which currently serves several communities around the Monterey Peninsula, has seen limited ridership ever since its inception in 1999. This service has proven to be less popular with the bus riding public around the Monterey Peninsula than MST's other fixed-route bus lines.

The two new routes will operate on set headways from early morning to evening hours, seven days per week.

FY 2010 BUDGET

The MST Board: 1) approved the FY 2010 budget; 2) approved FY 2010 staffing levels; and 3) approved Resolution 2009-29 authorizing federal grant applications.

The FY 2010 budget is \$30,625,799, which is a 4.6 percent decrease from FY 2009. This is a balanced budget.

MV TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT EXTENSION

The MST Board approved a contract extension with MV Transportation, Inc. for the operation of MST RIDES ADA and Special Transportation (ST) Paratransit Services, and other Dial-A-Ride, and Fixed Route Transit Services.