MST HIGHLIGHTS
JUNE 14, 2010 BOARD MEETING

JUNE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
The MST Board adopted Resolution 2010-18 recognizing Max Hamilton, Intelligent Transportation Systems Technician, as Employee of the Month for June 2010. In February of 2010, MST purchased three MCI commuter coaches. Max, along with his colleagues, has worked diligently to install the full ACS system, WiFi connectivity, 7 surveillance cameras, a backup camera and a left hand turn camera on two of the three coaches. To our knowledge, the left turn camera is the first of its kind in the entire transit industry. MST hopes that the additional camera will help alleviate the blind spot caused by the left side mirror and prevent future accidents involving left turns.

Max is always working diligently on updating technology systems throughout our fleet. Recently, he completed installing seven ACS systems as well as installing updated DVR systems in the 2000 series coaches. Without his constant dedication, MST would not have buses as well equipped as they are.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT
The MST Board approved Resolution 2010-19 authorizing the filing of a grant application with the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security.

In November of 2006, the voters of the State of California approved a series of bond measures that are now providing capital funds for several categories of projects, including public transit projects. MST will use these bond funds for safety and security projects at the new Monterey Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility planned for property on the former Fort Ord.

ALLOCATION OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS TO MST
The MST Board adopted Resolution 2010-21 allocation of Local Transportation Funds to MST.

TRANSITMASTER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to execute a $91,000 contract with Trapeze ITS for TransitMaster system maintenance.

The software system warranty expired 5/10/2010 and staff has been negotiating the terms of ongoing maintenance for the system since that time. In addition to software maintenance, Siemens VDO offers maintenance for radio equipment, computer hardware, and
telecommunications equipment for the system. Due to the complex and proprietary nature of the system software, MST does not have the ability to retain the services of another vendor for this service, nor does it have the internal expertise to maintain the software. With the maintenance agreement MST will be eligible to receive updates that enhance functionality at no additional cost.

**SUMMER YOUTH PASS AND ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY DISCOUNTS**

The Board: 1) adopted the $38 youth summer discounted fare “demonstration project” for June through August 2010; and 2) adopted the active-duty military personnel discounted fare on single cash fares and all-day passes.

Regarding the active-duty military discounts, MST is currently partnering with the U.S. Army and Navy to provide public transit services to the Defense Languages Institute at the Presidio military base and the Naval Postgraduate School with 14 new bus lines. Active-duty military participants in the program who live “off-post” qualify for the commute-based Federal Mass Transit Benefit/Transportation Incentive Program through the U.S. Department of Transportation. The transit lines that serve these military installations are fully funded through this federal program. A number of active-duty military personnel who are housed “on-post” at the Presidio do not qualify for this federal commute transit benefit program because they live where they work and, hence, do not commute.

MST’s current “half-fare” discount program is currently available to persons 65 years and old, persons 18 and under, and persons of any age with a disability or holding a Medicare Card. Given the successful partnerships with the Defense Languages Institute and Naval Postgraduate School here in Monterey, it is recommended to extend the “half-fare” discount to all active-duty military personnel purchasing single cash fares and all-day passes.

**FY 2011 BUDGET**

The MST Board of Directors moved to: 1) approve the FY 2011 budget; 2) approve the FY 2011 staffing levels; and 3) approve Resolution 2010-20 authorizing federal grant applications.

The FY 2011 budget is $34,766,051, which is a 13.5 percent increase from FY2010. The operating budget is showing a 3.4 percent decrease from FY2010. This is a balanced budget.

Fixed Route BUS. This budget assumes maintaining current levels of service with no service expansions budgeted. This balanced budget contemplates continuation of all labor and employee contracts and agreements. This budget assumes the transportation Agency of Monterey County allocates $345,595 of Monterey County Local Transportation Funds for emerging unmet transit needs to avoid service reductions.

MST RIDES. This budget allows MST to comply with ADA-mandated paratransit service levels.