

# **MST HIGHLIGHTS**

## **SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 BOARD MEETING**

### **SEPTEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2008-06 recognizing Daniel Avina, Customer Service Supervisor, as MST Employee of the Month for September 2007. On August 23, 2007, at approximately 9:10 a.m., an employee of Salinas Steel Builder was welding from the top of the bus wash area to remove rusted bolts. Sparks from the welding rained down on the last washer brush closest to the back panel and the brushes started on fire. The contractor attempted to extinguish the brushes, however, his extinguisher was not functioning. At such time, Danny located a fire extinguisher and put out the flames. Thanks to his quick thinking, additional damage to the bus wash was avoided. He is being commended for his prompt response in this emergency situation that could have resulted in significant injury to persons and/or equipment.

### **MST RIDES ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

The MST Board appointed Kerry Bishop and Richard Frost to serve as members of the MST RIDES Advisory Committee.

The purpose of the MST RIDES Advisory Committee (RAC) is to advise the MST Board of Directors on matters relating to the complementary paratransit provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The MST RIDES Advisory Committee provides a mechanism for communicating concerns, advice, and recommendations between citizens, MST RIDES passengers and families, frail elderly and disability advocacy agencies, and the MST Board of Directors. The RAC advises the MST Board of Directors and MST Staff on recommended actions to be implemented to improve the quality of the MST RIDES program to include, but not limited to administrative policies and procedures, office administration, dispatch, scheduling, and road operations.

### **“MST ON CALL” PUBLIC HEARING**

A new, demand-response type of service in Marina, “MST On Call” will have its own logo and brand identity. It has been developed for customers wishing to travel locally in Marina. MST has drafted a zone of service for “MST On Call” in Marina. Through a public hearing, MST will solicit input on the “MST On Call” zone and may make modifications in order to most effectively serve its customers in the Marina area. MST is awaiting delivery of a vehicle to operate this service, which could begin as early as October 2007.

### **MARINA TRANSIT EXCHANGE EXCESS FUNDS**

The MST Board authorized reprogramming \$1,322,325 of excess federal funds from the Marina Transit Exchange project to bus purchases.

Staff is seeking to reprogram the \$1,322,325 in excess Marina Transit Exchange federal funds to retiring the debt on the original bus replacement purchase. These funds, which require a 20% local match, along with MST's annual transportation reauthorization earmark, would be sufficient to make one year's worth of payments on its financing plan.