

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT
June 12, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Armenta called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. in the Monterey-Salinas Transit Conference Room.

Present:	Michael Cunningham	City of Carmel-By-The-Sea
	Kristin Clark	City of Del Rey Oaks
	Gary Wilmot	City of Marina
	Libby Downey	City of Monterey
	Ron Schenk	City of Pacific Grove
	Thomas Mancini	City of Seaside
	Fernando Armenta	County of Monterey
	Maria Orozco	City of Gonzales (Ex-Officio)
Absent:	Sergio Sanchez	City of Salinas
Staff:	Carl Sedoryk	General Manager/CEO
	Michael Hernandez	Chief Operating Officer
	Lyn Owens	Director of Human Resources
	Hunter Harvath	Director of Administration
	Robert Weber	Transit Services Manager
	Sonia Bannister	Office Administrator
	Mary Archer	Planner
	William Morris	Contract Transportation Manager
	Dave Pratt	Facilities Manager
	Brigga Mosca	Marketing & Sales Manager
Others:	Dave Laredo	Legal Counsel
	Heidi Quinn	DeLay & Laredo
	Kathy Medina	Human Resources Assistant
	Kay Tilzer	Public Sector
	Lance Atencio	MV Transportation
	Debbie Hale	TAMC
	Grace Casey	Coach Operator

Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.

2-2. – 2-7. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda items consisted of the following:

- 2-2. Adopt Resolution 2006-25 recognizing Kathy Medina, Human Resources Assistant, as Employee of the Month for June 2006.
- 2-3. Disposal of property left aboard buses.
- 2-4. Minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 2006.
- 2-5. Financial Report – May 2006.
- 2-6. Adopt fee agreement with City of Marina.
- 2-7. Award \$25,000 contract to California Commercial Interiors to furnish office furnishings.

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

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Lyn Owens, Director of Human Resources, introduced Kathy Medina, Human Resources Assistant, as MST Employee of the Month for June 2006. Since coming to MST in October 2003, Kathy has continually proven to be an asset to MST and the Human Resources Department. She has gained knowledge in the Human Resources function and has done a great job assisting the Human Resources staff. Additionally, in a very short time, she has learned the various computer programs used within the Human Resources department, and has done a good job with keeping the records accurately maintained.

The Board also presented 25-year Service Awards to Mary Escalera, Coach Operator and Steven Carroll, Mechanic.

Mr. Sedoryk said through coordination with TAMC, MST was successful at getting access to project money in the bus rehab of diesel buses, reducing emissions, and starting new services.

He introduced Debbie Hale, TAMC's new Executive Director. She talked about a shared intern program where MST, SCMTD, and TAMC will share an intern. TAMC will also be working with MST to study unmet transit needs in Gonzales. With regards to money, TAMC is the pass through agency for MST. TAMC was successful in securing \$700,000 of Regional Surface Transportation money for MST. There is another \$1.9 million Congestion Mitigation money, which she hopes will become available in January.

She briefly discussed Measure A. There were five measures on Transportation on the ballot; all of which failed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5-1. MST RIDES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Board accepted and filed the MST RIDES Advisory Committee Minutes – April 17, 2006.

6-1. RATIFY/AWARD CONTRACT FOR MARINA TRANSIT CENTER

Dave Pratt, Facilities Manager, said the contract ratification with VBN Architects is critical to the successful completion of a Specific Plan, securing project entitlements from the City of Marina and starting construction within a short timeframe.

Mr. Sedoryk said that California Transit Commission has allocated the \$2.4 million to fund this project.

Director Schenk moved to: 1) ratify a contract executed May 22, 2006 in the amount of \$155,000 with VBN Architects for the Specific Plan and Environmental Assessment for Marina Transit Center, 280 Reservation Road; and 2) award a \$35,000 contract to VBN Architects for Preliminary Design and Engineering Services for the transit components at the Marina Transit Center. Director Clark seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6-2. LEGAL COUNSEL CONTRACT

Due to a Conflict of Interest, Mr. Laredo excused himself from acting as Legal Counsel on this matter.

