BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT
July 9, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Orozco called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. in the MST Conference Room. Chair Orozco led the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

Present: Fernando Armenta County of Monterey
Victoria Beach City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Kristin Clark City of Del Rey Oaks
Alan Cohen City of Pacific Grove
Libby Downey City of Monterey
Alvin Edwards City of Seaside
Susan Kleber City of King
Frank O’Connell City of Marina
Maria Orozco City of Gonzales
David Pendergrass City of Sand City
Sergio Sanchez City of Salinas
Patricia Stephens City of Soledad

Absent: John Huerta, Jr. City of Greenfield

Staff: Carl Sedoryk General Manager/CEO
Zoe Shoats Marketing Analyst
Kathy Williams General Accounting & Budget Manager
Michael Hernandez Asst. General Manager/COO
Kelly Halcon Director of Human Resources & Risk Management
Hunter Harvath Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
Tom Hicks Mobility Manager
Deanna Smith Executive Assistant to the GM/CEO
Robert Weber Director of Transportation Services
Sonia Bannister Office Administrator
Dave Laredo General Counsel/De Lay & Laredo

Others: Lance Atencio MV Transportation
Margaret Osborne Seaside
Eric Petersen Green Party
Jim Fink MST Rider
Janet Wilson Pacific Grove

Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.
2. CONSENT AGENDA

2-1. Review highlights of Agenda. (Carl Sedoryk)

Mr. Sedoryk read the highlights of the agenda.

2-2 Adopt Resolution 2013-01 recognizing Lou Doll, Safety/Training Officer, as Employee of the Month for July, 2012.

2-3 Disposal of property left aboard buses.

2-4 Minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2012.


2-6 Claim Rejection – Wong, Lynne.

2-7 Purchase Four Medium Buses for the MST RIDES Program.

2-8 Adopt Resolution 2013-02 recognizing Patricia Wightman, Coach Operator, for 13 years of service.

2-9 Adopt Resolution 2013-03 recognizing Fernando Armenta for his service to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

2-10 Adopt Resolution 2013-04 recognizing Kristin Clark for her service to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

2-11 Purchase of Radio Equipment for Compliance with the Federal Narrow Banding Mandate.

Public Comment – None

Director Pendergrass made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Director O’Connell. The motion carried unanimously.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3-1 July Employee of the Month – Lou Doll, Safety/Training Officer.

Ms. Halcon recognized Lou Doll, Safety/Training Officer, as Employee of the Month for his positive contribution to MST and to the entire community; for his continued vigilance of MST’s safety practices; for the development of a strong training program that was a key component in MST winning the Gold Safety Award from APTA in 2012; and for MST’s DMV testing program being approved through a year-long acceptance process.

3-2 25 Years of Service – Fernando Manansala.

Mr. Manansala was not present.
3-3 Retirement – Patricia Wightman, Coach Operator.

Ms. Wightman was not present.

3-4 Resolution of Appreciation – Fernando Armenta.

Mr. Sedoryk recognized Director Armenta for serving as MST Board Chair from July 2004 to June 2012; for attending numerous local, regional, state, and national meetings and conferences to advocate for issues important to MST; and for advocating for representation and diversity on the Board from all jurisdictions within Monterey County.

3-5 Resolution of Appreciation – Kristin Clark.

Mr. Sedoryk recognized Director Clark for serving as MST Vice-Chair from May 2010 to June 2012; for attending numerous local, regional, state, and national meetings and conferences to advocate for issues important to MST; and for advocating for representation and diversity on the Board from all jurisdictions within Monterey County.

3-6 Transit 101: Monterey County Disaster Planning and Response – MST Responsibilities and Challenges.

Mr. Weber provided an update on MST’s role in County-side Disaster Planning and Response including disaster types and their possible impact on MST facilities, plans to improve disaster preparedness and mitigation, and MST’s contributions and role in aiding in disaster relief.

Public Comment – none.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Fink congratulated Director Armenta on his recognition and thanked Chair Orozco for her leadership. He is pleased with the temporary boarding area at Edgewater and requests that it be made a permanent boarding area. He approves of the new fare for the San Jose Express Line.

Ms. Wilson stated that she is a daily bus rider and that Line 2 in Pacific Grove still does not work. There are insufficient connections and the loop provides no benefit and has low ridership. She has observed fewer riders since fares have been raised.

Mr. Petersen stated that on his way to the Board meeting one of the MST buses on Line 49 cut him off.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5-1 Planning/Ops Committee Minutes from June 11, 2012.

