



AGENDA

Meeting

of the

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of the

SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

A Public Agency

January 21, 2014

8:30 AM

Santa Barbara MTD Auditorium

550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dave Davis, Chair; Chuck McQuary, Vice Chair; Olivia Rodriguez, Secretary; Dick Weinberg, Director; Bill Shelor, Director; Ed Easton, Director; David Tabor, Director

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES- (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will be asked to waive the reading of and approve the draft minutes for the meeting of January 7, 2014.

5. CASH REPORT- (ATTACHMENTS- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will be asked to review the cash report of December 31, 2013 through January 13, 2014.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board on items within the jurisdiction of the Board that are not scheduled for public hearing. The time allotted per speaker will be at the discretion of the Board Chair. If you wish to address the Board under this item number, please complete and deliver to the MTD Board Clerk, a "Request to Speak" form including a description of the subject you wish to address. Additional public comment will be allowed during each agenda item, including closed session items. Please fill out the Request to Speak form and indicate the agenda item # that you wish to comment on.

7. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR LETTER TO SBCAG- (INFORMATIONAL)

Staff will present to the Board a letter sent to SBCAG by the Department of Labor in regards to MTD's exemption from PEPRA.

8. SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) SPECIAL DISTRICT APPOINTMENT- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will be asked to authorize a Board member to vote for the Special District Members on LAFCO.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT UPDATE – (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

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10. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will report on other related public transit issues and committee meetings.

RELATED TO EACH CLOSED SESSION; PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ALLOWED RELATED TO THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S) BEFORE THE RECESS

11. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- INITIATION OF LITIGATION - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(c). One case.

12. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION–LABOR NEGOTIATIONS– (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957.6. Labor negotiators Sherrie Fisher, General Manager and Jerry Estrada, Assistant General Manager/Controller.

Employee Organization: International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union, Local 186.

13. ADJOURNMENT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the MTD Administrative Office at 963-3364 at least **48 hours in advance** of the meeting to allow time for MTD to attempt a reasonable accommodation.



DRAFT MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Davis reported that all members were present with the exception of Director Shelor and Director McQuary.

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

Natasha Garduno, Executive Assistant, reported that the agenda was posted at MTD's Administrative Office on January 3, 2013, mailed and emailed to those on the agenda minutes list, and posted on MTD's website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. & 5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES AND CASH REPORT (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Director Easton moved to approve the draft minutes for the meeting of December 17, 2013 and the cash report of December 10, 2013 through December 30, 2013. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Burt Handy, Santa Barbara MTD Driver, spoke under public comment expressing concern about union negotiations.

RELATED TO EACH CLOSED SESSION; PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ALLOWED RELATED TO THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S) BEFORE THE RECESS

7. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Negotiators: Sherrie Fisher, General Manager, Jerry Estrada, Assistant General Manager/
Controller,
Related to 5353 Overpass Road, Goleta Ca. 93117
Potential licensee– Sansum
Regarding price and terms of payment

Upon returning from closed session Chair Davis reported that no action was taken.

8. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Negotiators: Sherrie Fisher, General Manager, Jerry Estrada, Assistant General Manager/
Controller,
Related to MTD's Calle Real property
Potential purchaser/lessee– Div. of State of California
Regarding price and terms of payment

Upon returning from closed session Chair Davis reported that no action was taken.

9. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Sifuentes v. SBMTD

Upon returning from closed session Chair Davis reported that no action was taken.

10. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION– UNION NEGOTIATIONS– (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations with labor negotiators Sherrie Fisher, General Manager and Jerry Estrada, Assistant General Manager.
Employee Organization: International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union, Local 186.

Upon returning from closed session Chair Davis reported that no action was taken.

11. FY 2013 REVIEW OF MTD STRATEGIC PLAN: 2013-2017-(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Steve Maas, Manager of Government Relations & Compliance, presented a review of MTD's FY 2013 performance compared to the action items and performance indicators ("tracking success") included in MTD's Strategic Plan: 2013-2017. The Board had a number of comments and questions, and requested changes to the presentation format for next year's review.

12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT UPDATE – (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

General Manager Sherrie Fisher reported to the Board that MTD participated in the People's Self-Help Housing Stuff the Bus event this year on December 18th. Imelda Martin, Administrative Services Manager, was on the committee for the event and coordinated MTD's participation in picking up the boxes of toys from downtown businesses with MTD shuttles and buses.

13. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

No other items were discussed.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Director Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. Director Weinberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Cash Report
Board Meeting of January 21, 2014
For the Period December 31, 2013 through January 13, 2014

MONEY MARKET

Beginning Balance December 31, 2013 **\$6,701,327.51**

Accounts Receivable	775,195.93
Passenger Fares	171,366.50
Property Tax Revenue	29,411.02
Miscellaneous/Asset Sales	6,196.17
Interest Income- Dec'13	2,528.83
Advertising/Prepaid Deposi	395.00
Measure "A"	<u>(163,474.66)</u>
Total Deposits	821,618.79

ACH Garn/Escrow	(1,082.58)
Bank Fee CC - Dec '13	(1,627.67)
WC Transfer - Dec '13	(45,028.72)
ACH Pensions Transfer	(64,490.63)
ACH Tax Deposit	(159,575.82)
Operations Transfer	(232,528.42)
Payroll Transfer	<u>(348,768.13)</u>
Total Disbursements	(853,101.97)

Ending Balance **\$6,669,844.33**

CASH INVESTMENTS

LAIF Account	\$3,325,822.43
Money Market Account	<u>6,669,844.33</u>

Total Cash Balance **\$9,995,666.76**

SELF INSURED LIABILITY ACCOUNTS

WC / Liability Reserves	(\$2,266,749.66)
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Working Capital **\$7,728,917.10**

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Accounts Payable**

Check #	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
105637	1/6/2014	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	BUS PARTS & SUPPLIES	301.44	
105638	1/6/2014	CENTRAL COAST CIRCULATION, L	BUS BOOK DISTRIBUTION	575.00	
105639	1/6/2014	CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY LOC	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	264.48	
105640	1/6/2014	COAST TRUCK PARTS	BUS PARTS	230.25	
105641	1/6/2014	CUMMINS PACIFIC, LLC	BUS PARTS	0.00	V
105642	1/6/2014	CUMMINS PACIFIC, LLC	BUS PARTS	14,170.07	
105643	1/6/2014	DOCUPRODUCTS CORPORATION	COPIER COPIES & SUPPLIES	40.39	
105644	1/6/2014	FAST UNDERCAR	EV BUS PARTS	19.12	
105645	1/6/2014	GIBBS INTERNATIONAL INC	BUS PARTS	2,142.02	
105646	1/6/2014	GILLIG LLC	BUS PARTS	2,700.68	
105647	1/6/2014	GRAINGER, INC.	B&G SUPPLIES	53.62	
105648	1/6/2014	HAYNES SALES DBA	B&G REPAIRS & SUPPLIES	44.00	
105649	1/6/2014	INTERCON TECHNOLOGIES DBA	EV/CHARGER REPAIRS	8,454.64	
105650	1/6/2014	IPC (USA), INC.	BUS FUEL	49,658.87	
105651	1/6/2014	LANSPEED DBA	SOFTWARE SUPPORT	195.00	
105652	1/6/2014	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	SHOP SUPPLIES	269.78	
105653	1/6/2014	MC CORMIX CORP. (GAS)	FUEL-SERVICE VEHICLES	2,093.47	
105654	1/6/2014	MCMaster-CARR SUPPLY CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	47.87	
105655	1/6/2014	MOHAWK MFG. AND SUPPLY CO.	BUS PARTS	163.33	
105656	1/6/2014	MCI SERVICE PARTS, INC.	BUS PARTS	579.67	
105657	1/6/2014	NEWEGG, INC	COMPUTER SUPPLIES & REPAIRS	407.29	
105658	1/6/2014	PERFECT PATTERN DIFFERENTIAL	OVERHAULED TRANSFERS	639.61	
105659	1/6/2014	PERRY LINCOLN MERCURY MAZD	SERVICE VEHICLE PARTS / REPAIRS	68.10	
105660	1/6/2014	R.C. SIMPSON, INC.	RETAINER FEE	357.00	
105661	1/6/2014	SILVAS OIL CO., INC.	LUBRICANTS	556.33	
105662	1/6/2014	SANTA BARBARA TROPHY	DRIVER NAME PLATES	41.47	
105663	1/6/2014	SURFACE TECHNOLOGY COMPAN	GRAFFITI REMOVER	594.30	
105664	1/6/2014	TRI-COUNTY AUTO GLASS INC	REPLACE BUS WINDOWS	220.00	
105665	1/6/2014	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, INC.	FREIGHT CHARGES	395.50	
105666	1/6/2014	VALLEY POWER SYSTEMS, INC.	BUS PARTS	228.41	
105667	1/6/2014	WURTH USA WEST INC.	SHOP SUPPLIES	41.84	
105668	1/10/2014	BAY ALARM COMPANY, INC	CONTRACT MAINT	296.22	
105669	1/10/2014	BIG BRAND TIRES, BRANDCO BILL	SERVICE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	58.95	
105670	1/10/2014	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	BUS PARTS & SUPPLIES	67.82	
105671	1/10/2014	COAST TRUCK PARTS	BUS PARTS	63.09	
105672	1/10/2014	COX COMMUNICATIONS, CORP.	INTERNET & CABLE TV	303.62	
105673	1/10/2014	CUMMINS PACIFIC, LLC	BUS PARTS	4,151.69	
105674	1/10/2014	MARY DEAILÉ	PAYROLL RELATED	106.15	