Director Orzoco left at 10:38 a.m.

Ms. Owens, Director of Human Resources said in addition to services for General Legal Counsel, the contract award will provide for General Legal Counsel to act as the Lead Negotiator in contract negotiations with Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) and the Monterey-Salinas Transit Employees Association (MSTEA). A price analysis was conducted and the price being quoted is actually less than the going rate for attorneys.

Director Mancini moved to: 1) award a \$134,500 two-year contract to the law firm of De Lay & Laredo; and 2) authorize staff to extend the contract for up to four two-year extensions under the same terms, conditions and prices provided the supplier has provided satisfactory service. Director Wilmot seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Laredo introduced Heidi Quinn, Associate Attorney with De & Lay and Laredo. She will be providing Legal Counsel services in the absence of Mr. Laredo.

7. FARE INCREASE PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Sedoryk reported that public hearings were held in Seaside, Salinas, and Gonzales to receive public comment on the proposed fare increase. Turnout was minimal.

In addition to the proposed fare increase, staff also proposed combining fare zones. The Carmel Valley Zone would become part of the Peninsula Zone. The Gonzales, King City, and Big Sur Zones would become South County Zone. The Salinas and North County Zones would remain unchanged. Any changes being proposed would go into effect on August 28, 2006 to coincide with the Fall Service Change.

Staff proposed another option to increase the base fare for everyone by 25-cents while keeping transfers free. Under this option, the discount fare would also go up 10-cents to \$1.10 per zone. Raising the fare 25-cents instead of charging for transfers would make MST the most expensive public transit system in the country.

Chairman Armenta opened the public hearing at 10:58 a.m. to receive public comments on the proposed 25-cent charge for transfers. Seeing no one wishing to comment, the public hearing was closed at 10:58 a.m.

Director Wilmot directed staff to pursue option 1 of charging 25-cents for transfers and leaving the base fare at \$2 per zone and place this on the July agenda for action. Director Schenk seconded and the motion carried with Director Mancini opposed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9-1. LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Mr. Sedoryk said this item is related to the fact that MST owns multiple parcels of land totaling over 50 acres. MST has received a number of unsolicited proposals for development of the property. There is concern that MST does not have a land use policy in place. MST has identified the need to acquire property for future transit

stations, and to complete the construction of the Frank J. Lichtanski Monterey Bay Operations Center. The intent of the joint development effort is to create a long-term, continuing source of revenue to support the operations of MST and increase utilization of this community's public transit system.

This policy focuses on creating a long-term revenue source for MST, emphasizes planning for the highest and best uses at transit stations and along fixed guideway corridors, and emphasizes increased ridership. The policy also provides clear guidance to developers indicating how MST's properties for joint development should be implemented.

Director Wilmot suggested hiring a consultant to review and evaluate all of MST's properties.

Director Cunningham said MST should own land assets that suit MST's long-range transit plan.

Director Schenk moved to seek a qualified consultant to: 1) develop a land use policy; and 2) evaluate the properties that MST currently owns and the uses for which it could be used. Director Wilmot seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

10-1. – 10-5. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

The reports consisted of the General Manager/CEO Report; TAMC Highlights – May 24, 2006; Washington D. C. Lobbyist Report – May 31, 2006; Sacramento lobbyist Report – June 1, 2006; and Trip report from APTA Bus Conference.

Mr. Sedoryk said during the month of April fuel prices increased by 15% for diesel and 9% for gasoline. Ridership was down for the month. This is consistent with other transit agencies in the state. Hospitality and the agricultural market also showed a decrease in their numbers for the month.

11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

California Transit Board Member's Seminar – July 22-25, 2006, Montreal, Quebec.

13. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to meet with labor negotiators.

Upon returning to open session, Mr. Laredo reported that the Board authorized staff to reopen negotiations with the Monterey-Salinas Transit Employees Association. No further action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Armenta adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

PREPARED BY:  _____
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