



**MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OPERATIONS PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA AND NOTICE**

**Date:** April 15, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
**Location:** In-Person and Zoom Conference

**MST Operations Performance Committee Participation:**

The Board Operations Performance Committee in-person meeting will be held on April 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at 19 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Suite 100.

**Public Participation:**

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**Group: Board Operations Performance Committee (BOPC)**

<b>Directors:</b>	Mary Ann Carbone (Chair)	City of Sand City
	Joe Amelio (Vice-Chair)	City of Pacific Grove
	Mike LeBarre	City of King
	Jeff Baron	City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
	Liesbeth Visscher	City of Marina
	Tony Barrera	City of Salinas
<b>Staff:</b>	Carl Sedoryk	General Manager/CEO
	Lisa Rheinheimer	Assistant General Manager
	Kelly Halcon	Director of HR and Risk Management
	Norman Tuitavuki	Chief Operating Officer
	Michael Kohlman	Chief Information Officer
	Michelle Overmeyer	Director of Planning and Innovation

*The BOPC Committee provides policy direction to the MST Board and monitors performance in areas of Transit, ADA Paratransit and Mobility Management Service Design/Service Delivery, Capital Investment Requirements, Capital Projects, Transit Facilities/Customer Amenities, Asset Management, Labor Relations, and Safety/Security.*

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

*Members of the public may address the Committee on any matter related to the jurisdiction of MST but not on the agenda. There is a time limit of not more than three minutes for each speaker. The Committee will not take action or respond immediately to any public comments presented, but may choose to follow-up at a later time, either individually, through staff, or on a subsequent agenda.*

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 3-1. Approve Minutes of the Board Operations Performance / BOPC Committee on February 12, 2024. (Jeanette Alegar-Rocha) (Page 5)

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

- 4-1. Review of Operations Performance. (Refer to MST Board Agenda Item 7-1) (Carl Sedoryk)
- 4-2. Receive Update on the SURF! Project. (Refer to Regular Board Agenda Item 5-1) (Lisa Rheinheimer)

- 4-3. Receive Update on Clean California Grant Project. (Paul Lopez)
- 4-4. Receive Update on South County Circulator Bus Stops. (Vince Dang)
- 4-5. Receive Update on Current Capitol Projects Grants and Congressionally Directed Spending Requests. (Michelle Overmeyer) (Page 9)

**5. CLOSED SESSION**

*As permitted by Government Code §54957 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.*

None

**6. ADJOURN**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: June 10, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

*\*Dates, times and **teleconference** information are subject to change.*

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**Board Operations Performance Committee (BOPC)  
Meeting Minutes**

February 12, 2024  
9:00 a.m.

<b>Present:</b>	Mary Ann Carbone (Chair) Joe Amelio (Vice Chair) Jeff Baron Liesbeth Visscher	City of Sand City City of Pacific Grove City of Carmel-by the Sea City of Marina
<b>Absent:</b>	Carlos DeLeon Orlando Osornio	City of King City of Salinas
<b>Counsel:</b>	Michael D. Laredo	General Counsel, De Lay & Laredo
<b>Staff:</b>	Carl Sedoryk Lisa Rheinheimer Norman Tuitavuki Kelly Halcon Michael Kohlman Michelle Overmeyer Jeanette Alegar-Rocha Andrea Williams Daisy Chaidez Christine Church David Bielsker Deanna Smith Emma Patel Ezequiel Rebollar Lisa Cox Marzette Henderson Matthew Deal Natalie Flores Paul Lopez Scott Taylor Steven Bruno Vince Dang	General Manager/CEO Assistant General Manager Chief Operating Officer Director of HR and Risk Management Chief Information Officer Director of Planning and Innovation Clerk to the Board Finance Manager C/S/Communications Specialist Communications Systems Supervisor Transit Scheduler Civil Rights Officer Planning Manager IT System Engineer Risk & Safety Manager Transportation Manager Grants Analyst Assistant Planner Facilities Manager IT Manager Purchasing Agent Project Manager Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Board Operations Performance Committee Chair, Mary Ann Carbone called the meeting of the Committee to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**There were no public comments.**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 3-1. Approve Minutes of the Board Operations Performance / BOPC Committee on November 13, 2023. (Jeanette Alegar-Rocha) (Page 5)

**There were no public comments on the consent agenda.**

**On a motion by Director Amelio, seconded by Director Visscher and carried by the following vote, the Committee approved item 3-1 on the consent agenda:**

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Amelio, Baron, Carbone, and Visscher</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>DeLeon and Osornio</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>0</b>	

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

- 4-1. Review of Operations Performance. (Refer to MST Board Agenda Item 7-1) (Carl Sedoryk)

**A review of operations performance was provided to the Committee by Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO.**

**There were no public comments.**

- 4-2. Receive Update on the SURF! Project. (Refer to Regular Board Agenda Item 5-1) (Lisa Rheinheimer)

**The Committee received an update on the MST SURF! Project.**

**There were no public comments.**

- 4-3. Receive Inactive Bus Stop Removal Policy. (Refer to Regular Board Agenda Item 5-2) (Michelle Overmeyer)

**The Committee received the draft Inactive Bus Stop Removal Policy, provided comment and recommended the item be pulled from the February regular agenda to allow further discussion.**

**There were no public comments.**

- 4-4. Receive Better Bus Network One (1) Year Report. (No Enclosure)  
(Michelle Overmeyer)

