

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT
May 11, 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 Stilwell	City of Pacific Grove
	Sergio Sanchez	City of Salinas
	Thomas Mancini	City of Seaside
	Fernando Armenta	County of Monterey
	Liz Silva	City of Gonzales (Ex-Officio)

Absent: None

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
	Mark Eccles	Director of IT

Others:	Dave Laredo	DeLay & Laredo
	Bob Parks	ATU Local 1225
	Andy Cook	TAMC
	Lance Atencio	MV Transportation
	Frank Betancourt	Coach Operator

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 2009-23 recognizing Frank Betancourt, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Month for May 2009.

- 2-3. Disposal of property left aboard buses.
- 2-4. Minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2009.
- 2-5. Financial Report – April 2009.
- 2-6. Discount ticket books for social service agencies.
- 2-7. Adopt Resolution 2009-25 declaring May 2009 as Clean Air Month in the Monterey Bay Region.
- 2-8. Claim rejection.

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

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Robert Weber, Director Transportation Services, introduced Frank Betancourt, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Month for May 2009. Frank began his career as a Coach Operator in October 2004. A recent recipient of a three year consecutive Safe Driving award and a 2007 attendance award for perfect attendance, Frank continues to be a valued asset to the agency. Recently, Frank completed a six month tour of duty as an Interim Operations Supervisor providing added support to the Operations Department when it was needed most. Many employees have been very positive in their comments with respect to Frank's level of cooperation and professionalism while he served in that role.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Parks, ATU President, Local 1225, commented on a survey that was presented at a Joint Labor Management Committee meeting. He said the union would like to review surveys before being inserted into the employees paychecks.

5. COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board accepted and filed the Legislative Committee Minutes – April 8, 2009; and Finance Committee Minutes – April 27, 2009.

6. BIDS/PROPOSALS

None.

7-1. PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

The Program of Projects (POP) allocates Section 5307 federal funds to specific projects each fiscal year. The POP becomes part of MST's application for federal grant funding that is submitted to the Federal Transit Administration via AMBAG. According to federal regulations, MST is required to develop, publish and afford an opportunity for a public hearing on and submit for approval a POP that are funded by Section 5307 funds. In addition, the projects listed in the POP will be submitted to AMBAG for inclusion in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

Chair Armenta opened the public hearing at 10:17 a.m. to receive public comments on the FY 2009 Program of Projects. Seeing no one wishing to comment, the public hearing was closed at 10:17 a.m.

Director Mancini moved to: 1) adopt the FY 2009 Program of Projects; and 2) authorize the filing of the appropriate grant applications with the Federal Transit Administration. Director Stilwell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

7-2. NEW SERVICE TO PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY

Mike Gallant, Planning Manager, reported that the US Army had approached MST to operate weekday commuter bus service to help alleviate substantial traffic problems affecting the Presidio of Monterey-DLI beginning in the fall of 2009. Eight new commuter bus routes have been developed to assist the US Army with this effort. Most of the new bus routes will be duplicating existing bus service thus providing necessary supplemental service to the Monterey Peninsula, Salinas area, and San Jose. All new Presidio of Monterey bus routes will be open to the general public. The current MST fare structure will apply (including zone charges, when applicable) to all of the new routes. The new bus service will begin Monday, July 6, 2009.

The new bus service will be fully paid for by the US Army via a special federal program (Mass Transit Benefit/Transportation Incentive Program) through the Department of Transportation. The total annual cost for the service is \$1,150,000.

Chair Armenta opened the public hearing at 10:40 a.m. to receive public comments on the new transit service to the Presidio of Monterey for new commuter bus services. Seeing no one wishing to comment, the public hearing was closed at 10:40 a.m.

Director Downey moved to approve the new commuter bus service for the Presidio of Monterey - Defense Language Institute. Director Mancini seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, reported that jurisdictions within Monterey County that are currently not members of the Monterey-Salinas Transit joint powers agreement expressed concern that the bill as originally drafted did not provide enough certainty that they would receive a voting position on the MST Board if they met all of the terms of membership. At the April 13th, 2009 Board meeting, the Board directed staff to attempt to negotiate language that would satisfy these jurisdictions while maintaining the integrity and intent of the existing joint powers agreement.

Staff crafted amended language that accomplishes this task. The new language is summarized as follows:

- Effective July 1, 2010 all cities and the County of Monterey will become members of the MST Rapid Transit District board.
- All members will provide their public transportation related funds to MST.
- If approved by the District Board of Directors, the new District will have the ability place tax measures directly on the ballot for a vote of the by the electorate of Monterey County, and the District will have the ability to issue bonds to raise funds for construction of facilities.