Check #	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
105675	1/10/2014	DOCUPRODUCTS CORPORATION	COPIER COPIES & SUPPLIES	594.60	
105676	1/10/2014	DOWNTOWN ORGANIZATION, INC	TC MAINT/ANNUAL MTG	850.00	
105677	1/10/2014	EBUS, INC.	BUS PARTS	841.06	
105678	1/10/2014	FERRO MAGNETIC CORPORATION	BATTERY CHARGERS/PARTS	994.70	
105679	1/10/2014	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITU	PENSION QTRLY ADMIN FEES	1,075.00	
105680	1/10/2014	FAIRVIEW UNOCAL/TOM PRICE	SMOG TESTING	47.75	
105681	1/10/2014	STATE OF CALIFORNIA/FTB	PAYROLL RELATED	31.01	
105682	1/10/2014	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	PAYROLL RELATED	885.94	
105683	1/10/2014	FUSES UNLIMITED, INC	BUS PARTS	70.83	
105684	1/10/2014	GIBBS INTERNATIONAL INC	BUS PARTS	1,148.66	
105685	1/10/2014	GILLIG LLC	BUS PARTS	5,007.88	
105686	1/10/2014	GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO	LEASED TIRES	452.99	
105687	1/10/2014	HAAGEN PRINTING TYPECRAFT, I	PRINTING SERVICES	576.72	
105688	1/10/2014	H.G. MAKELIM CO., INC.	BUS PARTS	1,784.18	
105689	1/10/2014	MC CORMIX CORP. (OIL)	LUBRICANTS	2,576.49	
105690	1/10/2014	MC CORMIX CORP. (GAS)	FUEL-SERVICE VEHICLES	1,797.59	
105691	1/10/2014	MCMASTER-CARR SUPPLY CO.	SHOP SUPPLIES	11.76	
105692	1/10/2014	MOHAWK MFG. AND SUPPLY CO.	BUS PARTS	552.09	
105693	1/10/2014	MCI SERVICE PARTS, INC.	BUS PARTS	362.56	
105694	1/10/2014	NEWARK ELECTRONICS, CORP.	BUS PARTS	69.12	
105695	1/10/2014	NU-COOL REDI GREEN, INC	COOLANTS & SHOP SUPPLIES	667.44	
105696	1/10/2014	PREVOST CAR INC.- CREDIT DEPT.	BUS PARTS	611.21	
105697	1/10/2014	OR DEPT OF JUSTICE	PAYROLL RELATED	145.11	
105698	1/10/2014	ANN BRADY OTTIERI	PAYROLL RELATED	277.00	
105699	1/10/2014	PACPROP SERVICE, LLC	PARKING FOR COASTAL EXPRESS BU!	1,500.00	
105700	1/10/2014	REPUBLIC ELEVATOR, INC	ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE	1,016.31	
105701	1/10/2014	SB COUNTY FEDERAL CREDIT UNI	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	1,675.00	
105702	1/10/2014	KAREN SEELEY	PAYROLL RELATED	75.69	
105703	1/10/2014	SANTA BARBARA SHERIFF'S DEPT	PAYROLL RELATED	17.38	
105704	1/10/2014	SANTA BARBARA VALET INC	PARKING SPACE FEES	300.00	
105705	1/10/2014	SM TIRE, CORP.	BUS TIRE MOUNTING	307.15	
105706	1/10/2014	SO. CAL. EDISON CO.	UTILITIES	10,696.46	
105707	1/10/2014	SPECIALTY TOOL & BOLT, LTD	FAREBOX SUPPLIES	30.15	
105708	1/10/2014	SB CITY OF-REFUSE/WATER	UTILITIES	4,015.96	
105709	1/10/2014	TEAMSTERS PENSION TRUST	UNION PENSION	89,329.98	
105710	1/10/2014	TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 18	UNION DUES	9,618.08	
105711	1/10/2014	ALICIA DIEHL	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	60.00	
105712	1/10/2014	MELVIN FOUNTAIN	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	60.00	
105713	1/10/2014	GARY GLEASON	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	495.90	
105714	1/10/2014	ALI HABIBI	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	30.00	
105715	1/10/2014	MONTE KIMZEY	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	720.00	

