

MEETING OF THE MST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2023
10:00 am (Pacific)

Present:	Anna Velazquez, Chair	City of Soledad
	Mary Ann Carbone, Vice Chair	City of Sand City
	Jeff Baron	City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
	Kim Shirley	City of Del Rey Oaks
	Lorraine Worthy	City of Gonzales
	Yanely Martinez	City of Greenfield
	Mike LeBarre	City of King
	Liesbeth Visscher	City of Marina
	Ed Smith	City of Monterey
	Tony Barrera	City of Salinas
	Dave Pacheco	City of Seaside
Absent:	Joe Amelio (Family Emergency)	City of Pacific Grove
	Luis Alejo (Conference)	County of Monterey
Counsel:	Michael D. Laredo	De Lay & Laredo
Staff:	Carl Sedoryk	General Manager/CEO
	Lisa Rheinheimer	Assistant General Manager
	Norman Tuitavuki	Chief Operating Officer
	Michael Kohlman	Chief Information Officer
	Kelly Halcon	Director of HR & Risk Management
	Michelle Overmeyer	Director of Planning & Innovation
	Jeanette Alegar-Rocha	Deputy Secretary/Clerk to the Board
	Andrea Williams	Finance Manager
	Beronica Carriedo	C/S & Community Relations Supervisor
	Claudia Valencia	Mobility Specialist
	Cristy Sugabo	Mobility Services Supervisor
	David Bielsker	Transit Scheduler
	Elena Grigorichina	Operations Analyst
	Emma Patel	Associate Planner
	Ezequiel Rebollar	IT Technician
	Ikuyo Yoneda-Lopez	Marketing & Communications Manager
	Juanita Lopez	C/S Representative
	Kevin Allshouse	Contract Services Manager
	Marzette Henderson	Transportation Manager

Matthew Deal
Natalie Flores
Paul Lopez
Scott Taylor
Ursulla Scardina
Vince Dang

Grants Analyst
Assistant Planner
Facilities Manager
IT Manager
Marketing Assistant
Project Management Coordinator

Public:

Freida Pachter
Joanne Hayes-White
Zac Vaden
Donna Marks
David Signer
Jim Fink
Christopher Wilmot
Melodie Bahou
Janet Wilson
Sloan Campi
Mike Iswalt
Chris Duymich
Linda Gonzales
Fred Simkins

Legislative Assistant, Senator Dianne Feinstein
SF Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein
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MST Transit Customer and MPC Student
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MPC Student
Resident, City of Pacific Grove
Transportation Program Manager, CSUMB
Sr. Project Manager, Kimley-Horn
AMBAG
Office of County Supervisor Luis Alejo
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1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1-1. Conduct Swearing-In of New Board member, Kim Shirley, City of Del Rey Oaks
- 1-2. Roll Call.
- 1-3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Velazquez called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Roll call was taken, a quorum was established with Directors Alejo (Conference) and Amelio (Family Emergency) noted as absent. City of Del Rey Oaks Councilmember, Kim Shirley, was sworn in as a newly appointed MST Board member. Director Shirley led the pledge of allegiance.

- 1-4. Review Highlights of the agenda. (Carl Sedoryk)

Chair Velazquez asked if there was objection to moving agenda items 4-3 and 4-4 Resolutions of Appreciation before Public Comments and Consent. Seeing no objection, Chair Velazquez presented the resolution of appreciation to Senator Feinstein for her consistent support of legislation and funding initiatives to improve access to public transit. Senator Feinstein's staff members, Freda Pachter, Joanne Hewitt-White, and Zac Vader were present to accept the resolution on Senator Feinstein's behalf.

There was no representation from Senator Padilla's office for agenda item 4-3.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Donna Marks, a transit customer, Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) student, and Seaside resident asked to restore bus line 18 service to MPC to accommodate riders with mobility needs.

David Signer, a transit customer, Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) student, and Pacific Grove resident asked if bus stops in Pacific Grove could be reinstated for riders with mobility needs like himself who use a wheelchair.

Christopher Wilmot a transit customer and MPC student asked for a stop at the top of the MPC hill by the admissions office for riders with mobility needs. He asked that MST advance longer distance routes from Salinas to Gilroy/Santa Cruz/San Jose.

Janet Wilson a blind transit customer and Pacific Grove resident asked for the return of the bus stop in the Del Monte Park neighborhood of Pacific Grove. She addressed the Board two months previous and was provided information on how to use alternative transportation but wants to use fixed-route transit.

Melodie Bahou, an MPC student requested service be restored in front of the college riders with mobility needs and to eliminate a barrier.

Sloan Campi thanked MST for the return of Line 25 service in support of CSUMB students and wants to continue its partnership and coordination with MST.

