BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT
June 15, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Armenta 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
          Libby Downey City of Monterey
          Vicki Stilwell City of Pacific Grove
          Thomas Mancini City of Seaside
          Fernando Armenta County of Monterey
          Maria Orozco City of Gonzales (Ex-Officio)

Absent: James Ford City of Marina
         Sergio Sanchez City of Salinas

Staff:   Carl Sedoryk General Manager/CEO
         Hunter Harvath Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
         Michael Hernandez Asst. General Manager/Chief Operating Officer
         Robert Weber Director of Transportation Services
         Sonia Bannister Office Administrator/Marketing & Sales Specialist
         Michael Gallant Planning Manager
         Kelly Halcon Human Resources Manager
         Carl Wulf Facilities/Capital Projects Manager
         Mark Eccles Director of IT
         Lyn Owens Director of Human Resources
         Danny Avina Marketing/Customer Service Manager
         Zoe Smallwood Marketing Analyst
         Tom Hicks CTSA Manager
         Jon Cappella Operations Supervisor
         Doug Crow Communications Systems Specialist
         Benjamin Newman Risk & Security Manager

Others:  Dave Laredo DeLay & Laredo
         Rayford Moore Coach Operator
         Bob Parks ATU Local 1225
         Bruce Farrell AECOM
         Henry Liang AECOM
         Bill Lewis MV Transportation
         John Siragusa MV Transportation
         Lance Atencio MV Transportation
Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.

2-1. – 2-13. 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 11, 2009.


2-6. Establish CTSA Advisory Committee.

2-7. Marina Transit Exchange mixed-use development.


2-10. Approve Board Committee meeting dates.

2-11. Update Board investment policy and authorize General Manager/CEO to establish a public fund account with a commercial bank.

2-12. Authorize purchase in the amount of $51,590 to Victory Toyota for two hybrid vehicles.


Director Mancini moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Director Stilwell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO, introduced Rayford Moore, Coach Operator, as Employee of the Month for June 2009. On May 19, 2009, Rayford was injured after being struck by a stray bullet originating from an incident occurring near the intersection of Williams and Market St. in Salinas. While injured, Rayford followed procedure by checking on the welfare of his 26 passengers, activating his covert alarm, and engaging the enhanced resolution features of the on-board video equipment. Activating the covert alarm allowed emergency medical personnel and police to arrive on the scene within a few short minutes, and by engaging the enhanced resolution of the camera system, provided Salinas Police with important images that are being used in the ongoing investigation of the incident.

The MST Board also recognized Doug Crow, Communication Systems Specialist; Jon Cappella, Operations Supervisor; and Benjamin Newman, Risk & Security Manager for their actions involving this shooting incident.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board accepted and filed the MST RIDES Advisory Committee Minutes – March 16, 2009; MST RIDES Advisory Committee Minutes – May 18, 2009 and HR Committee Minutes – May 11, 2009.

6. BIDS/PROPOSALS

None.

7-1. CHANGES TO DART SERVICE

The Peninsula DART, which currently serves several communities around the Monterey Peninsula, has seen limited ridership ever since its inception in 1999. This service has proven to be less popular with the bus riding public around the Monterey Peninsula than MST’s other fixed-route bus lines. Because of DART’s relatively high operating costs compared to its low patronage, two fixed-route bus lines are being proposed replace the existing DART service as well as some duplicative service on Line 6 that operates on a limited schedule during weekday commute hours only. The two new routes will operate on set headways from early morning to evening hours, seven days per week.

The public hearing was opened at 10:44 a.m. to receive comments regarding the elimination of Peninsula DART service and Line 6 Edgewater-Ryan Ranch, which will be replaced with two fixed route bus service, the MST Board approved the replacement
of Peninsula DART service and line 6 Edgewater-Ryan Ranch with Line 3 Ryan Ranch via Skyline and Line 8 Del Rey Oaks-Ryan Ranch.

Gin Donaho said she needs the service to run every hour; not every other hour.

Seeing no one else wishing to comment, the public hearing was closed at 10:45 a.m.

Director Stilwell moved to approve replacement of Peninsula DART service and Line 6 Edgewater-Ryan Ranch with Line 3 Ryan Ranch via Skyline and Line 8 Del Rey Oaks-Ryan Ranch. Director Sharp seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

8-1. FY 2010 BUDGET

The FY 2010 budget is $30,625,799, which is a 4.6 percent decrease from FY2009. Two service centers comprise the budget, Fixed Route BUS and MST RIDES. This budget maintains current levels of service and expansion of services to South Monterey County and the Presidio of Monterey. Service expansion is fully funded by non-MST Joint Powers Agency sources. This balanced budget contemplates continuation of all labor and employee contracts and agreements.

Director Downey moved to: 1) approve the FY 2010 budget; 2) approve FY 2010 staffing levels; and 3) approve Resolution 2009-29 authorizing federal grant applications. Director Mancini seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

8-2. FRANK J. LICHTANSKI OPERATIONS FACILITY

Mr. Michael Hernandez, Assistant General Manager/COO, gave a brief presentation on the status of the Frank J. Lichtanski Monterey Bay Operations Center.

The design of the facility is based on the Orange County Transit Authority, Santa Ana facility which Boyle Engineering designed in 2001. The original design is largely a maintenance facility with limited administration staff on site. MST modified the design by adding two floors to the operations building to house administration offices as well as boardroom facilities.

8-2. UPDATE ON AB644

Mr. Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO reported that several amendments have surfaced which contained minor language changes. MST has no issue with the changes. The Senate Transportation Committee will hear the bill tomorrow and is expected to pass. The Amalgamated Teamsters Union submitted an amendment making certain that the Agency will honor all bargaining units. The current language already includes this clause.
9-1. MV CONTRACT EXTENSION

Robert Weber, Director of Transportation Services, reported that the proposed rates to provide both Paratransit and Fixed Route services is comparable to those paid by similar-sized properties, and was in some cases significantly lower than what other transit agencies are currently paying for like services.

Director Stilwell moved to approve a $926,026 two-year contract extension with MV Transportation, Inc. for the operation of MST RIDES ADA and Special Transportation Paratransit Services, and other Dial-A-Ride, and Fixed Route transit services. Director Clark seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

The reports consisted of the General Manager/CEO Report; TAMC Highlights – April 29, 2009; Washington DC Lobbyist Report – April 30, 2009; Board Referrals; Staff trip reports; and Sacramento Lobbyist Report.

11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

13. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to meet with legal counsel regarding potential and existing litigation.

14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon returning to open session, General Counsel Laredo reported that no reportable action was taken by the Board.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Prepared by: ______________________________

Sonia A.R. Bannister