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
          James Ford City of Marina
          Libby Downey City of Monterey
          Vicki Stillwell City of Pacific Grove
          Sergio Sanchez City of Salinas
          Thomas Mancini City of Seaside
          Fernando Armenta County of Monterey
          Lisa Senkir City of Gonzales (Ex-Officio)

Absent: None

Staff:   Carl Sedoryk General Manager/CEO
          Hunter Harvath Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
          Michael Hernandez Asst. General Manager/Chief Operating Officer
          Tom Hicks CTSA Manager
          Bill Morris Contract Transportation Manager
          Lyn Owens Director of Human Resources
          Kelly Halcon Human Resources Manager
          Sonia Bannister Office Administrator/Marketing & Sales Specialist
          Danny Avina Marketing/Customer Service Manager
          Lou Doll Safety & Training Officer
          Michael Gallant Planning Manager

Others:  Dave Laredo DeLay & Laredo
          Heidi Quinn DeLay & Laredo
          Zoe Smallwood Marketing Analyst
          Lance Atencio MV Transportation

Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.

2-1. – 2-10. 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 September 8, 2008.


2-6. Maximus Inc. software maintenance agreement.

2-7. Adopt Resolution 2009-07 recognizing Tom Greer for 21 years of service.

2-8. Reject liability claim.

2-9. Approve purchase of security system for Monterey Division.

2-10. Schedule public hearings for possible fare increases, MST RIDES fare increases, and other possible service adjustments.

**Director Mancini moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Director Ford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Danny Avina, Marketing/Customer Service Manager, introduced Zoe Smallwood, Marketing Analyst, as Employee of the Month for October 2008. Zoe has been instrumental in the opening of the new Bus Stop Shop located in Downtown Monterey in September. She has worked together with the Facilities staff to implement a new MST logo signage at TDA and the new Downtown Monterey location. Zoe also helped organize special service to events such as the Monterey County Fair and the Monterey Jazz Fest.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lyn Owens, Director of Human Resources introduced Kelly Halcon as the new Human Resource Manager.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board accepted and filed the MST RIDES Advisory Committee Minutes – August 18, 2008 and the Human Resource Committee Minutes – September 8, 2008.

6. BIDS/PROPOSALS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.
8-1. UPDATE ON STATE BUDGET IMPACTS

The Board received an update on the FY 2009 MST Operating and Capital budgets.

8-2. UPDATE ON FRANK J. LICHTANSKI FACILITY

The Board received an update on the design status for the Frank J. Lichtanski, Monterey Bay Operations Center.

9-1. MV TRANSPORTATION, INC. CONTRACTED SERVICES

Mr. Weber, Director of Transportation Services, reported that on May 10, 2004, the MST Board awarded an exclusive five-year service agreement to MV Transportation, Inc. (MCTI) for the provision of services for the MST RIDES ADA Paratransit program, selected fixed route, Trolley, and DART services. The agreement went into effect on July 18, 2004 and is due to expire on July 17, 2009. There is an option to extend this contract by mutual agreement for up to two, (2) two-year periods beyond the initial five-year agreement.

Inclusive of the MST RIDES program, MVTI provides approximately 37% of all MST services under this agreement.

Director Stilwell left at 11:00 a.m.

Director Downey authorized staff to enter into formal negotiations with MV Transportation, Inc. to: a) explore measures that would provide immediate financial relief to MVTI due to the unforeseen increase in the cost of fuel and other related expenses; and b) exercise the first 2-year option to extend the service agreement with MVTI from July 18, 2009 – July 17, 2011. Director Sharp seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

9-2. AB2766 AIR DISTRICT GRANTS

The Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (Air District) conducts an annual grant process authorized by Assembly Bill 2766 which directs a portion of the state’s vehicle licensing fee to emissions reducing projects proposed by local public agencies.

These grants would fund the following projects: 09-14 Purchase Equipment to Produce Biofuel from Mustard Seed – To fully implement its sustainable biodiesel program; 09-15 Conversion to Biodiesel for MST Diesel Fleet; 09-16 Chicago Climate Exchange Membership; and 09-18 CSUMB Transit Pass Demo – Year 2.

Director Downey moved to approve the execution of FY 2009 Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District AB2766 grants. Director Sharp seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
10-1. – 10-7. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

The reports consisted of the General Manager/CEO Report; TAMC Highlights – September 24, 2008; Washington DC Lobbyist Report – October 1, 2008; Sacramento Lobbyist report – October 1, 2008; Update on MST investments; Board Referrals, and Staff trip reports.

11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Downey asked about the possibility of extending The WAVE service past the summer season.

Director Mancini commented that there are more tourists riding bikes along the recreational trail.

Director Sanchez presented that Public Awareness Campaign from the City of Salinas.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

BioEasi press conference – October 21, 2008 at 2:30 p.m.

13. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to meet with legal counsel regarding General Manager/CEO performance.

14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Armenta adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Prepared by: ______________________________

Sonia A.R. Bannister