1. CALL TO ORDER

1-1. Roll call.

1-2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Orozco called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken and the pledge of allegiance followed.

Chair Orozco conducted a Swearing in Ceremony for Randy Hurley and Tony Barrera, the new MST Board representatives from The Cities of Greenfield and Salinas, respectively.

Present:
- Fernando Armenta: County of Monterey
- Tony Barrera: City of Salinas
- Victoria Beach: City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
- Alan Cohen: City of Pacific Grove
- Libby Downey: City of Monterey
- Alvin Edwards: City of Seaside
- Terry Hughes: City of King
- Randy Hurley: City of Greenfield
- Frank O’Connell: City of Marina
- Maria Orozco: City of Gonzales
- David Pendergrass: City of Sand City
- Patricia Stephens: City of Soledad

Absent:
- Kristin Clark: City of Del Rey Oaks

Staff:
- Carl Sedoryk: General Manager/CEO
- Zoe Shoats: Marketing Analyst
- Michael Hernandez: Asst. General Manager/COO
- Kelly Halcon: Director of Human Resources & Risk Management
- Hunter Harvath: Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
- Deanna Smith: Executive Assistant to the GM/CEO
- Robert Weber: Director of Transportation Services
- Dave Laredo: General Counsel/De Lay & Laredo
- Michelle Overmeyer: Grants Analyst
- Mark Eccles: Director of IT
- Tom Hicks: CTSA Manager
- Sonia Bannister: Office Administrator
- Mike Gallant: Business Development Planner
Chair Orozco recognized David Pacheco, new alternate for the City of Seaside, and Tom Mancini, former MST Board member from the City of Seaside.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Tom Mancini, Senior Representative for the RTA Technical Advisory Committee, stated that the Senior Voucher Program is working very well. He requested that more marketing and outreach be conducted, however, as some residents are not aware of the program.

Renee Leonard, MST customer, stated that the Monterey Transit Plaza is dirty and dangerous and requested that the Monterey Police Department be notified. She stated that MST drivers should be able to escort unclean, odorous, or violent riders off the bus. She is unhappy with the A, B, and C JAZZ lines as they are always late. She does not believe trips to the Community Hospital of Monterey County (CHOMP) are frequent enough. She attempted to call Congressman Farr’s office, but received poor service.

Jim Fink described a recent incident on the 2001 coach serving the JAZZ line to Salinas during which he passed out while riding the bus and his cell phone was stolen. He is unhappy that the coach operator did not attend to him when he passed out and did not offer any assistance when he was told his phone was missing. Security tapes later confirmed the theft and provided a good visual of the alleged perpetrator. He requests that the photo of the alleged perpetrator be circulated.

Chair Orozco directed staff to continue working with Mr. Fink on a resolution to the issue.

At the approval of the Board, Chair Orozco moved to Agenda Item #5, Consent Agenda.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to Closed Session at 12:23 p.m.

3-1. General Manager/CEO Performance Evaluation, Gov. Code § 54957 (b). (No enclosure) (Kelly Halcon)


4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

4-1. Report on Closed Session and possible action.
The Board returned from Closed Session at 12:33 p.m. No reportable action was taken.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5-1. Review highlights of Agenda.


5-3. Disposal of property left aboard buses.

5-4. Minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2012.


5-6. Adopt Resolution 2013-18 recognizing Michelle Overmeyer, Grants and Compliance Analyst, as Employee of the Year.


Jim Fink pulled Item #5-3. Director Downey pulled Item #5-7.

Mr. Fink asked if his cell phone had been found in the Lost and Found items. Mr. Sedoryk stated that MST’s Customer Service Supervisor had not identified Mr. Fink’s lost cell phone. The Security DVD was provided to the Monterey Police Department and they are trying to retrieve the phone.

Director Downey asked how the PEPRA law and the objection by ATU International will affect MST’s negotiations with employees. Dave Laredo stated that further legislative action between ATU International, the DOL, and the State of California are to be expected. MST remains in communication with Bay Area Transit attorneys. MST will accelerate its contract negotiations with ATU Local #1225 in anticipation of an October 1, 2013 contract renewal. While ATU International believes the PEPRA law violates the collective bargaining rights of their members, MST and other transit agencies believe there remains plenty of room to negotiate wages and benefits outside of the requirements of PEPRA regarding transit employees’ retirement contributions.

Public Comment – none.

Close Public Comment.

Director Barrera made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Director Edwards. The motion carried unanimously.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

6-1. January Employee of the Month – Alvin Johnson, Operations Supervisor.
Robert Weber recognized Alvin Johnson, Operations Supervisor, as Employee of the Month for January.

6-2. Employee of the Year – Michelle Overmeyer, Grants and Compliance Analyst.

Hunter Harvath recognized Michelle Overmeyer, Grants and Compliance Analyst, as Employee of the Year.

6-3. General Manager’s Excellence Award – Zoe Shoats, Marketing Manager.

Carl Sedoryk recognized Zoe Shoats, Marketing Manager, with the General Manager’s Excellence Award.

6-4. 25 Years of Service – Patrick Hilliard, Coach Operator.

Patrick Hilliard was not present.

6-5. Strategic Plan Update.

