

MST HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 15, 2007 BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2008-07 recognizing Carl Wulf, Facilities/Capital Projects Manager, as MST Employee of the Month for October 2007. While working at the Marina Transit Exchange (MTX), Carl's job was protect MST's interest on the job site by verifying the Exchange was built according to the blueprints and to verify the contractor was using quality construction techniques and quality materials. As MST's project manager, Carl identified potential problems with workmanship, materials, and helped identify conflicts in the project schedule. Carl also made decisions to keep the project moving if materials needed to be substituted, or if meetings were needed with agencies/vendors. Carl also played a vital role in coordinating with other MST staff for key project elements like information technology, security and planning for bus operations at the Exchange.

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

The MST Board recognized Rafael Rosado, Coach Operator for 30 years of service. They also recognized Benjamin Newman, Risk & Security Manager, for 20 years of service.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN

The MST Board approved the 3-year Affirmative Action Plan for submittal to the Federal Transit Administration.

UTILITY SERVICE TRUCK PROCUREMENT

The MST Board: 1) authorized a \$74,316.30 purchase for two utility service trucks from Salinas Valley Ford-Isuzu; and 2) authorized the disposal of two retired vehicles.

MST has two 1997, one-ton diesel utility service trucks. Utility staff uses these trucks to service over 1,200 bus stops between King City and San Jose and at MST's transit facilities. The trucks are used to move equipment, benches, shelters, and complete routine maintenance and repair at bus stops. These trucks are considered the "workhorse" of the facilities department and have accumulated 117,510 and 144,442 miles. These trucks are equipped with 1997 diesel engines that no longer meet acceptable California emission requirements.

MINI-BUS PURCHASE

The MST Board: 1) authorized the \$232,900.11 purchase for three Aero Tech mini-buses from Creative Bus Sales; 2) authorized the option to purchase up to two additional vehicles from Creative Bus Sales in calendar year 2008; and 3) authorized the disposal of up to five retired vehicles.

MST's contractor, MV Inc. operates fifteen mini-buses for DART and other fixed route services. This purchase will replace model year 2002 minibuses. FTA rates the life of a medium duty transit minibus at 5 years and 150,000-miles. The mileage on these vehicles currently ranges between 191,000 and 227,000 miles. MST is responsible for the repair/replacement of all major components on contractor-operated vehicles. These vehicles have operating/repair costs of about 41 cents per mile, versus 24 cents per mile for newer vehicles.

MST ON-CALL MARINA

The MST Board approved the implementation of the new "MST On-Call" demand response service for Marina.

A new, demand-response type of service in Marina, "MST On Call" will have its own logo and brand identity. Customers wishing to travel locally in Marina will simply call a toll-free number and schedule a ride whenever they need to travel during the hours of operation of the service (approximately 6:30 am to 6:30 pm on weekdays, with slightly shorter hours on weekends). Timed transfers to MST's regional routes will be available at the newly opened Marina Transit Exchange. 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 late October/early November 2007.