**The Committee received the Better Bus Network One (1) Year Report.**

**There were no public comments.**


**5. CLOSED SESSION**

**None.**

**6. ADJOURN**

**There being no further business, Chair Carbone adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.**

Prepared by:   
Jeanette Alegar-Rocha  
Deputy Secretary/Clerk to the Board

Reviewed by:   
Carl G. Sedoryk  
General Manager/CEO

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To: Board of Directors  
From: Michelle Overmeyer, Director of Planning and Innovation  
Subject: Capital Projects Grants and Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive update on current capitol projects grants and Congressionally directed spending requests.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Over \$11M in state and federal funds would be added to MST's Capital Improvement Program if grant applications are awarded.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Several Board-adopted 2-Year Action Plan items are supported with these proposals:

- Identify funding for future bus rapid transit segments including the Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor and East Alisal Corridor.
- Maintain ongoing community partnerships and seek new opportunities as appropriate.
- Continue to fund and implement Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Roll Out Plan and develop long term funding plan to include public-private partnerships.
- Continue planning for the location of a new/rehabilitated Salinas Operations and Maintenance Facility.
- Continue to seek funding from new and emerging grant sources and extra-governmental organizations

**DISCUSSION:**

MST has several funding requests in process. They are summarized below.

**Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)/Earmark Requests**

MST is working to transition its fleet to a combination of Battery Electric (BEB) and Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Buses (HFCEB). To achieve this, MST must retrofit and update its existing South County Operations and Maintenance Facility to safely accommodate and work on the HFCEBs. The total estimated cost is \$1,339,781, and a

request for \$1M was submitted to Senator Butler. Another request for \$1M will also be submitted to Senator Padilla for the same project.

The Salinas Operations and Maintenance Facility project is currently funded through preliminary design and environmental review. Right-of-way and construction activities are not fully funded. For that reason, MST plans to submit a CDS request to Congressman Zoe Lofgren for \$1M when her application opens.

A CDS request to Congressman Jimmy Panetta could benefit the coast within MST's service area. Staff is evaluating a request for SURF!- related environmental mitigation costs. Another project being considered is ADA enhancements at MST bus stops, as this was identified as an area of interest by the MST Board Operations Performance Committee.

### **Low or No Emission (Low-No) Program**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has opened the Low or No Emission (Low-No) Program to support state and local efforts to modernize aging transit fleets with low- and no-emission buses, renovate and construct bus facilities, and support workforce development. With funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, \$1.5B is available this year.

MST took the lead in establishing the Central Coast Super Region Consortium. Public transit operators within the six counties of the California Central Coast Region (Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Ventura) provide mobility services within, and between, the many small urban and rural communities of the region and provide vital regional connections to the San Francisco Bay region to the north, and greater Los Angeles region to the south. The goal is that federal investment in a super region will be appealing.

The Electrifying California's Central Coast Project is being pursued by consortium members Monterey-Salinas Transit, San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority, City of San Luis Obispo Transit, and Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District. The project will allow these agencies to purchase 14 zero-emission buses (ZEBs) which will replace aging diesel and gasoline powered buses and provide funding for charging infrastructure to be installed throughout the 250-mile region in support of this coordinated regional transition to ZEB service. Workforce development is important to maintain updated industry skills, and the California Transit Training Consortium will provide over \$170,000 worth of professional training for technicians and operators if the Consortium is awarded the Low-No grant. The Project will allow the Consortium to further their ZEB goals as laid out in each agency's state adopted Zero Emission Bus Transition Plan and help in providing safe, dependable, and planet friendly mobility services to the communities we serve. The region's Low-No request will be about \$18M.

## Silicon-Coast Hydrogen Bus Consortium

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority is leading a grant proposal in partnership with Monterey-Salinas Transit and Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District to purchase a total of 12 Hydrogen FCEBs which will replace aging internal-combustion engine-powered buses and provide funding for hydrogen fueling stations, associated hydrogen safety facility upgrades, and coordinated workforce development programs. The funding from this grant award will replace (4) heavy-duty diesel-engine buses with (4) heavy-duty FCEBs, install (1) mobile hydrogen, fueling station, and upgrade MST facilities with the necessary hydrogen safety equipment enabling MST to operate FCEBs county-wide, making connections to Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties.

## Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program

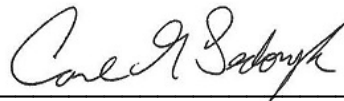
Caltrans created the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program to support its mission: Provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. This year \$29.5 Million is available under the State-funded Sustainable Communities grants. The purpose is to ultimately achieve the State's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target of 40 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and 2050, respectively. Applications were due earlier in 2024 and awards will be announced this summer.

MST submitted the East Alisal Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Salinas Transit Center (STC) Relocation Study project. The proposal is a planning study identifying a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor in Salinas and potential locations for relocating the Salinas Transit Center (STC). If funded, the consultant-prepared study will identify primary boarding locations and key sites for transit information technology to aid in the implementation of a BRT corridor with limited stops and frequent headways during peak hours. By relocating the STC along the proposed BRT, MST provides a safe and efficient way to connect disadvantaged neighborhoods to employment hubs around downtown. The grant request was \$463,100. MST, City of Salinas and Taylor Farms will be providing equal portions of the \$60,000 local match funding.

## ATTACHMENT(S):

None

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Michelle Overmeyer  
Director of Planning and Innovation

Reviewed by:   
Carl G. Sedoryk  
General Manager/CEO

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