

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT
January 8, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Armenta called the meeting to order at 10:00 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
	Carl Anderson	City of Monterey
	Alan Cohen	City of Pacific Grove
	Robert Russell	City of Salinas
	Thomas Mancini	City of Seaside
	Fernando Armenta	County of Monterey
Absent:	Maria Orozco	City of Gonzales (Ex-Officio)
Staff:	Carl Sedoryk	General Manager/CEO
	Lyn Owens	Director of Human Resources
	Hunter Harvath	Director of Administration
	Michael Hernandez	Chief Operating Officer
	Robert Weber	Transit Services Manager
	Sonia Bannister	Office Administrator
	Mary Archer	Planner
	William Morris	Contract Transportation Manager
	Janet Madler	Fleet Manager
	Dave Sobotka	Controller
	Roger Vandevent	Maintenance Supervisor
	Tonja Posey	Human Resource Supervisor
Others:	Dave Laredo	DeLay & Laredo
	Marc Friddle	Coach Operator
	Ken Walker	Coach Operator
	Mark Griffin	AMBAG
	Rich Deal	City of Monterey
	Belem Cruz	Salinas resident
	Jean Friddle	Seaside resident
	Jim Fink	Salinas resident
	Ron Golem	BAE
	Graham Carey	Lane Transit District

Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.

2-2. – 2-11. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda items consisted of the following:

- 2-2. Adopt Resolution 2007-12 recognizing Marc Friddle, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Month for January 2007.
- 2-3. Adopt Resolution 2007-13 recognizing Kenneth Walker, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Year 2006.
- 2-4. Disposal of property left aboard buses.
- 2-5. Minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2006.
- 2-6. Financial Report – December 2006.
- 2-7. Adopt amendment to the employment agreement between Monterey-Salinas Transit and Carl G. Sedoryk.
- 2-8. Adopt Resolution 2007-14 authorizing investment of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund.
- 2-9. Approve FY 2006 budget transfers.
- 2-10. Accept audited financial reports for FY 2006.
- 2-11. Receive Monterey Transit Plaza Relocation Traffic Assessment final report.

Item 2-11 was pulled for further discussion.

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

With regards to item 2-11 Mr. Sedoryk reported that for several years, the Monterey Transit Plaza (MTP) has been operating above its original design capacity. Safety hazards related to increased traffic congestion exist in this area during morning and afternoon rush hours, where MST buses are joined by vehicles from other operators, including Amtrak Thruway Bus and Monterey-Salinas Airbus, and throughout the day during summer months when MST's seasonal services are in operation. MST does not own the MTP. Rather, it occupies public streets surrounding a city owned park – Simoneau Plaza. The congestion around the MTP from private vehicles exacerbates the operational difficulties MST experiences at this location, as precious minutes of running time are lost as buses wait for traffic to clear the unsignalized intersections in the immediate vicinity. In addition, the on-street, mixed-traffic design of the MTP raises serious safety concerns regarding bus-auto and bus-pedestrian movements.

Rich Deal, Traffic Engineer for City of Monterey, said the City of Monterey believes this is a good concept; however, they are requesting that the Board accept the report as a draft until the City can reevaluate some of the traffic movements within the City.

Jim Fink, Salinas resident, asked if a portion of Tyler Street be closed to all but bus traffic.

Director Wilmot moved to continue this item until the City of Monterey is okay with the report. Director Downey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Robert Weber, Director of Transportation Services, introduced Marc Friddle, Coach Operator as MST Employee of the Month for January 2007. On December 11, 2006, while on duty, Marc retrieved a wallet, which had been left in a parking lot. The wallet contained a large sum of cash. He took it upon himself to identify and contact the owner of the wallet to advise them that he had found it. The owner was ecstatic that her wallet was returned and very thankful for his actions.

Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO introduced Kenneth Walker, Coach Operator, as MST Employee of the Year. In November of 2005, Kenneth was selected as a DOT (Department of Transportation) trainer and was instrumental in the instruction of several newly hired Coach Operators throughout the past year. In 2006, Kenneth received his ninth (9th), consecutive safe driving award while maintaining an average on time schedule adherence of 88% for 2006, which exceeds MST's system-wide goal of 87%. Additionally, in 2006, Kenneth had outstanding overall attendance and continued to provide excellent customer service.

Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO presented the General Manager/CEO Excellence Award to Hunter Harvath, Director of Administration and Janet Madler, Fleet Manager. Mr. Harvath was recognized for his work on line 55 and the Peninsula Area Service Study. Ms. Madler was recognized for her work on the implementation of the new software program in Maintenance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Fink, Salinas resident, wished everyone a Happy New Year. He asked about interconnecting MST with San Luis Obispo. King City to Paso Robles is the only gap in California without public transit. He also said service is lacking on Sunday nights. San Francisco Muni keeps the same amount of service as other regular days.

5-1. FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Board accepted and filed the MST Facilities Committee Minutes – December 11, 2006.

6. BIDS/PROPOSALS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8-1. BOARD WORKSHOP

Mr. Sedoryk reported that he has contacted various consultants to conduct a strategic planning and performance goals setting workshop for the Board to facilitate board discussion and decision-making regarding MST strategic goals and objectives and developing performance goals for the General Manager/CEO.

Director Cunningham wants the emphasis of the workshop to be towards the future as opposed to focusing on the past.

8-2. LAND UTILIZATION PLAN

The Board received a brief presentation from Bay Area Economics on the preliminary findings from the MST Land Utilization Plan. 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 on property it already owns on the former Fort Ord. MST possesses or will soon receive title to parcels of property totaling nearly 65 acres throughout Monterey County. Some of these properties could be used to accomplish these goals.

Over the previous three months, Bay Area Economics has conducted an in-depth analysis of MST properties as well as the prospective development market of the communities in which these properties are located. Elements of the Land Utilization Plan include: Identification of current market potential/values; Evaluation of permitted development entitlements and opportunities for change; Determination of highest value development programs; Projection of potential development value through pro-forma financial analysis; and Formulation of strategies for implementation.

The results of this plan will be used by MST staff as they work with our funding partners in Washington, DC, Sacramento, and in the private sector to finance MST capital and operating needs.

9-1. SMART CARD FARE COLLECTION

Director Mancini moved to table this item to the February meeting. Director Wilmot seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

9-2. BUS RAPID TRANSIT

The Board received a presentation on Bus Rapid Transit. MST and local governments are working together to assess the feasibility of BRT in the Monterey Bay Region. An innovation in transit service, BRT offers both the virtues of rail transit and the flexibility of buses. New technologies and vehicle design can give BRT systems the same type of look, experience and performance as rail systems for a lower construction cost.

BRT systems combine signal and roadway design priority treatments for transit. The vehicles can operate on dedicated rights-of-way (structures or bus-only lanes), HOV lanes, or ordinary streets, and move in and out of these facilities as needed. BRT systems can be designed to suit community needs; there is no “cookie cutter” formula.

Jim Fink, Salinas resident, said BRT would be a terrific concept for Salinas and Monterey. He supports the concept.

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

The reports consisted of the General Manager/CEO Report; Washington D. C. Lobbyist Report – December 22, 2006; Sacramento Lobbyist report – December 27, 2006; Quarterly Performance Results Report – 1st Quarter FY 2007; staff trip reports; and Passenger Transit article – *Emissions Reductions and fuel savings spur changes in bus products.*

Mr. Sedoryk reported that ridership continues to grow. Preliminary data indicates that MST has achieved 500 million passenger boardings for calendar year ending 2006.

11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Armenta adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
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