1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Armenta called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. in the Monterey-Salinas Transit Conference Room.

Present:  Karen Sharp  City of Carmel-By-The-Sea  
           Kristin Clark  City of Del Rey Oaks  
           James Ford  City of Marina  
           Libby Downey  City of Monterey  
           Vicki Stilwell  City of Pacific Grove  
           Sergio Sanchez  City of Salinas  
           Thomas Mancini  City of Seaside  
           Fernando Armenta  County of Monterey  

Absent:  Lisa Senkir  City of Gonzales (Ex-Officio)  

Staff:  Carl Sedoryk  General Manager/CEO  
        Lyn Owens  Director of Human Resources  
        Hunter Harvath  Director of Administration  
        Michael Hernandez  Chief Operating Officer  
        Robert Weber  Dir. Transportation Services  
        Sonia Bannister  Office Administrator & Marketing/Sales Specialist  
        Dave Sobotka  Controller  
        Michael Gallant  Planner  
        Mark Eccles  Director of IT  
        Angelina Ruiz  Human Resource Administrator  
        Mina Evans  IT Intern  

Others:  Dave Laredo  DeLay & Laredo  
         Leslie Llantero  City of Seaside  
         Gertrude Johnson  Coach Operator  
         Lance Atencio  MV Transportation  

*Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.*
2-2. – 2-11. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda items consisted of the following:


2-3. Disposal of property left aboard buses.

2-4. Minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2008.


2-6. Liability claim rejection.

2-7. Appointment to MST RIDES Advisory Committee (RAC).


2-10. GM/CEO contract.

2-11. Informational only – CalTIP Liability & Property Insurance renewal.

Director Downey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Director Stilwell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Robert Weber, Director of Transportation Services, introduced Alvin Johnson, Coach Operator, as MST Employee of the Month for June 2008. Alvin Johnson began his career with Monterey – Salinas Transit in October 2004 and is a recent recipient of a 2-year safe driving award and attendance award. Alvin Johnson distinguished himself as a Line Instructor and most recently completed a 6 month tour as interim Operations Supervisor where he has continued to positively contribute to the overall mission of Monterey – Salinas Transit.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Fink, Salinas resident, requested to have the windows on the buses sealed. He said open windows pose problems for people with allergies. Greyhound bus windows are sealed. He also wants to see a connector bus between Monterey County and the San Luis Obispo County area. Amtrak will not allow users to bring bikes on the buses unless they are using the train. He wants the gap from King City of San Luis
Obispo closed. He said there needs to be a bus stop on Castroville Road and Market Street. There also needs to be more service on Sunday evenings. He wants MST to adopt the same amount of service levels each day – not just during the weekdays.

5-1. RIDES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Board accepted and filed the MST RIDES Advisory Committee Minutes – February 20, 2008.

6-1. RIDES VEHICLES

MST utilizes 23 Type II Minibuses in providing MST RIDES ADA services. These types of vehicles have a life expectancy of at least 5 years and 150,000 miles. Of the 23 vehicles in the fleet, five of the vehicles have mileage ranging between 230,000 to 271,000 miles and six vehicles have mileage ranging between 148,000 and 195,000 miles. Some of the vehicles to be replaced are six and seven years old. MST will have 15 RIDES vehicles due for replacement in 2009; however, because of the competitive scoring process and maximum allowable project costs, staff expects MST to receive funding for only six or seven vehicles. Alma Almanza, Central Coast Center for Independent Living, encouraged the Board to ride in the older RIDES vehicles. She supports the purchase of new vehicles. She also encouraged staff to not buy the same vehicles that were purchased during the last procurement.

Director Ford moved to award a $228,000 contract to the State of California Department of General Services for the purchase of up to four (4) medium buses, contingent on the approval of MST’s Section 5317 grant application. Director Mancini seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6-2. PRIUS HYBRID VEHICLES PURCHASE

MST has a total of 18 vans, model years 1999 – 2004, used at both divisions by the Operations, Maintenance and Administration departments. The vans are primarily used by coach operators to drive between operating divisions and in-service buses (relief units), and by supervisory and admin support staff and facilities staff to service bus stops. Seven vans were due for replacement in FY2006 and one in FY2007. MST’s policy is to operate these vehicles for at least seven years and/or 125,000 miles. These vehicles have accumulated between 123,252 and 136,700 miles.

