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## **MST HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 14, 2009 BOARD MEETING**

### **DECEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2010-06 recognizing Kathy Williams, General Accounting Manager, as Employee of the Month for December 2009.

### **EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2010-07 recognizing Rayford Moore, Coach Operator as Employee of the Year for 2009.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, presented the General Manager's Excellence Award to Michael Gallant, Planning Manager for his work in securing additional service resulting in over \$1 million in additional bus service.

### **AMEND CTSA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The MST Board amended the Bylaws of the CTSA Advisory Committee to expand membership to allow a minimum of five and up to fifteen members, in addition to other minor changes on page one of the Bylaws to make the document internally consistent.

### **SECURITY CAMERAS CONTRACT**

The MST Board authorized a \$400,000 purchase of additional cameras and associated hardware from GE Security, Inc.

MST purchased buses with factory installed security cameras in 2002. Since then, cameras have been added so that all 76 of the MST fixed route fleet and the 6 MST trolleys have cameras installed. Security cameras on board have been an extremely valuable tool for investigating accidents, vandalism, assaults and fraudulent claims against MST.

This item authorizes the purchase and installation of 48 new camera systems as well as upgrading and adding cameras to the 76 fixed route and 6 trolleys, from GE Security Inc., not to exceed \$400,000.

### **FY 2010 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS**

The MST Board approved the Legislative Program and referred the JEA & Associates contract to the Legislative Committee.

At the federal level, Congress has implemented a continuing resolution to extend the programs and funding levels of the Transportation Authorization bill (SAFETEA-LU) that expired September 30, 2009. While the Congress is working on the next multi-year transportation authorization bill, federal support for FY 2010 has been frozen at FY 2009 levels, including provisions related to funding transit operations and capital programs, as well as programs designed to fund transit in rural areas, to increase access for the disabled, to protect transit vehicles and facilities, and to support intelligent transportation systems (ITS).

At the state level, MST will focus on ensuring that its projects are funded through the state transportation bond approved by voters in November of 2006. MST will continue to push for the restoration of transit funds that have been diverted to other purposes and identification of legislative remedies that enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of transit service. Overarching issues of concern at the state level continue to include another projected budget shortfall for FY 2011 and potential AB32 restrictions on greenhouse gasses. In particular, the continued elimination of the State Transit Assistance program is of grave concern to MST with regards to financial support for the RIDES paratransit program, currently experiencing its second year of a sustained increase in demand compared to FY 2008 levels.

## **LOCAL TAXPAYERS, PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION PROTECTION ACT OF 2010**

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2009-08 supporting Local Taxpayers, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010.

Despite strong voter support of keeping local tax dollars local, the California state government continues to regard these revenues as a fix for state budget shortfalls. This approach is exemplified by the most recent state budget, which transferred to state coffers \$2 billion in local property tax, \$2 billion in local redevelopment funds (despite a Superior Court ruling that this type of transfer is unconstitutional), \$910 million in transit funds (despite a Supreme Court ruling that this type of transfer is illegal), and more than \$1 billion of local governments' share of the Highway User Tax, thereby breaking an 86-year tradition of sharing proceeds between state and local governments and transit authorities.

## **AB2766 GRANTS**

The MST Board approved the execution of FY 2010 Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District AB2766 grants.

The Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (Air District) conducts an annual grant process authorized by Assembly Bill 2766 which directs a portion of the state's vehicle licensing fee to emissions reducing projects proposed by local public agencies. At its September meeting, the Air District awarded two grants to MST for the following projects: South Monterey County Transit Plan (\$45,000); and New Transit Service in North Monterey County (\$175,000).

## **2-1-1 SERVICES**

The MST Board approved using Federal Transit Administration New Freedom grant funds for a contract with United Way Monterey County for 2-1-1 Information and transit referral services.

MST was awarded \$250,000 in grant funding from the FTA New Freedom Program for the purpose of supporting 2-1-1 information and transit referral services in Monterey County. These services assist persons with disabilities, as well as other travelers, with information about MST's fixed-route and paratransit services.

### **PURCHASE OF TWO SUBURBAN BUSES**

The MST Board authorized MST to exercise an option to purchase two heavy-duty suburban buses through the Yolo County Transportation District's contract with Motor Coach Industries (MCI) or to negotiate directly with MCI for two demonstration (demo) buses at a reduced price.

MST operates 8 high-floor suburban styled model year 2002 and 2003 buses in commuter service to South County and San Jose. MCI coaches are used world wide in heavy-duty commuter service and are also standard equipment at many US transit properties for service on long distance routes. These vehicles are 45 feet long, extremely durable and have a 57 passenger capacity.