MAY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
The MST Board adopted Resolution 2008-14 recognizing Carlos Dominguez, Coach Operator, as MST Employee of the Month for May 2008. On March 5, 2008, Carlos Dominguez was completing a routine trip on the Line 41 with 30 passengers on board when gunfire suddenly erupted between two vehicles that were positioned directly in front of the coach. The driver of one of the vehicles lost control of his vehicle, striking a female pedestrian that was in a nearby crosswalk. The assailants in the other vehicle then fled the area. Carlos Dominguez immediately responded by assuring that all of his passengers remained on board the coach and out of harms way. After notifying the MST Communications Center of the incident to request police and EMS assistance, he reassured his passengers while collecting witness information, which was later submitted to investigating officers.

PURCHASE OF SWEEPER-SCRUBBER UNITS
The Board: 1) approved the purchase of one integrated sweeper-scrubber and two floor scrubbers from the Tennant Company; and 2) authorized the retirement and sale or auction of a 1997 dry-scrubber unit.

PACIFIC MEADOWS SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PILOT PROJECT
The Board approved a resolution to submit a grant application to the California Department of Transportation for New Freedom Funds. The Federal Transportation Administration, through the California Department of Transportation, offers New Freedom funds for nonprofit transportation providers for new or expanded services to ADA qualified persons that go beyond the minimum services prescribed by the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. As this community is now more dependent upon the already burdened RIDES program, this taxi voucher project will provide transportation to and from the nearest fixed-route bus stop where these senior residents can once again enjoy the freedom and mobility provided by the same-day, lower-fee services provided by MST’s fixed-route coach services.

PURCHASE OF RIDES MINI BUSES
The Board authorized staff to: 1) award a $620,755.68 contract to Creative Bus Sales for the purchase of eight mini-buses for the RIDES program and; 2) authorized the retirement and sales/auction of the retired RIDES vehicles.

FY 2009 Budget
The MST Board of Directors: 1) adopted the FY 2009 budget; 2) authorized staff to file the appropriate state and local grant applications to execute the budget; 3) approved Resolution 2008-17 authorizing federal grant applications; and 4) approved FY 2009 Strategic Priorities and Action Plan.
The FY 2009 budget is $32,095,209 which is a 17.9% decrease from FY 2008. This is a balanced budget.