Jim Fink, a transit rider, asked to restore transit service from Salinas/Monterey to Gilroy/San Jose, Line 43 service to San Joaquin and Pajaro Streets in Salinas, and service on Line 78 Salinas/Santa Cruz.

Chair Velazquez thanked members of the public for their comments and stated that staff will obtain their contact information to follow-up.

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. Approve Resolution 2023-22 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings. (Carl Sedoryk)
- 3-2. Adopt Resolution 2023-23 Recognizing Mago Rodriguez, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Month for February 2023. (Norman Tuitavuki)
- 3-3. Approve Minutes of the MST Board Meeting on December 12, 2022. (Jeanette Alegar-Rocha)
- 3-4. Receive Minutes of the MST Board Operations Performance Committee Meeting on December 12, 2022. (Jeanette Alegar-Rocha)

- 3-5. Financial Reports – November and December 2022. (Lori Lee)
 - a&b. a) Accept reports of November and December 2022 Cash Flow
 - b) Approve November and December 2022 Disbursements
 - c) Accept Report of November and December Treasury Transactions
- 3-6. Receive Report on Lost and Found Items Left on MST Property for the Month of September 2022. (Beronica Carriedo)
- 3-7. Approve Minutes of the MST Board Meeting on January 9, 2023. (Jeanette Alegar-Rocha)
- 3-8. Authorize the General Manager/CEO to Enter into a Three-Year Agreement with Remix Technologies, LLC., for a Transit Planning Web-Based Platform Subscription in an Amount Not to Exceed \$140,000. (Steven Bruno)
- 3-9. Authorize the General Manager/CEO to Purchase Three (3) Toyota RAV4 Hybrid Vehicles at the Lowest Price/Best Options at the Time of Purchase Utilizing the California Department of General Services (DGS) Contract #1-22-23-23C in an Amount Not to Exceed \$102,000.(Norman K. Tuitavuki)
- 3-10. Approve Resolution 2023-24 Authorizing the General Manager/CEO to Execute Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements, and/or Fund Transfer Agreements Which Must Be Executed with the California Department of Transportation Before Such Funds Can Be Claimed. (Matt Deal)
- 3-11. Adopt Resolution 2023-25 in Appreciation of the Honorable Senator Diane Feinstein for Her Support of Monterey-Salinas Transit District. (Carl Sedoryk)
- 3-12. Adopt Resolution 2023-26 in Appreciation of the Honorable Senator Alex Padilla for His Support of Monterey-Salinas Transit District. (Carl Sedoryk)
- 3-13. Adopt Resolution 2023-27 in Appreciation of the Honorable, Congressman Jimmy Panetta for His Support of Monterey-Salinas Transit District. (Carl Sedoryk)
- 3-14. Receive Minutes of the Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting on September 28, 2022. (Claudia Valencia)
- 3-15. Appoint Membership of Steve Macias, Jennifer Ramirez, Bobby Merritt, and Maria Magaña to MST's Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC). (Cristy Sugabo)
- 3-16. Reject Claim by the Claimant Jacquelin Silva. (Lisa Cox)
- 3-17. Reject Claim for Insufficiency by the Claimant LaTasha Nichole Weston. (Lisa Cox)

End of Consent Agenda

There were no public comments on the consent agenda items.

On a motion by Director Carbone, seconded by Director Worthy and carried by the following vote, which was conducted by roll call, the Board approved items 3-1 through 3-17 on the consent agenda:

AYES: 11 Baron, Barrera, Carbone, LeBarre, Martinez, Pacheco, Shirley, Smith, Velazquez, Visscher, and Worthy
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 Alejo and Amelio
ABSTAIN: 0

4. RECOGNITIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 4-1. February 2023 Employee of the Month –Mago Rodriguez, Coach Operator (Norman Tuitavuki)
- 4-2. 25-Year Service Anniversary – Kim Moore (Norman Tuitavuki)
- 4-3. Resolution of Appreciation – Senator Diane Feinstein (Carl Sedoryk)
- 4-4. Resolution of Appreciation – Senator Alex Padilla (Carl Sedoryk)
- 4-5. Resolution of Appreciation – Congressman Jimmy Panetta (Carl Sedoryk)
- 4-6. Receive a Presentation on Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Study. (Michelle Overmeyer)

The MST Board received a presentation from Michelle Overmeyer and Mike Iswalt of Kimley-Horn, on a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) planning study currently underway to support the SURF! project.

Congressman Panetta arrived at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

Chair Velazquez moved to agenda item 4-5 and presented the Resolution of Appreciation to Congressman Jimmy Panetta.

