

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT  
August 9, 2004

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Armenta called the meeting to order at 10:02 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
	Bruce Delgado	City of Marina
	Carl Anderson	City of Monterey
	Ron Schenk	City of Pacific Grove
	Sergio Sanchez	City of Salinas
	Diana Ingersoll	City of Seaside
	Fernando Armenta	County of Monterey
	Maria Orozco	City of Gonzales (Ex-Officio)

Absent: None

Staff:	Frank J. Lichtanski	General Manager/CEO
	Carl Sedoryk	Assistant General Manager/CFO
	Sonia Bannister	Office Administrator
	Michael Hernandez	Director of Operations
	Richard Burton	Director of Facilities & Maintenance
	Jerry Figuerres	Administrative Services Manager
	Lyn Owens	Human Resource Manager
	Hunter Harvath	Planning Manager
	Robert Weber	Operations Support Manager
	Brigga Mosca	Marketing/Customer Service Manager
	William Morris	Contract/Transportation Manager
	Mark Eccles	Information Technology Manager

Others:	Dave Laredo	Legal Counsel
	Al Shoats	Retired Coach Operator
	Harry Roscoe	Laidlaw
	Gina Flower	Laidlaw

***Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.***

## **2-1. – 2-10. CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda items consisted of the following:

- 2-1. Adopt Resolution 2005-02 recognizing Fernando Manansala as Employee of the Month for August 2004.
- 2-2. Disposal of property left aboard buses.
- 2-3. Minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2004.
- 2-4. Financial Report – July 2004.
- 2-5. Claim rejection.
- 2-6. Approve labor negotiator contract.
- 2-7. Adopt Resolution 2005-03 recognizing Isaias Montoto for five years of service.
- 2-8. Adopt Resolution 2005-04 recognizing Al Shoats for 21 years of service.
- 2-9. Adopt Resolution 2005-05 recognizing Ken Parks for 18 years of service.
- 2-10. Approve liability insurance renewal.

Item 2-5 Claim Rejection was pulled for further discussion.

### **2-5. CLAIM REJECTION**

Director Cunningham asked why is the claim being rejected if it is currently under investigation. Mr. Lichtanski replied that when the report was written this matter was still under investigation; however, it appears that the woman was not on the bus when the incident occurred. Therefore, the claim needs to be rejected.

**Director Sanchez moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Director Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

## **3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Al Shoats, Coach Operator, was presented with a 21-year Service plaque upon his retirement.

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **5-1. MST RIDES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Board accepted and filed the MST RIDES Advisory Committee Meeting minutes – June 21, 2004.

## **6-1. EXTENDED ENGINE WARRANTY CONTRACT**

Mr. Burton, Director of Facilities & Maintenance reported that MST purchased 24 new model year 2003 buses that entered into service in December 2003 and January 2004. The engines were equipped with new technology to reduce emissions called Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR). Unfortunately, the engine is experiencing problems with emission Particulate Matter (PM) filters clogging up and causing the engines to run poorly. This requires replacement of the PM filter by the engine manufacturer. Most transit systems using these engines are experiencing the same problems. The engine manufacturer continues to work on a workable fix for this problem.

Detroit Diesel Corporation offers an extended warranty at a cost of \$6,600 per engine. For the fleet of 24 engines, this amounts to \$158,400. The standard engine warranty is for 2-year/unlimited mileage. The extended engine warranty brings this out to a total of 5 years/300,000 miles (three additional years coverage). This amounts to “cheap insurance” at a cost of 50 cents per bus per day.

**Director Anderson moved to purchase extended engine warranty on 24 new bus engines at a value of \$158,400. Director Schenk seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

## **7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **8-1. TAMC SALES TAX PROPOSAL**

**Director Anderson moved to table this item until June 2005. Director Schenk seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

## **9-1. LINE 53-MONTEREY PENINSULA-SOUTH COUNTY EXPRESS**

Mr. Harvath, Planning Manager, said MST currently serves the south Monterey County communities via Line 23 Salinas-King City. However, South County passengers cannot reach Monterey Peninsula via public transit in time to start most jobs. The earliest these individuals can reach downtown Monterey is approximately 8:40 a.m., while a trip to Carmel cannot be completed before 9:10 a.m. – which is too late for most hospitality jobs. Furthermore, the trip takes approximately 2½ hours in each direction and requires a transfer at the Salinas Transit Center. Monterey Peninsula hospitality industry has experienced ongoing difficulties filling job vacancies throughout their

properties. To address these issues, staff proposed implementing the new line 53-Monterey Peninsula-South County Express.

This route is a one-year demonstration project specifically designed to allow South County and Peninsula residents to access hospitality industry jobs on the Monterey Peninsula, including Pebble Beach. Line 53 is the first-ever regularly scheduled transit service into the Del Monte forest. This line will be funded through a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 (f) grant with 50% match from the four South County cities (Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City) and the County of Monterey.

Line 53 would cut travel time between King City and downtown Monterey to 90 minutes and would transport employees to their job sites in time for the start of many work shifts. At the Monterey Transit Plaza, convenient connections can be made to other MST routes.

Mr. Lichtanski commended Mr. Harvath on doing a great job.

**Director Delgado moved to approve new line 53 Monterey Peninsula-South County Express. Director Clark seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

#### **10-1. – 10-10. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS**

The reports consisted of the General Manager/CEO Report; Central Coast Reporter – July 2004; TAMC Minutes – July 13, 2004; TAMC Highlights – July 28, 2004; Washington D. C. Lobbyist Report – July 27, 2004; Sacramento Lobbyist Report – July 28, 2004; Letter from AMBAG expressing their gratitude for MST's sponsorship for the Senior Mobility Conference; APTA Legislative Update – July 23, 2004; Article from Community Transportation – *Getting the vehicles you need, when you need them*; and Insurance Status Report.

Mr. Lichtanski reported that Congress has recessed without taking action on the Reauthorization bill. He also announced the joint meeting between the MST Board of Directors and the Marina City Council to discuss the Marina Transit Station. The meeting will be held on September 14 at the Marina Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

#### **11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

None.

#### **12. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board then convened to closed session to confer with counsel regarding upcoming labor contract negotiations and to discuss the performance evaluation of the General Manger/CEO.

Regarding the upcoming labor negotiations, a status report provided by staff. The Board provided general direction. No action was taken.

The Board conducted a performance review on the General Manager/CEO and established performance guidelines for the current year. No other action was taken.

### **13. NEXT MEETING DATE**

September 13, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the MST Conference Room.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Armenta adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

PREPARED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sonia A.R. Bannister