1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Fernando Armenta County of Monterey
Kristin Clark City of Del Rey Oaks
Maria Orozco City of Gonzales
John Huerta, Jr. City of Greenfield (10:15)
Michael Powers (Alt) City of King
Frank O'Connell City of Marina
Libby Downey City of Monterey
Alan Cohen City of Pacific Grove
Sergio Sanchez City of Salinas
David Pendergrass City of Sand City
Alvin Edwards City of Seaside
Patricia Stephens City of Soledad

Absent: Karen Sharp City of Carmel-By-The-Sea

Staff: Sonia Bannister Office Administrator
Mike Gallant Planning Manager
Kelly Halcon Director of Human Resources
Hunter Harvath Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
Michael Hernandez Asst. General Manager/COO
Carl Sedoryk General Manager/CEO
Zoe Shoats Marketing Analyst
Robert Weber Director of Transportation Services
Kathy Williams General Accounting Manager
Tom Hicks CTSA Manager

Others: Artie Fields Salinas City Manager
Jim Fink Citizen
Alberto Villa Member of the public
Ron Hughes KCPTA
David C. Laredo De Lay & Laredo
J. Scott Phillips Citizen
Bob Parks ATU, Local 1225
Kay Cline Seaside resident
Bill Weigle Seaside resident
Honesto Costales, Jr. MST

Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.
2. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to meet with legal counsel regarding labor negotiations and general manager performance evaluation.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon returning to open session, Mr. Laredo reported that a status report was provided and no reportable action was taken.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda items consisted of the following:

4-2. Adopt Resolution 2011-19 recognizing Honesto Costales, Senior Utility Service Person, as Employee of the Month for April 2011.

4-3. Minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2011.

4-4. Disposal of property left aboard buses.


4-6. Monterey County 2-1-1 contract extension.

4-7. Authorization to purchase one facilities truck.

4-8. Authorization to purchase nine passenger shelters for South County.

4-9. Authorization to purchase one trolley engine.

4-10. Authorization to award contract in the amount of $33,250 with Wellman Advertising & Design for Bus Rapid Transit graphic design services.


4-12. Ratify the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Amalgamted Transit Union Local 1225 (ATU) and Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST).

4-13. FY 2012 draft budget.

4-14. Award Brinks, Inc. one-year contract for armored car services and cash handling functions.

4-15. Authorization to award design/construction of BRT shelter.
4-16. Authorize General Manager/CEO to execute Memorandum of Understanding regarding regional vanpool programs.

Chairman Armenta recognized Mr. Artie Fields, City of Salinas; Bob Parks, President, ATU Local 1225; and Ron Hughes, Kings County Transit.

Director Sanchez asked staff to track the number of bilingual employees and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

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

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Hernandez, Assistant General Manager / Chief Operating Officer presented Honesto “Jun” Costales, Jr., Senior Utility Service Person, as the April Employee of the Month. 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.

Kelly Halcon, Director of Human Resources, gave a Transit 101 presentation concerning Human Resources.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Fink dedicated his remarks in the memory of the late Frank J. Lichtanski. He commended Mike Gallant, Planner, on riding the buses to see how the service can be improved. He requested that late night service be continued on weeknights. Regarding the timepoints on line 55 from San Jose, Mr. Fink commented that the bus was held up in Morgan Hill and Prunedale due timepoint restrictions. He recommended to add the following statement with regards to time points for line 55: “All times are subject to traffic conditions. The bus may arrive earlier/later than listed.”

Bill Weigel, Seaside resident, attended the last meeting of the Monterey County Planning Commission opposing the Frank J. Lichtanski project. The proposed location contains 4,400 Coastal Live Oak trees that would need to be cut down for this project. He wants MST to find an alternate location and suggested the Marina Airport. They support MST and public transit.
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Kay Kline, Seaside resident, discussed the location of the Frank J. Lichtanski facility. She lives near lines 9 & 10. She is concerned about the live oak woodland. She supports MST finding another location for their project and recommended the Marina Airport.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

7-1. The Board accepted and filed the Human Resources committee minutes – March 7, 2011.

8. BIDS/PROPOSALS

None.

9-1. MST RIDES PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Armenta opened the public hearing at 11:13 a.m. to receive public comments on revisions to the MST RIDES fare structure.

Alberto Villa, Marina resident, wanted to keep the fares the way they are currently now, if possible.

Jim Fink asked if the MST RIDES program had a pass program.

Seeing no one else wishing to comment, Chairman Armenta closed the public hearing at 11:16 a.m.

Director Sanchez would like to see the MST RIDES program subsidized so that people who really need and rely on the program aren’t affected too heavily financially with the new fare structure. He would like a report back to the Board in three months after staff tracks the RIDES revenue. He said MST has a moral obligation to take care of seniors and the disabled.

Director Edwards moved to: 1) adopt the new MST RIDES fare structure effective April 25, 2011; and 2) report back to the Board in 90 days indicating how many people are riding within each fare range. Director Huerta, Jr. seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.
12. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS


Mr. Sedoryk stated MST ridership continues to increase. He also reported that MST and the Presidio of Monterey won a partnership award for military bus service.

13. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Edward commented on a job well done by MST staff on the Fort Hunter Liggett ribbon cutting ceremony.

Director Downey commented on the taxi meeting held by the City of Monterey.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Armenta adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Prepared by: ______________________________

Sonia AR Bannister