

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT  
May 9, 2011

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Present:	Fernando Armenta	County of Monterey
	Alan Cohen	City of Pacific Grove
	Jerry Edelen (alt)	City of Del Rey Oaks
	Libby Downey	City of Monterey
	Alvin Edwards	City of Seaside
	Susan Kleber	City of King
	Frank O'Connell	City of Marina
	Maria Orozco	City of Gonzales
	David Pendergrass	City of Sand City
	Sergio Sanchez	City of Salinas
	Karen Sharp	City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
	Patricia Stephens	City of Soledad
Absent:	John Huerta, Jr.	City of Greenfield
Staff:	Angela Dawson	Accountant
	Sonia Bannister	Office Administrator/Marketing & Sales Specialist
	Rose Bayles	HR Generalist
	Mike Gallant	Planning Manager
	Kelly Halcon	Director of Human Resources
	Hunter Harvath	Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
	Michael Hernandez	Asst. General Manager/COO
	Tom Hicks	CTSA Manager
	Deanna Smith	Executive Assistant to the GM/CEO
	Carl Sedoryk	General Manager/CEO
	Zoe Shoats	Marketing Analyst
	Robert Weber	Director of Transportation Services
	Kathy Williams	General Accounting Manager
Others:	David C. Laredo	De Lay & Laredo
	Bill Weigle	Seaside resident
	John Hutcherson	Citizen
	Gary Carnes	Citizen
	Jim Fink	Citizen
	Gayle Morton	Citizen
	Margaret Davis	Citizen

Cesar Lara	Labor Council
Dianne Cotton	Citizen
Mary Beth Hugaboom	Citizen
Judy T.	Monterey resident
Alfred Diaz Infante	CHISPA
Lisa Bays	Citizen
Amy White	Land Watch
Mike Silvano	Citizen
Jane Shriver	Citizen
Matt McFarland	Citizen
Mary Ann Leffel	Monterey County Business Council
Iris Peppard	Citizen
Tony Valderez	MST Employee
Connie Kane	Citizen
Ralph Drumhaller	Quail Lodge
Jan Shriner	Marina resident
Sue Campbell	Seaside resident
Denny Andersen	Salinas resident
Kay Kline	Sustainable Seaside
Pamela Myatt	Monterey Bay Equestrian Horsemen's Assoc.
Darryl Donnell	Pacific Grove resident
Jane Field	Marina Equestrian Center
Charles Field	Marina Equestrian Center
Matt M.	MORCA
Michael Adaro	MORCA
Alan French	MORCA
Neil	MORCA
Jason Campbell	Seaside resident
Mark Faulkner	Pacific Grove resident
Sandra Gray	Seaside resident
Steve Endsley	FORA
Rina Kempton	Seaside resident
Jean Campbell	Summitarabians
Iris Peppers	Fort Ord Rec Users

***Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.***

## **2. CLOSED SESSION**

The Closed Session item was moved to the end of the agenda.

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda items consisted of the following:

- 4-1 Review highlights of Agenda.
- 4-2 Adopt Resolution 2011-20 recognizing Steve Colburn, Coach Operator, as May Employee of the Month.
- 4-3 Minutes of the regular meeting of April 11, 2011.
- 4-4 Disposal of property left aboard buses.
- 4-5 Financial Reports-March 2011.
- 4-6 \$130,000 Hastus (Giro, Inc.) multi-year maintenance and support contract agreement.
- 4-7 South County Area Service Analysis adoption.
- 4-8 Adopt Resolution 2011-21 approving Homeland security Grant Application authority.
- 4-9 Authorize vehicle donations for mini bus and passenger vans.
- 4-10 Appoint Nominating Committee.
- 4-11 2010 Community Stakeholder results.

Director Sanchez invited Mr. Ricardo Munoz of the United Farm Workers Association to speak on behalf of the mini bus and passenger vans. Mr. Munoz expressed his appreciation for the service and stated that low income workers use and appreciate the service.

Director Downey questioned the conclusion of low survey responses. Zoe Alexander agreed that there were problems with the online survey and that overall responses were low.

Director Armenta requested five volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Directors volunteered to serve: Stephens, Clark, Sanchez (Chair), Edwards, and Kleber.

**Director Edwards moved to approve items on the consent agenda and was seconded by Director Orozco. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **5-1 Army Communities of Excellence 2011.**

Shawn Marshall from the US Army Garrison, Presidio of Monterey, presented MST with the Army Communities of Excellence Award.

