



MST HIGHLIGHTS Board of Directors Meeting March 11, 2024

RECOGNIZED MARCH EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2024-17 recognizing Steven Bruno, Purchasing Agent, as the March 2024 Employee of the Month for his outstanding contribution to MST and to the entire community.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

The MST Board recognized Hector Martinez, Coach Operator for 25 years of service and his outstanding dedication and contribution to MST and to the entire community.

The MST Board also recognized Reymund Rivera, Coach Operator for 25 years of service and his outstanding dedication and contribution to MST and to the entire community.

STAFF RECOGNITION OF COACH OPERATOR RECRUITMENT AND HIRING EFFORTS

The MST Board recognized staff for their contributions to achieving the milestone of the largest single class of new Coach Operators in the history of MST who started on February 13, 2024.

AUTHORIZED PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) FORD TRUCKS

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to purchase four (4) Ford trucks at the lowest price/best options available at the time of purchase utilizing the CA Department of General Services Contract #1-22-23-20F in an amount not to exceed \$347,800.

AUTHORIZED PURCHASE OF NINETEEN (19) BUS STOP SHELTERS

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to purchase 19 bus stop shelters from Tolar Manufacturing at the lowest price/best options available at the time of purchase utilizing the Morongo Basin Transit Authority CalACT RFP Contract #21-01 in an amount not to exceed \$254,495.

APPROVED MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

The MST Board appointed Aaron Hernandez, from the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and Reyna Gross from Alliance on Aging, as members of the Mobility Advisory Committee.

APPROVED DISCOUNT FOR BUS PASSES FOR NON-PROFIT HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES

The MST Board approved the addition of non-profit human services entities eligible for discounted passes (50% off monthly GoPasses). The Board also approved providing a letter from MST to TAMC recommending TAMC consider funding transit bus passes for human services agencies and highlight the current and future demographic needs in Monterey County.

RECEIVED UPDATE ON SURF! BUSWAY AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT

The MST Board received an update and highlights on the progress of the SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project.

RECEIVED UPDATE THE FIRST YEAR OF THE BETTER BUS NETWORK

The MST Board received an update and key findings on the first year of the Better Bus Network.

APPROVED EXTENSION OF THE SCHOOL BUS PASS PROGRAM

The MST Board approved continuing to offer a discount on bus passes to eligible schools under MST's School Pass Program. A \$13 monthly pass will be sold to eligible participants for \$6.50 per pass and MST contributes \$6.50 per pass using general funds. Based on past demand from the schools, up to \$25,000 in MST funds would be needed for the remainder of FY2023-24. This amount is not included in the adopted MST operating budget but there is adequate reserve funding available to cover the cost. This option also directs staff to budget for the anticipated amount in future budgets.

NEXT MST BOARD MEETING

The next regular MST Board meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2024.