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MST HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 10, 2010 BOARD MEETING

APRIL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2010-15 recognizing Rex Sacayanan, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Month for April 2010. Since he began his career almost eleven years ago, Rex's passengers have submitted compliments expressing their appreciation for his exceptional customer service and his skill as a safe and professional Coach Operator. Rex has also been recognized by his Supervisor for his willingness to assist MST with special events and other activities that are beyond his normal work assignments. Rex continues to be an excellent representative to the communities we serve and remains a valued asset to our agency.

BUS PURCHASE

The MST Board authorized the purchase of one medium-sized (mini) bus from El Dorado National/Creative Bus Sales. The bus will be operated by MV Transportation Inc. and will be used on the Monterey Peninsula for seniors and other passengers to access doctor offices, medical facilities, hospitals, and for other local transportation needs. MST has secured a grant in the amount of \$184,000 to offset operating costs for two years.

FAREBOX SYSTEM PURCHASE

The MST Board authorized the purchase of an automatic fare collection system from GFI Genfare with a project budget not to exceed \$2,900,000. The new GFI automatic fare collection system will provide improved and modern revenue security features and will provide MST with the ability to significantly expand payment options for customers using new "smart" technologies. MST will be able to provide passengers with various convenient fare payment options including reloadable smart cards, magnetic swipe cards and improved options for day/month passes and transfers. New fareboxes will also reduce the loss of passenger revenue from invalid transfers, expired passes and counterfeit passes.

ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR NEW OPERATING FACILITY

The MST Board authorized a revised contingency budget in the amount of \$213,000 for MST's Bus Maintenance and Operations Center. Several additional changes to the design were required including revisions to the bus entrances, a security assessment, hoists to accommodate the MCIs, and a recycling system for landscape water. There will also be some additional design costs to handle storm water runoff requirements. This would increase the contingency budget from \$387,000 to \$600,000.

PURCHASE TWO USED TROLLEYS

The MST Board authorized the purchase of two used trolleys at a cost of up to \$75,000. MST has six, model year 2003 Optima Trolleys. These trolleys are operated by MST's contractor MV Transportation Inc. and are currently used in service throughout the year in Monterey, Salinas and Carmel. The peak season for trolley use is in the summer, between Memorial Day and Labor Day. During the summer months up to four trolleys help reduce local traffic congestion on the Peninsula by shuttling passengers between downtown Monterey, Cannery Row and the Aquarium. An additional trolley is also used for summer service in Carmel-by-the-Sea. During peak tourism periods MST has one spare vehicle as a backup for these two services.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The MST Board of Directors held their election of officers and re-elected Director Fernando Armenta as Chair and appointed Director Kristin Clark as Vice-Chair. Other staff appointments remain the same.