MEETING OF THE MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC)

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

November 29, 2023 1:00 pm (Pacific)

Present: Jessica McKillip ITN Monterey County

Steven Macias The Blind and Visually Impaired Center

Aaron Hernandez Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)

Reyna Gross Alliance on Aging

Diana Jimenez AAA-Monterey County Dept. of Social Services

Maria Magaña Central Coast Center for Independent Living (CCCIL)

Jennifer Ramirez Partnership for Children

Absent: Alejandro Fernandez DaVita Dialysis

Leticia Garcia The Carmel Foundation
Bobby Merritt Veterans Transition Center

Staff: Carl Sedoryk CEO/ General Manager

Kevin Allshouse Contract Services Manager
Cristy Sugabo Mobility Services Manager

Scott Taylor Information Technology Manager

Ezeguiel Rebollar IT Technician

Michael Kohlman Chief Information Officer

Matthew Deal Grants Analyst

David Cox MV Operations Manager

Public: Maribel Trejo Alliance on Aging

An apology is made for any misspelling of a name.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1-1. Roll Call

Chair Macias called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. A quorum was established. Member Fernandez, Garcia, and Merrit were noted as absent.

Member Ramirez attended the meeting via Zoom and was noted as a non-voting member.

1-2. Introduction of Guests

Maribel Trejo, Alliance on Aging Transportation Coordinator introduced herself and said that she helps with enrollment in transportation programs in Monterey County.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Committee received updated information on MST's partnership with the California Integrated Travel Project (Cal-ITP) from MST General Manager/CEO Carl Sedoryk. The Cal-ITP offers a way to verify eligibility for a discount and then link that discount to the rider's contactless-enabled payment card or mobile device. Mr. Sedoryk mentioned that earlier this year, MST was the first transit agency in the world to offer the benefit to seniors. On November 11, 2023, partnering with the Veterans Affairs Department Project Lighthouse with support from Congressman Panetta, the same benefit was released to veterans.

Member Magaña asked whether MST would use the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as the definition for persons with disabilities. Mr. Sedoryk commented that the ADA is perhaps a stricter definition than what MST currently allows. While the MST RIDES Program has ADA eligibility verification, the Courtesy Card Discount Program is lenient. MST's goal is to continue moving forward to get projects delivered.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3-1. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2023 (Cristy Sugabo) (page 6)

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Committee Member Hernandez, seconded by Committee Member Gross, and carried by the following vote, the Committee approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2023:

AYES: 6 Macias, McKillip, Hernandez, Gross, Jimenez, and Magaña

NOES:

ABSENT: 3 Fernandez, Garcia, and Merritt

ABSTAIN: 0 RECUSE: 0

4. MEMBERSHIP

4-1. Receive Reminder for January 2024 Elections of Officers (Steven Macias)

Chair Macias reminded the Committee on the January 2024 Election of Officers.

4-2. Receive Announcement of MAC Vacancies (Steven Macias)

Chair Macias announced that there are MAC vacancies.

4-3 Recommend Jessica McKillip to the MST Board of Directors for MAC Membership as the representative of ITN Monterey County (Steven Macias)

On a motion by Committee Member Jimenez, seconded by Committee Member Magaña, and carried by the following vote, the Committee approved to recommend Jessica McKillip to the MST Board of Directors for MAC Membership:

AYES: 6 Macias, McKillip, Hernandez, Gross, Jimenez,

and Magaña

NOES:

ABSENT: 3 Fernandez, Garcia, and Merritt

ABSTAIN: 0 RECUSE: 0

5. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS

None

7. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

7-1. MV Transit-MST RIDES Service Update (David Cox)

The Committee received a report from David Cox, MV Transportation on MST fixed-route and RIDES transit service.

7-2. MST Mobility Programs Updates (Cristy Sugabo)

The Committee received an update from Cristy Sugabo, MST Mobility Manager, on MST Mobility Programs.

	None			
9.	ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APPRECIATION			
	None			
10.	ADJOURN			
With no further business to discuss, Chair Macias adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m. (Pacific Time).				
PREP	PARED BY: _	Cristy Sugabo	REVIEWED BY:	<u>Jossen K. Juitulu</u> Norman K. Tuitavuki

8. SUBJECT ITEM REQUEST