MEETING OF THE MST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2021

Present: Jeff Baron City of Carmel-by-the Sea
John Gaglioti City of Del Rey Oaks
Lorraine Worthy City of Gonzales
Yanely Martinez City of Greenfield
Mike LeBarre City of King
David Burnett City of Marina
Dan Albert City of Monterey
Tony Barrera City of Salinas
Mary Ann Carbone City of Sand City
Dave Pacheco City of Seaside
Anna Velazquez City Soledad
Luis Alejo County of Monterey

Absent: Joe Amelio City of Pacific Grove

Staff: Carl Sedoryk General Manager/CEO
Lisa Rheinheimer Assistant General Manager
Norman Tuitavuki Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Halcon Director of HR and Risk Management
Mark Eccles Director of Information Technology
Michelle Overmeyer Director of Planning and Innovation
Andrea Williams General Accounting, Budget Manager
Jeanette Alegar-Rocha Deputy Secretary
Marzette Henderson Contract Services Manager
Ikuyo Yoneda-Lopez Marketing & Customer Service Manager
Alvin Johnson Transportation Manager
Tiziano Minelli Operations Supervisor
Elena Grigorchina Operations Analyst
Matthew Deal Grants Analyst
Sloan Campi Transit Planning Manager
Emma Patel Transit Planning Assistant
David Bielsker Transit Scheduler
Daniel Aquino Scheduling Assistant
1. CALL TO ORDER

1-1. Roll Call.

Chair Albert called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with roll call taken as the meeting was via ZOOM teleconference. A quorum was established.

1-2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Albert

1-3. Review Highlights of the agenda. (Carl Sedoryk)

General Manager/CEO Carl Sedoryk reviewed the highlights of the agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Clerk to the Board, Jeanette Alegar-Rocha provided phone-in participants instructions to raise hands and to unmute for public comment.
Public Comment –

Steve Kennedy had a ridership question for Carl Sedoryk which will be followed-up by staff.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

These items will be approved by a single motion. Anyone may request that an item be discussed and considered separately.

3-1. Adopt Resolution 2021-24 recognizing Tiziano “Tim” Minelli, Operations Supervisor as Employee of the Month for May 2021. (Norman Tuitavuki)

3-2. Receive Draft Minutes of the MST Board Operations Performance Committee Meeting on April 12, 2021. (Jeanette Alegar-Rocha)

3-3. Approve Minutes of the MST Board Meeting on April 12, 2021. (Jeanette Alegar-Rocha)

3-4. Receive Report on Lost and Found Items Left on MST Property for the Month of January 2021. (Sonia Wills)

3-5. Financial Reports – March 2021. (Lori Lee)
   a) Accept report of March 2021 Cash Flow
   b) Approve March 2021 Disbursements
   c) Accept Report of March 2021 Treasury Transactions

3-6. Receive Draft Minutes of the MAC Committee on March 31, 2021. (Claudia Valencia)

3-7. Appoint Membership of Alejandro Fernandez, Social Worker for the DaVita Dialysis Center to Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC). (Cristy Sugabo)

3-8. Reject Claim by Berriz Law Group on Behalf of Sonia Gomez Garcia and Her Daughter Betsy Clemente Gomez. (Lisa Cox)

3-9. Reject Claim by Megeredchian Law on Behalf of Jose Reyes Limon. (Lisa Cox)

3-10. Reject Claim by Megeredchian Law on Behalf of Miguel Perez. (Lisa Cox)

End of Consent Agenda

Public Comment – None
Director Gaglioti made the motion to approve all items on the consent agenda, which was seconded by Director Velazquez. A roll call vote was taken with 12 voting in favor: Albert, Alejo, Barrera, Baron, Burnett, Carbone, Gaglioti, LeBarre, Martinez, Pacheco, Velazquez, Worthy and 1 absent: Amelio. The motion passed.

4. RECOGNITIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

4-1. Employee of the Month, Tiziano Minelli, May 2021. (Sloan Campi)

4-2. Receive Staff Report on Activities Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic Incident Response and Recovery Planning to Date and Provide Direction, If Needed. (Carl Sedoryk)

The MST Board received the Staff Report on Activities Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic Incident Response and Recovery Planning to Date.

