

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT
February 8, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Armenta called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the MST Conference Room.

Present:	Karen Sharp	City of Carmel-By-The-Sea
	Kristin Clark	City of Del Rey Oaks
	Libby Downey	City of Monterey
	Alan Cohen	City of Pacific Grove
	Thomas Mancini	City of Seaside
	James Ford	City of Marina (10:10)
	Sergio Sanchez	City of Salinas
	Fernando Armenta	County of Monterey
	Maria Orozco	City of Gonzales (Ex-Officio)

Absent: None

Staff:	Carl Sedoryk	General Manager/CEO
	Hunter Harvath	Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
	Robert Weber	Director of Transportation Services
	Michael Gallant	Planning Manager
	Sonia Bannister	Office Administrator/Marketing & Sales Specialist
	Mark Eccles	Director of IT
	Lyn Owens	Director of Human Resources
	Michael Hernandez	Asst. General Manager/CFO
	Kathy Williams	General Accounting Manager
	Zoe Shoats	Marketing Analyst
	Tom Hicks	CTSA Manager
	Theo Kosub	Planning Intern

Others:	Dave Laredo	DeLay & Laredo
	Pat Stephens	City of Soledad
	Jim Moore	Moore & Associates
	Heidi Quinn	DeLay & Laredo
	Carmelita Garcia	City of Pacific Grove

Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.

2-1. – 2-11. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda items consisted of the following:

- 2-2. Adopt Resolution 2010-08 recognizing Tomas Powell, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Month for January 2010.
- 2-3. Adopt Resolution 2010-09 recognizing Robert Tadman, Entry Level Mechanic, as Employee of the Month for February 2010.
- 2-4. Adopt Resolution 2010-10 recognizing Paul K. Scott, Coach Operator, for 25 Years of Service.
- 2-5. Adopt Resolution 2010-11 recognizing Joseph Fontes, Coach Operator, for 13 Years of Service.
- 2-6. Disposal of property left aboard buses.
- 2-7. Minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2009.
- 2-8. Financial Report – November/December 2009.
- 2-9. Audited financial results for FY 2009.
- 2-10. Authorize Chair to appoint ad-hoc Nominating Committee.
- 2-11. Board Committee meeting dates.
- 2-12. Minutes of January 11, 2010 Board workshop.
- 2-13. Approve donation of mid-size bus to Rotary Club of Salinas.
- 2-14. Adopt Resolution 2010-12 recognizing Matt Overfield & Boy Scout Troop 90 for cleaning and painting 19 bus stops in the Monterey Peninsula.
- 2-15. Claim rejection.
- 2-16. Schedule public hearing for implementation of a \$3 taxi voucher fare.

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

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Robert Weber, Director of Transportation Services, introduced Tomas Powell, Coach Operator as Employee of the Month for January 2010. Since he began his career

almost six years ago, Thomas's passengers have continued to remind us of their appreciation for his thoughtfulness, exceptional customer service, and skill as a safe and professional Coach Operator. Thomas continues to be an excellent ambassador to the communities we serve, and remains a valued asset to our agency.

Michael Hernandez, Assistant General Manager/COO, introduced Robert Tadman, Entry Level Mechanic, as Employee of the Month for February 2010. Since Bob began his career ten (10) years ago, he has received high performance ratings and many grateful acknowledgements for his participation in assisting MST to provide successful special event service.

The MST Board presented Resolution 2010-12 to Matt Overfield from Boy Scout Troop #90, for planning, organizing, and managing an effort that cleaned and painted 19 bus stops in the Monterey Peninsula as he worked towards his Leadership Merit Badge to become an Eagle Boy Scout.

Michael Hernandez, Assistant General Manager/COO, presented Robert Pagan, Coach Operator, for 30-Years of Service.

Michael Hernandez, Assistant General Manager/COO, presented Tony Lewis, Coach Operator for 25-Years of Service.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Fink, Salinas resident, commented that he got thrown out of a seat on line 79. He suggested that all coaches should have seat belts for passenger safety. He also suggested that at CSUMB, there should be a bus stop in front of the library. He commented that there is no bus service between the area from King City to San Miguel/Paso Robles. There should be connector service to South County cities – San Ardo, Santa Lucia.

