

# **MST HIGHLIGHTS**

## **NOVEMBER 19, 2007 BOARD MEETING**

### **NOVEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2008-08 recognizing George Balian, Coach Operator, as MST Employee of the Month for November 2007. Since becoming a Coach Operator, George has served as a line instructor and has been recognized for 3 years of Safe Driving. His upbeat demeanor is infectious and has helped George in any situation he encounters. This attitude is part of the reason he gets along so well with his co-workers and customers alike. Recently, George was selected to fill the position of Interim Operations Supervisor. As with every assignment given to him, George learned the job quickly and demonstrated a willingness to assist with a positive attitude.

### **CALPERS SERVICE CREDIT OPTION**

The MST Board authorized staff to adopt the CalPERS pre-tax payroll deduction plan for service credit purchases. This service credit purchase option allows eligible CalPERS members to purchase "additional retirement service credit" that can be applied toward retirement benefits.

### **MONTEREY MOBILITY MANAGEMENT CENTER**

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to sign a lease on behalf of MST for the rental of office space in Monterey for the Monterey Mobility Management Center and a satellite customer service center.

### **RIDES MINI-BUS PROCUREMENT**

The MST Board authorized the purchase of one AeroTech mini-bus from Creative Bus Sales and the disposal of one retired vehicle.

### **DISCONTINUATION OF LINE 53**

The MST Board moved to discontinue the Line 53 Monterey Peninsula-South County Express project due to poor ridership.

### **RIDES FARE MODIFICATION**

The MST Board amended the current fixed-route fare policy to permit MST RIDES registered passengers to ride free of charge on all MST fixed route and on-demand response transit services (DART, MST On Call).

The MST RIDES ADA program subsidy per passenger is approximately \$17 higher per one-way passenger trip than that of the fixed-route. Many transit properties across the nation have adopted reduced, or “free fare” policies for their ADA Paratransit passengers as an incentive for them to use fixed-route transit services.