BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT
March 7, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Clark 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
          Susan Kleber  City of King
          Frank O’Connell  City of Marina
          Libby Downey  City of Monterey
          Alan Cohen  City of Pacific Grove
          Liz Silva (alt)  City of Gonzales
          David Pendergrass  City of Sand City
          Alvin Edwards  City of Seaside (10:05)
          Patricia Stephens  City of Soledad

Absent:  Fernando Armenta  County of Monterey
          John Huerta, Jr.  City of Greenfield
          Sergio Sanchez  City of Salinas

Staff:  Angela Dawson  Accountant
        Sonia Bannister  Office Administrator/Marketing & Sales Specialist
        Rose Bayles  HR Generalist
        Mark Eccles  Director of Information Technology
        Mike Gallant  Planning Manager
        Kelly Halcon  Director of Human Resources
        Hunter Harvath  Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
        Michael Hernandez  Asst. General Manager/COO
        Tom Hicks  CTSA Manager
        Theodore Kosub  Executive Assistant to the GM/CEO
        Carl Sedoryk  General Manager/CEO
        Zoe Shoats  Marketing Analyst
        Robert Weber  Director of Transportation Services
        Kathy Williams  General Accounting Manager

Others:  Jim Fink  Citizen
         David C. Laredo  De Lay & Laredo
         J. Scott Phillips  Citizen
         Ellya Roballo  Citizen

*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, potential litigation and property negotiators.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda items consisted of the following:


4-3. Minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2011.

4-4. Disposal of property left aboard buses.

4-5. Financial reports.

4-6. MST FA-Suite Maintenance Software reimplementation and upgrade.

4-7. Approve the purchase to Navision financial software.

4-8. Authorize the replacement of one RIDES vehicle.

4-9. Approve modifications to MST’s Bus Advertising rate structure.

4-10. Approve the repair of driveway and parking lot asphalt.

Jim Fink clarified that line 55 routing in the City of Gilroy should be rerouted from the current left turn Seventh, left turn Monterey, left turn Tenth to right turn Old Gilroy, right turn Alexander. He stressed the importance of eliminating left turns and avoiding signals. He believed the minutes of the February 14 meeting were vague and offered clarification as such.

Director Edwards moved to approve items on the consent agenda and was seconded by Director Pendergrass. The motion carried unanimously.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Jim Ford, former MST Board Member, was given an award of appreciation for his service on the MST Board.
Mike Hernandez, Asst. General Manager/COO, gave a Transit 101 presentation concerning MST’s Smartcard farebox project. He also demonstrated various scenarios that passengers might encounter when using the new farebox.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Fink asked if the new farebox was compatible with existing clipper cards. Steve Cardinalli inquired as to the status of the RTA administrator. He suggested selecting a new administrator via a fair and open process. He believed the MST Board is too similar to the RTA Board and suggested possible legal conflicts. Scott Philips outlined what he believed to be a history of the RTA and asked for a status update of the RTA administrator.

Jim Fink expressed concern for the timing of line 55. Specifically, he believed the timetable was ‘too loose’ at the Morgan Hill time point. He suggested the extra time would allow passengers to take a restroom break at the Gilroy stop. In addition, Mr. Fink thought line 55 should serve the Santa Theresa light rail.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

7-1. Finance committee minutes from February 14, 2011.

8. BIDS/PROPOSALS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

11-1. Purchase of four medium sized buses

Director Edwards asked what happens to retired mini-buses. Mike Hernandez responded that prices fluctuate when taking retired mini-buses to auction. He also mentioned donation as an option for disposing of retired mini-buses.

Director Kleber suggested exploring the possibility of using retired mini-buses in agricultural transport.

Director Downey asked if there were options for ‘greener’ versions of the proposed buses. Director Sharp asked what type of fuel the buses will use. Mike Hernandez responded that the buses would utilize gasoline and that hybrid versions were available for a significantly higher price.

Director Edwards motioned to approve the purchase of four medium sized buses and was seconded by Director Cohen. The motion passed unanimously.

11-2. Purchase of additional security cameras for MST’s fleet
Director Cohen asked what kind of fleet surveillance MST currently utilized. Mark Eccles, Director of Information Technology, responded that each bus has seven cameras with audio.

Director Edwards asked where the money for additional cameras came from. Mr. Sedoryk responded grants and homeland security money.

Public Comment

Jim Fink asked if videos captured by surveillance equipment could be permanently archived. Mr. Eccles stated that incidents are stored and can be distributed to jurisdictions as necessary.

**Director Sharp made a motion to approve the purchase of additional security cameras and was seconded by Director Downey. The motion passed unanimously.**

12. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

12-4. Trolley Costs Update

Director Cohen expressed concern for future availability of MST Trolley service in area cities.

Mike Hernandez responded that Pacific Grove was first in line to receive Trolley service when rehabilitation of the used trolleys is completed.

Public Comment

Jim Finked thought summer trolley service was an opportunity for increased ridership.

Steve Cardinalli thought trolley service was cutting into taxi usage around the peninsula. Further, he believed this was a reason why the RTA board should be comprised of different members.

13. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Prepared by: ______________________________

Theodore Kosub