5-1. – 5-2. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Board accepted and filed the MST Facilities Committee Minutes – December 14, 2009; and MST Legislative Committee Minutes – January 22, 2010.

6. BIDS/PROPOSALS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8-1. AD-HOC COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Strategic Planning Committee is to provide staff with oversight and guidance in the final development and presentation of the Monterey Salinas Transit District Strategic Plan for July 2010 – June 2013. This committee will cease once the full Board adopts the strategic plan

The District Governance Transition Committee will be responsible for providing staff with oversight and guidance in matters related to the transition from the current joint powers agency form of governance to the new transit district form of governance, which will take effect on July 1, 2010. This committee will continue to meet until all issues related to transition from the MST Joint Powers Agency to the MST District are completed.

The following appointments will serve on both Committees:

Fernando Armenta, County of Monterey
Kristin Clark, City of Del Rey Oaks
Maria Orozco, City of Gonzales

Tom Mancini, City of Seaside
Sergio Sanchez, City of Salinas
Patricia Stephens, City of Soledad

Director Downey moved to: 1) authorize the Board Chair to appoint an ad-hoc Strategic Planning Committee; and 2) authorize the Board Chair to appoint a District Governance Transition Committee. The members of both committees are Directors Armenta, Clark, Mancini, Sanchez, Orozco, and Patricia Stephens from the City of Soledad. Director Mancini seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

8-2. DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

Director Ford moved to adopt the FY 2011- 2013 Strategic Plan and refer to the Strategic Planning Committee for review. Director Sharp seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

8-3. RIDER AND NON-RIDER PASSENGER SURVEYS

There was a brief presentation on the 2009 MST Attitude and Awareness Survey and the 2009 MST On-Board Passenger Survey. Overall, MST received high marks for the quality and frequency of service.

Director Sanchez suggested surveying folks under the age of 18.

Mr. Fink, Salinas resident, commented that he would like later service in the evenings and on Sundays. He also would like to see less scheduling on holidays and more weekday and evening Sunday service.

Director Mancini moved to accept the results on the 2009 MST Attitude and Awareness Survey and the 2009 MST On-Board Passenger Survey. Director Clark seconded and the motion carried with Director Sanchez absent.

8-4. FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT

The MST Board previously authorized staff to pursue financing options for the permitting, construction and move-in phases of MST's new Monterey Bay Bus Operations and Maintenance Center. The Financial Consultant would ensure that all possible financing mechanisms are evaluated to find the one that is most cost-effective. In addition, the consultant would develop a long-term financing strategy to identify the timing and funding of future bus purchases along with the Operations and Maintenance facility.

Director Mancini moved to approve the contract with Cooperman Associates for financial consulting services. Director Cohen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

9-1. FORA MULTI-MODAL CORRIDOR MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Mr. Harvath, Assistant General Manager/Finance & Administration reported that the Memorandum of Agreement identifies the location of the new alignment for the multi-modal corridor and grants right of way reservations for the future development of the transit, road, bike and pedestrian facilities that will one day occupy the corridor. This would ensure that current owners of parcels that fall within or partially within the future multi-modal corridor would not be allowed to develop that portion of their land. Rather, this land would be reserved for the construction of the multi-modal corridor.

Current discussions point to MST taking the lead in developing the multi-modal corridor, with a Bus Rapid Transit BRT line as its centerpiece. This future BRT line would provide the most direct, least congested route between the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas, as the Highway 68 and Reservation/Blanco corridors are often blocked with congestion, a condition that is expected to worsen in the coming years and decades. The Memorandum of Agreement reserving the right of way would be in effect until December 31, 2025. If MST has not by that date started developing the multi-modal corridor, then the parties to the Memorandum of Agreement would need to renegotiate a new Agreement continuing the reservation of the corridor right of way.

Director Ford moved to authorize staff to sign a Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Fort Ord Resuse Authority Multi-Modal corridor. Director Clark seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

10-1. – 10-4. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

The reports consisted of the General Manager/CEO Report; TAMC Highlights – January 27, 2010; Washington DC Lobbyist Report – January 21, 2010; and staff trip reports.

11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Prepared by: _____
Sonia Bannister