- 4-7. 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)

Carl Sedoryk informed the Board that there is no report this month and that no future reports will be provided due to state and federal emergencies planned end.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. ACTION ITEMS

- 6-1. Approve Termination of MST Resolution 2020-18 Declaration of Fiscal Emergency Response to COVID-19 Pandemic in Conjunction with the Termination of the State of California COVID-19 Health Emergency Currently Planned for February 28, 2023. (Carl Sedoryk)

There were no public comments on Action Item 6-1.

On a motion by Director Worthy, seconded by Director Pacheco and carried by the following vote, which was conducted by roll call, the Board approved the termination of MST Resolution 2020-18 Declaration of Fiscal Emergency Response to COVID-19 pandemic in conjunction with the termination of the State of California COVID-19 health emergency planned for February 28, 2023.

AYES: 11 Baron, Barrera, Carbone, LeBarre, Martinez, Pacheco, Shirley, Smith, Velazquez, Visscher, and Worthy
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 Alejo and Amelio
ABSTAIN: 0

- 6-2. Approve Termination of Board Hybrid/In-Person Board Meeting Policy in Conjunction with the End of the State of California COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. (Carl Sedoryk)

There were no public comments on Action Item 6-2.

On a motion by Director Baron, seconded by Director Barrera and carried by the following vote, which was conducted by roll call, the Board approved the termination of the Board Hybrid/In-Person Board Meeting Policy in conjunction with the End of the State of California COVID-19 Emergency Declaration.

AYES: 11 Baron, Barrera, Carbone, LeBarre, Martinez, Pacheco, Shirley, Smith, Velazquez, Visscher, Worthy
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 Alejo and Amelio
ABSTAIN: 0

Director Pacheco left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

- 6-3. Receive Summary and Direct Staff to Hold Meetings in Accordance with the Brown Act (Gov't Code § 54953(b)). (Michael Laredo/Carl Sedoryk)

There were no public comments on Action Item 6-3.

On a motion by Director Baron seconded by Director Vischer and carried by the following vote, which was conducted by roll call, the Board approved to hold meetings in accordance with the Brown Act (Gov't Code § 54953(b)).

AYES: 10 Baron, Barrera, Carbone, LeBarre, Martinez, Shirley, Smith, Velazquez, Visscher, and Worthy
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 3 Alejo, Amelio, and Pacheco
ABSTAIN: 0

6-4. Introduce and Hold a First Reading of an Ordinance Adopting Rules of Conduct for Attending Meetings of Legislative Bodies at MST Facilities. (Michael Laredo/Carl Sedoryk)

A motion by Director Baron, seconded by Director Shirley was made to approve Action Item 6-4.

A substitute motion by Director LeBarre, seconded by Director Smith to modify the ordinance requiring a local declaration of emergency to require the use of masks failed due to a lack of the required majority vote conducted by the following roll call:

AYES: 6 Barrera, Carbone, LeBarre, Martinez, Smith, and Worthy
NOES: 4 Baron, Shirley, Velazquez, and Visscher
ABSENT: 3 Alejo, Amelio, and Pacheco
ABSTAIN: 0

Director Worthy left the meeting at approximately 12:00 PM.

A motion by Director Baron was made, seconded by Director Shirley to approve a First Reading of an Ordinance Adopting Rules of Conduct for Attending Meetings of Legislative Bodies at MST Facilities. A vote on the original motion failed due to a lack of a majority vote conducted by the following roll call:

AYES: 4 Baron, Shirley, Velazquez, and Visscher
NOES: 5 Barrera, Carbone, LeBarre, Martinez, and Smith
ABSENT: 4 Alejo, Amelio, Pacheco, and Worthy
ABSTAIN: 0

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 Monthly Report – November and December 2022
- 7-2. Federal Legislative Advocacy Report

- 7-3. State Legislative Advocacy Update
- 7-4. Staff Trip Reports
- 7-5. Correspondence – FTA Categorical Exclusion Letter
- 7-6. After Action Report- Winter Storms/Atmospheric Rivers-January 2023

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 Announcements.
- 8-3. Board Member Referrals for Future Agendas.

Vice Chair Carbone requested to add the First Reading of an Ordinance Adopting Rules of Conduct for Attending Meetings of Legislative Bodies at MST Facilities to the March agenda.

9. ATTACHMENTS


- 9-1. The Detailed Monthly Performance Statistics and Disbursement Journal for November and December 2022 can be viewed online within the GM Report at <http://mst.org/about-mst/board-of-directors/board-meetings/>

10. CLOSED SESSION

None

11. ADJOURN

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

Prepared by: 
Jeanette Alegar-Rocha

Reviewed by: 
Carl G. Sedoryk