1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Karen Sharp City of Carmel-By-The-Sea
         Kristin Clark City of Del Rey Oaks
         James Ford  City of Marina
         Libby Downey City of Monterey
         Alan Cohen  City of Pacific Grove
         Sergio Sanchez City of Salinas
         Thomas Mancini City of Seaside
         Fernando Armenta County of Monterey

Absent: Maria Orozco City of Gonzales (Ex-Officio)

Staff:   Carl Sedoryk General Manager/CEO
        Hunter Harvath Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
        Robert Weber Director of Transportation Services
        Sonia Bannister Office Administrator/Marketing & Sales Specialist
        Lyn Owens  Director of Human Resources
        Michael Hernandez Asst. General Manager/COO

Others:  Dave Laredo DeLay & Laredo
         Alex Lorca  DeLay & Laredo
         Rex Sacayanan MST

Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.

2-1. – 2-9. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda items consisted of the following:


2-3. Disposal of property left aboard buses.

2-4. Minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2010.

2-6. 2009 Community Stakeholder survey results.

2-7. Liability claim rejection.

2-8. Purchase one medium-size bus.

2-9. Information only – AB 1234 Ethics Training.

Director Mancini moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Director Clark seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Robert Weber, Director of Transportation Services, presented Rex Sacayanan, Coach Operator, as employee of the Month for April 2010. Since he began his career almost eleven years ago, Rex’s passengers have submitted compliments expressing their appreciation for his exceptional customer service and his skill as a safe and professional Coach Operator. Rex has also been recognized by his Supervisor for his willingness to assist MST with special events and other activities that are beyond his normal work assignments. Rex continues to be an excellent representative to the communities we serve and remains a valued asset to our agency.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5-1. – 5-2. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Board accepted and filed the MST CTSA Advisory Committee Minutes – January 13, 2010; and MST Facilities Committee Minutes – March 8, 2010.

6-1. PURCHASE OF FAREBOX SYSTEM

Mr. Hernandez, Assistant General Manager, Chief Operating Officer, reported that MST’s current fare collection system is a 17 year old system manufactured by CUBIC. The current system has limited capability and does not provide many of the “smart” technologies found in today’s modern automated fare collection systems. MST has identified the need for a more advanced fare collection system to increase revenue security, simplify complex fare structure and transfer rules and to facilitate transfer media with neighboring transit districts.

The new GFI automatic fare collection system will provide improved and modern revenue security features and will provide MST with the ability to significantly expand payment options for customers using new “smart” technologies. MST will be able to provide passengers with various convenient fare payment options including reloadable
smart cards, magnetic swipe cards and improved options for day/month passes and transfers. New fareboxes will also reduce the loss of passenger revenue from invalid transfers, expired passes and counterfeit passes.

**Director Ford moved to authorize the purchase of an automatic fare collection system from GFI Genfare with a project budget not to exceed $2,900,000. Director Clark seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

8-1. **FRANK J. LICHTANSKI MONTEREY BAY OPERATIONS PROJECT**

Mr. Hernandez, Assistant General Manager, Chief Operating Officer, reported that the additional $213,000 provides for a revised project budget of $7.5 million, slightly less than 11% of the projected construction costs. Construction documents are more than 90% of complete and additional expenses for design and engineering have surpassed the original contingency budget of $387,000.

Several additional changes to the design were required including revisions to the bus entrances, a security assessment, hoists to accommodate the MCIs, and a recycling system for landscape water. There will also be some additional design costs to handle storm water runoff requirements. This would increase the contingency budget from $387,000 to $600,000.

**Director Mancini moved to authorize a revised contingency budget in the amount of $213,000 for MST’s Bus Maintenance and Operations Center. Director Cohen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

9. **USED TROLLEY PURCHASE**

Mr. Hernandez, Assistant General Manager, Chief Operating Officer, reported that MST has six, model year 2003 Optima Trolleys. These trolleys are operated by MST’s contractor MV Transportation Inc. and are currently used in service throughout the year in Monterey, Salinas and Carmel. The peak season for trolley use is in the summer, between Memorial Day and Labor Day. During the summer months up to four trolleys help reduce local traffic congestion on the Peninsula by shuttling passengers between downtown Monterey, Cannery Row and the Aquarium. An additional trolley is also used for summer service in Carmel-by-the-Sea. During peak tourism periods MST has one spare vehicle as a backup for these two services.

Over the past several months the City of Pacific Grove has been actively planning and developing a financing plan for summer trolley service. More recently CSUMB has also expressed in an interest in trolley service. In order to have an
adequate supply of spare vehicles to provide reliable and predictable trolley services, two additional trolley vehicles will have to be purchased.

MST has been searching for a suitable used trolley for the past several months. Staff has identified several potential trolleys located out of state, and continues to search within California. Most of the vehicles identified have an estimated price range between $23,000 and $35,000.

The vehicles being considered are older and have significantly higher mileage than the current trolleys. Vehicle selection has not been completed, and selection criteria will be based on vehicle condition, whether the vehicle can be modified to meet State of California emission requirements, engine specifications, and the amount of cost to bring a vehicle up to a reliable and presentable operating condition.

Once vehicle selection has been completed, several months of work will be required to prepare the vehicle for service. Based on MST’s maintenance department’s current work load, much of the work will be contracted out, which will require a competitive procurement process.

Staff does not know the cost to refurbish these vehicles until they are purchased and maintenance staff is able to fully inspect the vehicles.

Director Cohen likes the trolley service in Pacific Grove.

Director Downey suggested continuing this item until refurbishment costs are known.

**Director Clark moved to authorize the purchase of two used trolleys. Director Cohen seconded and the motion carried with Director Clark opposed.**

10-1. – 10-4. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

The reports consisted of the General Manager/CEO Report; TAMC Highlights – March 24, 2010; Washington DC Lobbyist Report – March 26, 2010; and staff trip reports.

11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Sanchez asked about the status of the State Legislative Consulting Services contract. Mr. Sedoryk responded that a Scope of Work was in progress and would be issued within the next couple of weeks.

Director Downey reported that at the APTA Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, staff met with Senator Boxer and Congressman Farr. She commented that Congressman Farr is receptive to MST’s requests.
Director Clark noted that there was a lot of emphasis on the healthcare bill during the conference.

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The MST Board of Directors held their election of officers and re-elected Director Fernando Armenta as Chair and appointed Director Kristin Clark as Vice-Chair. Other staff appointments remain the same.

It was also suggested to have the full board of the new Monterey-Salinas Transit District re-affirm the appointments at the July board meeting.

Director Clark moved to approve the appointments as recommended by the Nominating Committee. Director Mancini seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

14. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to meet with legal counsel regarding potential litigation.

15. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon returning to open session, General Counsel Laredo reported that regarding Giovanna Sardina v MST, the Board authorized referral to Special Counsel. With regard to MST v MV Transportation, he reported that staff and council provided a status report and no action was taken.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Armenta adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Prepared by: ______________________________

Sonia Bannister
# Monterey-Salinas Transit
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