MST HIGHLIGHTS
FEBRUARY 8, 2010 BOARD MEETING

JANUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
The MST Board adopted Resolution 2010-08 recognizing Tomas Powell, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Month for January 2010.

FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
The MST Board adopted Resolution 2010-09 recognizing Robert Tadman, Entry Level Mechanic, as Employee of the Month for February 2010.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #90 RECOGNITION
The MST Board adopted Resolution 2010-12 recognizing Matt Overfield from Boy Scout Troop #90, for planning, organizing, and managing an effort that cleaned and painted 19 bus stops in the Monterey Peninsula as he worked towards his Leadership Merit Badge to become an Eagle Boy Scout.

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS
The MST Board recognized Bob Pagan, Coach Operator, for 30 years of service; and Anthony Lewis, Coach Operator for 25 years of service.

DONATION OF MID-SIZE BUS TO ROTARY CLUB OF SALINAS
The MST Board authorized MST to donate a medium-size bus to the Rotary Club of Salinas. The Rotary Club will repair the vehicle and send it to Los Herreras, Mexico for use as a school bus.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR $3 TAXI VOUCHER FARE
The MST Board: 1) authorized staff to schedule a public hearing to consider a fare change; and 2) authorized the Board Chairman to appoint a hearing officer for the public hearing.

The Pacific Meadows Taxi Voucher Program began in November 2008. It was intended to provide access to the nearest MST bus stop at Carmel Rancho via taxi since the stop at the foot of their driveway was removed for safety reasons. The senior program participants are currently given taxi vouchers at no cost to them while MST reimburses the taxi company for 100% of the negotiated fare.

The proposed co-pay of $3 will provide fair-share participation by voucher holders and should also cut down on frivolous trips, voucher hoarding, and resistance to sharing rides with fellow
residents. The proposed co-pay will bring the program in line with what RIDES customers pay for a single zone trip.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**
The MST Board: 1) authorized the Board Chair to appoint an ad-hoc Strategic Planning Committee; and 2) authorized the Board Chair to appoint a District Governance Transition Committee.

The purpose of the Strategic Planning Committee is to provide staff with oversight and guidance in the final development and presentation of the Monterey Salinas Transit District Strategic Plan for July 2010 – June 2013. This committee will cease once the full Board adopts the strategic plan

The District Governance Transition Committee will be responsible for providing staff with oversight and guidance in matters related to the transition from the current joint powers agency form of governance to the new transit district form of governance, which will take effect on July 1, 2010. This committee will continue to meet until all issues related to transition from the MST Joint Powers Agency to the MST District are completed.

The following appointments will serve on both Committees:

Fernando Armenta, County of Monterey  
Kristin Clark, City of Del Rey Oaks  
Maria Orozco, City of Gonzales  
Tom Mancini, City of Seaside  
Sergio Sanchez, City of Salinas  
Patricia Stephens, City of Soledad

**FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT**
The MST Board approved a contract with Cooperman Associates for financial consulting services.

The MST Board previously authorized staff to pursue financing options for the permitting, construction and move-in phases of MST’s new Monterey Bay Bus Operations and Maintenance Center. The Financial Consultant would ensure that all possible financing mechanisms are evaluated to find the one that is most cost-effective. In addition, the consultant would develop a long-term financing strategy to identify the timing and funding of future bus purchases along with the Operations and Maintenance facility.

**FORA MULTI-MODAL CORRIDOR MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**
The MST Board authorized staff to sign a Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Multi-modal corridor.

The supervisor, who responded to this incident, noted in his report that had Danny not acted as he did, the outcome may have been much worse given the amount of blood loss caused by severity of the passenger’s injuries.

Danny Transit Center where he fell to the ground sustaining a head injury with profuse bleeding. Upon witnessing this event, Danny immediately responded to administer first aid to this
passenger and applied direct pressure to the passenger’s wounds to control the bleeding. He remained with the passenger until EMS personnel arrived - ultimately transporting him to Natividad Medical Center. The Operations Supervisor, who responded to this incident, noted in his report that had Danny not acted as he did, the outcome may have been much worse given the amount of blood loss caused by severity of the passenger’s injuries.