The amended language has been reviewed by MST general counsel and members of the Legislative policy committee. Staff and general counsel believe that this language is consistent with the existing MST joint powers agreement and bylaws, and therefore does not require additional approval from current member jurisdiction governing boards and councils.

While the bill under its current language has passed through its first policy committee hearing of the Local Governments Commission unanimously, Assembly member Caballero is requiring revised language that is acceptable to all jurisdictions to be provided for future amendment to the bill in order pass this legislation.

Director Stilwell moved to approve revisions to the language of AB644 (Caballero). The amended language is summarized as follows: 1) Effective July 1, 2010 all cities and the County of Monterey will become members of the MST Rapid Transit District board; 2) All members will provide their public transportation-related funds to MST; and 3) If approved by the District Board of Directors, the new District will have the ability to place tax measures directly on the ballot for a vote by the electorate of Monterey County, and the District will have the ability to issue bonds to raise funds for construction of facilities. Director Ford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

8-2. SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSIT SERVICE TO PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY

Mr. Michael Gallant, Planning Manager, reported that the US Army had approached MST to operate weekday commuter bus service to help alleviate substantial traffic problems affecting the Presidio of Monterey-DLI beginning in the fall of 2009. Eight new commuter bus routes have been developed to assist the US Army with this effort. Most of the new bus routes will be duplicating existing bus service thus providing necessary supplemental service to the Monterey Peninsula, Salinas area, and San Jose. All new Presidio of Monterey bus routes will be open to the general public. The current MST fare structure will apply (including zone charges, when applicable) to all of the new routes. The new bus service will begin Monday, July 6, 2009. The new bus service will be fully paid for by the US Army via a special federal program (Mass Transit Benefit/Transportation Incentive Program) through the Department of Transportation at a cost of \$1,150,000.

Director Mancini moved to authorize the General Manager/CEO to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Presidio of Monterey for new commuter bus services for the Presidio of Monterey. Director Stilwell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

9-1. WORKER'S COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Lyn Owens, Director of Human Resources, presented a brief overview of the Worker's Compensation Program.

She reported that MST has continued to have success in decreasing costs and managing worker's compensation claims. With a recent consultative analysis of MST's open claims, it has been shown that MST can realize more savings by more actively managing the Third Party Administrator and other contracted services.

She discussed how MST currently handles worker's compensation claims, what financial impact the process has on the Agency and how MST could improve its processes. The end goal for worker's compensation claims management is and will always be to provide the best care to our injured workers and to return them to their regular duties as soon as possible.

9-2. GILLIG BUS PURCHASE

MST has 8 suburban styled, model year 2002 and 2003 buses in the fleet. The 1800 fleet is MST's commuter fleet and operates to South County and to San Jose. Due to the long routes, these vehicles accumulate high mileage averaging almost 390,000 miles for 2002 fleet. Given their age, the 1800 fleet has significantly higher miles when compared to the rest of the fleet. The new vehicles would be used as expansion fleet as service on the long commuter routes will be expanding.

Director Sanchez moved to authorize MST to exercise the option to purchase two buses through the San Mateo County Transit (SamTrans) contract with Gillig Corporation at a cost not to exceed \$890,000. Director Mancini seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

10-1. – 10-6. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

The reports consisted of the General Manager/CEO Report; TAMC Highlights – April 29, 2009; Washington DC Lobbyist Report – April 30, 2009; Board Referrals; Staff trip reports; and Sacramento Lobbyist Report.

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 potential litigation.

14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon returning to open session, General Counsel Laredo reported that no reportable action was taken by the Board.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

PREPARED BY:


Sonia AR Bannister

**Monterey-Salinas Transit
Board of Directors Meetings**
2009 Attendance Report

	JAN 09	FEB 09	MAR 09	APR 09	MAY 09	JUN 09	JUL 09	AUG 09	SEP 09	OCT 09	NOV 09	DEC 09
F. Armenta, Chair Monterey County	P	P	P	P	P							
T. Mancini, Vice-Chair, Seaside	P	P	P	P	P							
K. Sharp Carmel-By-The-Sea	P	P	P	E	P							
K. Clark Del Rey Oaks	P	P	P	P	P							
J. Ford Marina	P	P	P	P	P							
L. Downey Monterey	P		P	P	P							
V. Stilwell Pacific Grove	P	P	P	A Cohen	P							
S. Sanchez Salinas	P	P	P	P	P							
M. Orozco Ex-officio, Gonzales		P	P	P	A Silva							

P – Present E – Excused A - Alternate