5-2 Finance Committee Minutes from June 11, 2012.
5-3 Nominating Committee Minutes from June 11, 2012.

Director Sanchez requested Item 5-3 be pulled for discussion. Director Sanchez stated that he supported the Nomination and Appointment of Chair Orozco and Vice-Chair Downey, but he was very unhappy with the conduct of the Nominating Committee. All members of the Nominating Committee were offered the nomination for MST Board Chair, and all declined except him. He believes that the City of Salinas deserved representation in a position of leadership as the largest jurisdiction in the District. He believes that his request for nomination was not given the proper consideration.

Director Armenta requested to correct the record regarding City of Salinas representation. He served as Chair for one year and Vice-Chair for two years while serving as a City Councilmember for the City of Salinas.

Director Downey stated that she has served for seven years and, since that time, the City of Monterey has had no representation in a leadership position. She is also concerned that the City of Salinas believes it should be given more consideration simply because it is the largest jurisdiction.

Director Cohen referred to the minutes regarding MST Bylaw recommendations for rotating jurisdictional representation and stated that he believes Director Sanchez was given proper consideration.

Chair Orozco stated that the Board will take Director Sanchez' comments under consideration and arrange an opportunity for further discussion outside of the Board meeting.

6. BIDS/PROPOSALS

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9-1 Authorize the Purchase of Accessible Sedans.

Mr. Hernandez explained that the accessible sedans are 80% funded through the Federal Transit Administrations New Freedom Grant with the remaining 20% being funded through MST’s Capital Budget. The $175 per month lease fee will offset MST’s local match obligation.

Director Armenta asked if the vehicles can be used for other uses when not being used for wheelchair clients. Mr. Sedoryk stated that funding does allow the vehicles to be used for all clients, but priority must be given to those requiring wheelchair accessibility and lessees must sign a contract agreeing to these terms.
Director O’Connell asked if the vans could be used in the City of Marina even though they are not in the RTA. Mr. Harvath stated that while MST could not lease a vehicle to a City of Marina taxicab company, the drivers could pick up clients in Marina provided the taxicab company obtained a permit from the City of Marina.

Director Sanchez asked if the vans are in addition to recently leased vans. Mr. Hernandez stated that they were and a new RFQ would be sent out to all approved taxi companies for consideration as lessees.

Public Comment – none.

**Director Armenta made a motion to approve authorization of the purchase of six (6) wheelchair accessible sedans through the Washington State Department of Transportation’s contract with Schetky Northwest Sales in Portland, Oregon for $307,555, and authorized MST to charge a $175 per month lease fee to offset the local match obligation. The motion was seconded by director Edwards and carried unanimously.**

9-2 Update on MSP-21 Federal Transportation Bill.

Mr. Sedoryk provided a handout detailing the MAP-21 Transportation Bill which expires on October 1, 2014. The bill is just over 1,000 days overdue.

Public Comment – none.

10. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

10-1 General Manager/CEO Report – April, 2012.
10-5 Staff trip reports.
10-6 Correspondence.

Public Comment – none.

11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Stephens thanked MST for a seamless move into the City of Soledad’s On Call Service.

Director Armenta thanked MST for its support of the Veterans Stand Down in Salinas for homeless veterans in June. He stated that the Legion Post 31 in Salinas is in need of a used van for its funeral squad.
Director Pendergrass thanked staff for the dedication of the BRT Jazz Line at Edgewater in Sand City in June.

12. ATTACHMENTS

12-1 Disbursement Journal for April 2012.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. CLOSED SESSION

As permitted by Government Code §64956 et seq. of the State of California, the Board of Directors may adjourn to Closed Session to consider specific matters dealing with personnel and/or pending possible litigation and/or conferring with the Board’s Meyers-Milias-Brown Act representative.


14-2 Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation, Gov. Code § 54956.9 (b). ArrivalStar/Molvino v. MST.

14-3 Conference with property negotiators. (Parcel # APN 259-011-067, 259-011-060, 003-171-024, 003-171-027, 002-248-009-010, 011-486-004, 032-171-005, L.2.1, 1.2.4.3, L.2.4.2, L.2.2.1, L.2.2.2, L.2.3, L.2.4.1)

14-4 Conference with Legal Counsel-Litigation, Existing Litigation, Gov. Code § 54956.9(a). Landwatch v. County of Monterey. (Monterey Superior Court Case No. M113552)

15. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

15-1. Report on Closed Session and possible action.

No reportable action taken.

16. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Orozco adjourned at 12:05 p.m.