APRIL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
The MST Board adopted Resolution 2011-19 recognizing Honesto “Jun” Costales, Senior Utility Service Person as Employee of the Month for April 2011. Jun is an exceptional employee who during the past year worked to take the lead on several projects within the Facilities Department. Most recently he led the team in completing the installation of the outside employee patio at CJW. He also helped with site preparations for the soon to be installed Diesel Particulate Trap cleaning equipment and the Parts Washer at CJW. Honesto has taken on additional responsibility to make sure items listed on the “Graffiti report” are cleaned in a timely manner. When he isn’t working on special projects, Jun’s regular duties also include the pressure washing of MST’s shelters.

MONTEREY COUNTY 2-1-1 CONTRACT EXTENSION
The MST Board approved using FTA Jobs Access Reverse Commute grant funds for a contract extension with United Way Monterey County for 2-1-1 information and referral services.

FACILITIES TRUCK PURCHASE
The MST Board authorized the purchase of one Ford F-350 truck with service bed in the amount of $29,138.60.

PASSENGER SHELTERS FOR SOUTH COUNTY
The MST Board authorized the purchase of nine passenger shelters for South County and rural service.

TROLLEY ENGINE PURCHASE
The MST Board authorized the purchase of one remanufactured trolley engine and a contingency budget for the installation of two remanufactured trolley engines.

BRT GRAPHIC SERVICES
The MST Board authorized to award a sole source contract in the amount of $33,250 with Wellman Advertising & Design for Bus Rapid Transit graphic design services.
AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION LOCAL 1225 CONTRACT
The MST Board ratified the contractual agreement between MST and ATU and authorized the General Manager/CEO and negotiating team to execute the agreement. The accepted terms of the contract include 2% non-retroactive wage increase upon ratification of the contract, with 2% wage increases scheduled for October 1, 2011 and October 1, 2012.

ARMORED CAR AND CURRENCY HANDLING CONTRACT
The MST Board awarded a one-year contract to Brinks, Inc. for armored car services and cash handling functions for April 4, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

DESIGN AND MANUFACTURER OF BRT SHELTER
The MST Board authorized the Tolar Manufacturing Company to design/engineer, manufacture and install one “prototype” passenger shelter and kiosk for the Monterey Bay Rapid Transit project.

AMBAG MOU REGARDING VANPOOL PROGRAMS
The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to execute an MOU with AMBAG regarding future regional vanpool programs.

MST RIDES FARE STRUCTURE REVISIONS
The MST Board: 1) conducted a public hearing on revisions to the MST RIDES fare structure; and 2) adopted the new MST RIDES fare structure effective April 25, 2011.

The new fare structure replaces a confusing zone-based system comprised of 9 geographic zones and 5 overlap zones. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), paratransit trips must be priced no more than twice what is charged for a fixed-route trip of a similar distance. With MST’s new fare structure, the MST RIDES zone-based fare structure would no longer be in compliance with the regulations of the ADA. In that regard, staff explored a variety of possible new fare structures for RIDES and is recommending 3 categories of fares as follows:

- Trips that are 2.7 miles or shorter -- $2.00
- Trips greater than 2.7 miles and less than 19.7 miles -- $4.00
- Trips that are 19.7 miles or longer -- $6.00