

MST HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 9, 2009 BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2009-17 recognizing Victor Williams, Utility Service, as Employee of the Month for February 2009. On January 15th, Victor found a cashiers' check in the amount of \$10,000 while cleaning buses. The check was made out to a car dealership and could easily have been overlooked or disposed of in a trash bin. He was alert, spotting this check and turning it in to his Supervisor. The check was later turned over to the police department and provided a potential clue to the status of a missing person.

RETIREMENT

The MST Board recognized Kathleen Bertrand, Payroll Specialist, for 22 years of service.

MID-YEAR BUDGET UPDATE

The MST Board approved the capital budget for the remainder of FY 2009 to reflect changes in available capital funds.

SALE OF RETIRED VEHICLES

The MST Board: 1) approved using the services of First Capital Auctions to sell retired vehicles; and 2) approved the retirement/sale of 11 revenue vehicles and seven non-revenue vehicles.

SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to execute a contract with Hastus (Giro, Inc.) for one year of maintenance and support for Hastus Runcutting software of \$19,743 and Hastus DDAM software of \$18,698 at a cost not to exceed \$38,441.

The Hastus Runcutting software system is used to assign MST drivers efficiently to the MST bus schedules.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT APPLICATION

The MST Board approved Resolution 2009-19 authorizing the filing of a grant application with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES

The MST Board awarded a three-year contract with two one-year options in the amount of \$54,000 per year (plus annual escalators) to Thomas Walters, Inc. for federal legislative consulting services.

BUS PURCHASE

The MST Board approved the purchase of up to four medium-size buses from Bus West at a cost of \$85,750 per bus.

CREATION OF MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT DISTRICT

The MST Board authorized staff to proceed in pursuing a legislative change to the Public Utilities Code to create the Monterey-Salinas Transit District.

Transforming the Monterey-Salinas Transit JPA into a transit district would give MST the flexibility to ask the voters of Monterey County directly for a local sales tax to support public transit services.