These vans average 10.6 miles per gallon and travel approximately 15,000 miles annually. Using a fuel price of $3.71 per gallon, which is the average cost of fuel between March and May 2008, it is estimated that these eight Prius’ will reduce MST’s fuel consumption by more than 8,000 gallons annually. This translates into an annual fuel savings ranging between $30,000, at $3.71 per gallon, and $34,400 at our current June 2nd fuel price. This savings is also based on a conservative 40 miles per gallon fuel economy for the Prius.
Director Downey moved to: 1) Award a $217,264.30 contract to Sunnyvale Toyota for the purchase of eight (8) Toyota Prius hybrid vehicles; and 2) Authorize the retirement and sale of the retired vans. Director Clark seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6-3. BOYLE ENGINEERING CONTRACT

This item was pulled for further analysis.

6-4. WORKER’S COMPENSATION THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR

MST has chosen to award separate contracts for each service as a means of reducing some of the costs for this service (unbundling services). LWP was selected for claims administration based on recorded and verified performance and cost. MST utilizes the services of third-party administrators to manage and control costs of Worker’s Compensation claims.

Director Mancini moved to: 1) award a (5) five-year contract to LWP Claims Solutions, Inc, to provide Third Party Claims Administration services for Worker’s Compensation; and 2) Authorize staff to extend the contract for up to five (5) additional one-year extensions under the same terms, conditions and prices provided the supplier has provided satisfactory service. Director Stilwell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8-1. FY 2009 BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Sedoryk reported that with the release of the Governor's May 14th “Revised Budget”, the Governor has proposed shifting an additional $437M from the State Transit Assistance Fund to other General Fund programs resulting in a $2.9M loss of expected revenue to MST.

He reported that the Marketing Committee directed staff to double the Marketing budget in advance of the TAMC sales tax initiative to bring awareness to MST services and the economic benefits of using public transit. MST will not advocate a position on the sales tax initiative.

In light of the state of MST’s budget, MST will suspend hiring of new positions; suspend spending on less essential capital items and reprogram funds; conclude negotiations with Central Coast Alliance for Health; consider raising MST RIDES fares to make comparable to Santa Cruz METRO; determine final impact of the State Budget on MST; determine impact of final Federal transit appropriation and
earmark/programs; and provide a mid-year budget proposal that contemplates bus
fare increases, service cuts, and staff and operating expense reductions as needed.

Mr. Finke commented that the value of the dollar is not what it used to be. He
said MST’s fares need to keep up with inflation. He suggested that the Board
reevaluate the fares. He supports a fare increase.

This was for information only. No action was required on this item.

8-2. MST RIDES PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Sedoryk reported that the Central Coast Alliance for Health (CCAH)
discontinued transportation service for all non-essential medical trips as defined by the
Medi-Cal program’s Title 22 criteria for medical necessity on May 2, 2008. They
provided less than 1 month’s notice to their clients. As a result, the MST RIDES’s
program has noticed a 40% increase in passenger boardings, requiring the expenditure
of an additional 34% in vehicle revenue hours. This increase in ridership has caused the
MST RIDES on-time performance to drop from 90% to 75% on-time.

Mr. Sedoryk and the Santa Cruz METRO General Manager met with Mr. McKay,
Executive Director of CCAH, to discuss the financial and operational impacts that the
change in Alliance practices has made to the public transit operators. Mr. McKay
indicated that the Alliance would consider a proposal from MST and METRO to help
ease the short term cost of transition for the public transit operators to absorb the
medical trips that were formerly provided by the Alliance.

This was for information only. No action was required on this item.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10-1. – 10-7. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

The reports consisted of the General Manager/CEO Report; TAMC Highlights –
May 28, 2008; Washington DC Lobbyist Report – May 27, 2008; and Sacramento
Lobbyist report – May 30, 2008; Quarterly Performance Results report – 3rd Quarter FY
2008; Board referrals; and Staff trip reports.

11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Sanchez talked about Salinas’ Social Responsibility campaign. The
campaign talks about making the right choices.
12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Transit Rally Day, June 17, 2008 – Sacramento, CA.

Dump the Pump Day, June 19, 2008 -- MST will be hosting an electronic Town Hall meeting via a webinar.

13. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to meet with legal counsel regarding conference with real property negotiators; labor negotiators; and pending litigation.

Upon returning to open Session, General Counsel Laredo provided a status report on each item. No reportable action was taken by the Board on each item.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Prepared by: ______________________________

Sonia AR Bannister