### **5-2 May Employee of the Month-Steve Colburn, Coach Operator.**

Robert Weber recognized Steve Colburn, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Month for his valuable input and assistance during the development of the new fare structure, coordinating a major training effort of all MST Coach Operators, and working long hours to provide final testing and inspection of the new fare boxes prior to their deployment.

### **5-3 20 Years of Service-Michael Cargile, Communications Systems Specialist.**

Mike Hernandez presented an award to Michael Cargile for his twenty years of exemplary service with MST.

### **5-4 Monterey Branch Line Light Rail Presentation.**

The Monterey Branch Line Light Rail Presentation by Debra Hale of TAMC was moved to the June Board meeting.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Weigle of Seaside supports the transit facility project and public transportation efforts, but does not support the Whispering Oaks site. He supports the Marina site as a preferable location.

John Hutcherson of Monterey does not approve of the Whispering Oaks site for the new MST facility. He supports the green efforts of MST and believes the proposed site is incongruent with these efforts.

Gary Karnes, a longtime Monterey County resident, supports the mission of MST, but asked that MST Directors and concerned members of the public take a bus tour to view all possible site location options.

Jim Fink suggested that the southbound bus stop at Yosemite and San Pablo Streets is a model bus stop location. He wishes that other bus stops were as good and feels that most stops are too far away from intersections. He is also very happy with the additional Saturday and Sunday schedule on Line 55. He wishes that Line 55 could serve the Santa Theresa Light Rail, similar to Line 79.

Gayle Morton, an attorney in Monterey, understands the need for a new facility, but believes that the location at Intergarrison and 8<sup>th</sup> is not a suitable spot. She stated that although the trail used by equestrians is said to be an illegal usage, it has been used extensively over the years. She believes that an alternative site will still meet MST objectives for green building. She stated that by using a model from another (Orange County) facility, MST has shown that the plans can be easily adapted to any site. She urged the MST Board to withdraw their appeal to the County Board of Supervisors.

Margaret Davis stated that the proposed site severs Trail #1, which is the only trail providing access to all other interior trails. She asked the Board to support the broader public interest by withdrawing their appeal to the County Board of Supervisors.

Cesar Lara with the Labor Council thanked the MST Staff for adjusting routes to benefit workers. He stated that Whispering Oaks is a better site for financial reasons and supports moving forward with the project at the proposed location.

Diane Cotton of Seaside believes trees are beneficial to people, the environment, and property values. She cannot believe that an organization with MST's commitment to the environment would cut down 4,400 trees.

MaryBeth Huggaboom stated that the Whispering Oaks site will cut off the only trail into BLM lands.

Judy T. of Monterey does not understand how MST can cut down 4,400 trees if they are concerned about green building and the environment.

Alfred Diaz Infante of CHISPA asked MST to listen to the voice of the low income community. He asked that MST allow the appeal process to take place and allow residents to be heard.

Lisa Bays asked MST to please reconsider relocating the proposed facility location.

Jason Campbell of Seaside supports the Monterey County Planning Commission's report and is concerned with the Whispering Oaks commercial project that will follow MST's facility development. He believes this development will hurt the existing commercial activity in Seaside. He asked that the Board not pursue a bad idea and instead withdraw their appeal.

Amy White of Land Watch opposed the site and encouraged selecting an alternative site.

Mike Silvano of Marina asked the MST Board to withdraw its appeal for the Whispering Oaks site and find another suitable location.

Jane Shriver of Marina stated that the planning maps do not show trails, but hundreds of people use the trails all of the time and they in turn support the businesses in surrounding cities. She asked that MST find an alternative site.

Matt McFarland is a lifetime Monterey County resident and is in support of the project but does not support the Whispering Oaks location. He stated that the destruction of thousands of trees offsets the benefits of lowering carbon emissions from the proposed facility.

Mary Ann Leffel, President of the Monterey County Business Council, believes the proposed site is a good location. She stated that the two primary barriers to workers are childcare and transportation and that the project addresses both issues. She stated that many dollars have already been spent, many studies done, and that the project should move forward.

Kay Kline of Seaside is concerned with business issues, empty businesses, and air quality that will be lost by building on the Whispering Oaks site. She stated that Seaside has the fewest parks of six surrounding cities and that the proposed land could be used as parkland. She stated that she has obtained 357 signatures of opposition to the Whispering Oaks site within the last week.

Iris Peppard, a Ft. Ord resident and employee of CSUMB, supports the project but not the location. She believes it is unethical to build at Whispering Oaks when there is so much unused land and facilities in Ft. Ord.