Carl Sedoryk provided a PowerPoint presentation on his Strategic Plan Update. He provided options for increasing local revenues dedicated for transit, including attempting to pass Local Sales, Property, or Transit Occupancy Tax measures. He believes that the current makeup of the California Legislature represents one of the best opportunities to pass a state sales tax measure, and legislation to lower the majority requirement to 55% for transit-related taxes is being advanced.

Director Armenta stated that the information in the presentation should be included in the Annual Report rather than promotional information. He also requested more detailed information on MST’s peer agencies, and that at least four (4) hours be devoted to a Strategic Planning Workshop.

Director Cohen requested information on how MST’s wages and benefits compare to its peer agencies.

Director Downey requested that MST’s wages and benefits be cut in relation to service cuts.

Public Comment – none.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7-1. Legislative Policy Committee Minutes from December 17, 2012.

7-2. Mobility Advisory Committee (ADAPTR) minutes from October 10, 2012.

Public Comment – none.

Close Public Comment.
8. BIDS/PROPOSALS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10-1. Authorize staff to execute an exclusive Five (5) Year Service Agreement with MV Public Transportation Inc. to operate MST RIDES ADA & Special Transportation Paratransit Services, & Other Fixed Route, On Call, & Trolley Services.

Robert Weber provided details on the procurement and evaluation process for MST’s RIDES ADA & Special Transportation Paratransit Services, Other Fixed Route, On Call, & Trolley Services. Staff is requesting authorization to execute a contract with MV Public Transportation, Inc.

Director Edwards asked if the contract could be amended to reduce service levels if federal funding was reduced or postponed. Mr. Weber stated that the contract does provide for service adjustments.

Public Comment

Stephen Judd of Seaside asked if there was any comparison of MV’s service quality.

Close Public Comment

Director Cohen asked what was the most common complaint received for MV service.

Robert Weber stated that while approximately 1% of MST’s customer comments were negative, MV’s were 3%, and that most referenced scheduling issues. He is committed to working with MV to bring that percentage down, and MV has committed to hiring an additional manager to deal with schedule-related issues.

Director Barrera made a motion to authorize staff to execute an exclusive Five (5) Year Service Agreement with MV Public Transportation Inc., for approximately $29,004,233 over five (5) years, to operate MST RIDES ADA & Special Transportation Paratransit Services, & Other Fixed Route, On Call, & Trolley Services and was seconded by Director Armenta. The motion carried unanimously.

10-1. Receive update on Military Partnerships and provide direction to Staff.

Hunter Harvath provided an update on MST’s three active partnerships with local military installations and the related funding issues.

Public Comment
Tom Mancini asked if an on-board credit card machine could replace the debit system that has been introduced.

Stephen Judd stated that he is happy to hear that grant funding exists for the new Line 78 Presidio-Santa Cruz Express, but without dedicated funding, MST could end up having to cut another popular service.

Jim Fink stated that he does not understand why MST must cut a bus line that is always full.

Close Public Comment

Mr. Harvath stated that the cost to maintain Line 79 is simply too high even if the bus is full. On board credit card machines were researched, but off-board vending machines were found to be a better option, as on-board credit card ticketing makes it difficult to keep on-time performance at an acceptable level.

Director Barrera made a motion to authorize staff to renegotiate terms of the Memoranda of Understanding with the Presidio of Monterey, Naval Postgraduate School, and Fort Hunter Liggett, and approved the introduction of Line 78 Presidio-Santa Cruz Express. The motion was seconded by Director Edwards and carried unanimously.

10-2. Receive update on 599 Lighthouse Avenue.

Hunter Harvath stated that at the Board’s request, he met with the business owners of the rug store at 599 Lighthouse Avenue to attempt to resolve their complaint that the JAZZ bus shelter blocked visibility to their building. None of the proposed changes to the shelters met with their approval.

Director Edwards asked if the shelter was currently installed. Mr. Harvath stated that it was.

Public Comment

Mori Torabbeigi, owner of the rug store, passed out photos of his building before and after shelter placement. He stated that neither he nor the property owners were informed of this project and the proposed shelter placement. He requests that the shelter be moved to another location or he will be forced to take legal action.

Kathy Condon, owner of several buildings near 599 Lighthouse Ave., stated that there was a problem with the process, and that the shelter places the business owners at a disadvantage. She also was never notified of the project.

Renee Leonard stated that the shelters are too large and do not protect from the elements.

Jim Fink does not understand why the shelter must be placed at this location. He requested that MST find another location for the bus stop.
Director Armenta made a motion to agendize at the next Board meeting a reconsideration of the Board’s previous approval of the shelter location if a suitable resolution cannot be negotiated with the business owner. The motion was seconded by Director Downey and the motion carried unanimously.

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

The Board will receive and file these reports, which do not require any action by the Board.

12-4. Staff trip reports.
12-5. Correspondence.

13. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

13-1. Reports on meetings attended by Board Members at MST expense
13-2. Board Member Comments and Announcements.
13-3. Board Member Referrals for future agendas.

Director Armenta requested that a meeting of the Legislative Committee be scheduled in the next seven (7) to ten (10) days to consider contracting the lobby services of John Arriaga.

14. ATTACHMENTS


Chair Orozco moved to Agenda # 3-1, Closed Session.

15. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Orozco adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.