Public Comment – None

4-3. Receive Presentation on the Comprehensive Operational Analysis and Refer to Board Operations Performance Committee. (Michelle Overmeyer) (No Enclosure)

Director LeBarre made the motion to refer the Comprehensive Operational Analysis from Jarrett Walker + Associates to the Board Operations Performance Committee which was seconded by Director Gaglioti. A roll call vote was taken with 12 voting in favor: Albert, Alejo, Barrera, Baron, Burnett, Carbone, Gaglioti, LeBarre, Martinez, Pacheco, Velazquez, Worthy and 1 absent: Amelio. The motion passed.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5-1. 1. Open Public Hearing

   a. Receive an update on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project
   b. Receive public comment on the project and the draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
      i. Open Public Comment
      ii. Close Public Comment

2. Continue the public hearing to the June 14th MST Board meeting at 10:00 AM for these limited purposes:
   a. Consider findings and adopt the final Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration;
   b. Approve the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
   c. Approve the project. (Michelle Overmeyer)
Clerk to the Board, Jeanette Alegar-Rocha provided phone-in participants instructions to raise hands and to unmute for public comment.

Chair Albert opened the public hearing for the following:

a. Receive an update on the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project
b. Receive public comment on the project and the draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Public Comments –

Kevin Dayton from the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce expressed support for the SURF! Project to manage traffic congestion and did not want to see the state’s environmental review process used for the purpose of stopping the project.

Steve Kennedy, a member of the public, commented that there are other route solutions including using General Jim Moore Boulevard instead and expressed concerns related to advertising on the bus.

Chair Albert closed public comment and the public hearing will continue to the June 14th MST Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. for these limited purposes; a) consider findings and adopt the final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration; b) Approve the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and c) Approve the project.

6. ACTION ITEMS

None.

7. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

The Board will receive and file these reports, which do not require action by the Board.

7-1. General Manager/CEO Report – March 2021
7-2. Federal Legislative Advocacy Report – March 2021
7-3. State Legislative Advocacy Update
7-4. Staff Trip Reports – None
7-5. Correspondence – None

8. BOARD REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND REFERRALS
8-1. Reports on Meetings Attended by Board Members at MST Expense.  
(AB 1234)

8-2. Board Member Comments and MST Announcements.
   a. Contactless Fare Payment Demonstration Update

   Carl Sedoryk announced that MST will launch the Contactless Fare 
   Payment Technology on May 11, 2021.

8-3. Board Member Referrals for Future Agendas.

9. CLOSED SESSION

   Members of the public may address the Board on any matter related to Closed Session. 
   There is a time limit of not more than three minutes for each speaker. The Board will 
   not take action or respond immediately to any public comments presented, but may 
   choose to follow-up at a later time individually, through staff, or on a subsequent 
   agenda. (Please refer to page 1 of the agenda for instructions)

   As permitted by Government Code §64956 et seq. of the State of California, the Board 
   of Directors may adjourn to Closed Session to consider specific matters dealing with 
   personnel and/or pending possible litigation and/or conferring with the Board's Meyers-
   Milias-Brown Act representative.

   9-1. Conference with Labor Negotiations; Gov. Code Sections §54956.9 and 
   §54957.7. (Dave Laredo)

   The Board will meet with its negotiators regarding compensation 
   and benefits for the General Manager/CEO.

   General Counsel, Dave Laredo reported for item #9-1 that general direction 
   was provided by the Board to form a subcommittee but no reportable action was 
   taken.

10. ATTACHMENTS

   10-1. The Detailed Monthly Performance Statistics and Disbursement Journal 
   for March 2021 can be viewed online within the GM Report at 
   http://mst.org/about-mst/board-of-directors/board-meetings/

11. ADJOURN

   With no further business to discuss, Chair Albert adjourned the meeting at 
   12:28 p.m. (Pacific)