Tony Valdez is a mechanic at MST. He is concerned with the lack of safety at the current location. He stated that MST has outgrown the site and urged the Board to move forward with the project.

Connie Kane, retired, stated that it is unconscionable to cut down trees when the airport and Ft. Ord sites are available. She urged the MST Board to "do the right thing."

Mr. Fink stated that he has been using public transportation for over fourteen years. Director Armenta commented that Mr. Fink is also responsible for MST's service to San Luis Obispo County.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **8. BIDS/PROPOSALS**

- 8-1 Award a \$256,140 three-year contract to Silveria Building Services to provide janitorial services.

Carl Wulf requested that the MST Board approve awarding Silveira Building Services a three-year contract. He stated that all submitted bids were rated and scored, and the Silveira bid will net a 37% savings from prior contract.

Director Edwards asked why contracts were not negotiated every year.

Director Downey asked if the contract can be cancelled if MST is not happy with the company.

Mr. Wulf responded that the contract is typically awarded every three years, with a two year option to renew. He also stated that the contract can be cancelled if the company does not perform to required standards.

**Director Edwards moved to approve a \$256,140 three-year contract to Silveira Building Services to provide janitorial services to all of MST facilities with the option to extend for one, two-year renewal. The motion was seconded by Director Downey. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9-1 Conduct public hearing on FY 2011 Program of Projects.

Mr. Harvath explained that to maintain compliance, there must be a public hearing to announce the proposed Program of Projects and utilization of funds. He requested that the Board adopt the Program of Projects and authorize the filing of appropriate grant applications with the Federal Transit Administration and Caltrans.

Chair Armenta opened the public hearing. There were no comments and Chair Armenta closed the public hearing.

**Director Cohen moved to: 1) approve adoption of the FY 2011 Program of Projects; and 2) to authorize the filing of appropriate grant applications with the Federal Transit Administration and Caltrans. Director Edwards seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

10-1 South County update.

Mr. Harvath provided an update on recent South County municipal transit operations. He stated that he has been working with South County jurisdictions and the Dial-A-Ride program has been implemented in Gonzales. The City of Greenfield has authorized the Auto-Lift. The City of Soledad has elected to operate the Dial-A-Ride Service internally for one year and then turn it over to MST. He will be presenting information on the Dial-A-Ride Service to the City of King tomorrow. He stated that

MST has added a round trip service to Line 23 and has secured grant funding for the connection from South County to Ft. Hunter Liggett and Paso Robles.

Director Orozco stated that the riders of Gonzales thank MST for the service.

Director Kleber announced that the current bus driver in King City has a following for her excellent performance.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **12. REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **12-1 General Manager/CEO Report.**

Mr. Sedoryk announced that MST ridership is up 4 ½% over last year; however, this increase does not offset higher fuel costs. A Draft Budget for FY 2011-2012 was presented to the Finance Committee this morning and will be presented to the Board in June for approval. He has been meeting with various constituencies in Sacramento and Washington, DC to secure funding.

## **13. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Director Sanchez announced that he is now paper-free and downloading and reading his agendas on his IPAD. He no longer wants to use paper and encourages all members of the MST Board to move in this direction. Mr. Sedoryk noted that research is being conducted to implement paperless policies and procedures at MST.

Director Downey expressed that she would like to tour all possible MST facility sites and wonders if the first proposed site is a better option. She congratulated the Board for the military accolades. She asked whether the City of Monterey has determined the cost of partially administering the Regional Taxi Authority and requested that the City of Salinas provide this information as well. Mr. Sedoryk will follow up with the City of Salinas.

Director Cohen asked if he could get an update on the Trolley service in Pacific Grove. He was disappointed that the service had been postponed. Mr. Sedoryk stated that Mike Hernandez could provide this information after the Board meeting.

Director Edelen stated that he found the Public Comments to be classy and productive.

#### **14. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Sedoryk announced that the next RTA meeting will be on May 23, 2011 instead of May 30, 2011 because of Memorial Day.

#### **2. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to meet with legal counsel regarding conference with property negotiators. (APN 032 171 005; L.2.3, L.2.4.1, L.2.4.3, L.2.4.2, APN 031-011-056-000, L.5.1)

#### **3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board met with its real property negotiator, Carl Sedoryk, in closed session to discuss one parcel of real property, APN 032-171-005. Aside from the provision of general direction, no other action was taken.

#### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairperson Armenta adjourned the meeting at 12:30PM.

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