Check #	Date	Company	Description	Amount	VOIDS
105716	1/10/2014	JOSEPH MARTINEZ	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	30.00	
105717	1/10/2014	CAREY POINDEXTER	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	517.58	
				232,528.42	
			Current Cash Report Voided Checks:	0.00	
			Prior Cash Report Voided Checks:	0.00	
			Grand Total:	\$232,528.42	

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Cash Receipts of Accounts Receivable**

Date	Company	Description	Amount
1/3/2014	Department of Rehabilitation	Passes/Token Sales	80.00
1/3/2014	Department of Rehabilitation	Passes/Token Sales	60.00
1/3/2014	Department of Rehabilitation	Passes/Token Sales	20.00
1/8/2014	Local Transportation Fund	SB 325 - Dec'13	584,360.42
1/8/2014	Measure A, Section 3 LSTI	Measure "A" Funds Dec'13	163,474.66
1/8/2014	UCSB Campus Sustainability	Advertising on Buses	395.00
1/10/2014	ASTI Holding Company, LLC	Overpass Property Lease - Jan'14	15,152.85
1/10/2014	County of Santa Barbara	Passes/Token Sales	1,821.00
1/13/2014	Department of Rehabilitation	Passes/Token Sales	20.00
1/13/2014	Department of Rehabilitation	Passes/Token Sales	20.00
1/13/2014	Department of Rehabilitation	Passes/Token Sales	20.00
1/13/2014	Department of Rehabilitation	Passes/Token Sales	20.00
1/13/2014	Department of Rehabilitation	Passes/Token Sales	20.00
1/13/2014	Department of Rehabilitation	Passes/Token Sales	20.00
1/13/2014	Department of Rehabilitation	Passes/Token Sales	20.00
1/13/2014	UCSB - Parking Services-7001	Passes/Passports Sales	9,692.00
Total Accounts Receivable Paid During Period			\$775,195.93

U.S. Department of Labor

Office of Labor-Management Standards
Washington, D.C. 20210



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BY:

Mr. Roger S. Aceves
Chair, Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments
260 North San Antonio Road
Suite B
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Dear Mr. Aceves:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez which has been forwarded to the Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS) for response. In your letter, you urged the Department of Labor to certify labor protections, under 49 U.S.C. 5333(b), for the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (SBMTD) grant CA-90-Z032. I am pleased to inform you that the issues regarding delays in certifying CA-90-Z032 have been resolved.

As you are probably aware, on Friday, October 4, 2013, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. signed into law Assembly Bill No. 1222 (AB 1222), codified as CA Government Code Section 7522.02. The law exempts certain public employees from the requirements of PEPRA for a specified period of time. Specifically, the law provides an exemption from PEPRA for "employees whose interests are protected under subsection (b) of Section 5333 of Title 49 of the United States Code" [Section 13(c)]. With this exemption in effect, and as long as it is in effect, OLMS does not consider PEPRA a bar to certifying the SBMTD project to which you refer. The Department of Labor issued its certification for CA-90-Z032 on October 23, 2013.

By its terms, the AB 1222 exemption would expire either when a Federal district court rules that the U.S. Secretary of Labor erred in determining that the application of PEPRA precludes certification of Federal transit funding or on January 1, 2015, whichever is sooner. Conversely, the law also specifies that if the Federal district court upholds the determination of the Secretary of Labor, then the exemption will become permanent.

If you have any questions, please contact Elmy Bermejo, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, at 202-693-4600 or at bermejo.elmy@dol.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Hayes".

Michael J. Hayes
Director

cc: Sherrie Fischer, General Manager, SBMTD

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November 14, 2013

TO: Presiding Officers of Independent Special Districts

Subject: Special District Appointment(s) to Santa Barbara LAFCO

NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE

THIS NOTICE WILL CALL AND GIVE NOTICE that the Santa Barbara County Independent Special District Selection Committee will meet on **Monday, January 27, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Santa Ynez Valley Marriot, 555 McMurray Road in Buellton, California.

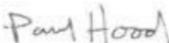
Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to (a) Select a Regular Special District Member of the Commission for a term of office from March 2, 2014 to March 1, 2018. This position is currently held by Jeff Moorhouse, a Director on the Carpinteria Sanitary District, who term expires on March 1, 2014, and (b). In the event that the District Selection Committee selects the Alternate Special District member to fill the seat of the Regular member, it will also be necessary to appoint a replacement to an unexpired term that ends on March 1, 2016.

Call for Nominations: Nominations for the Regular Special District member should be submitted to the LAFCO Executive Officer, at the above address, **no later than January 15, 2014**. Nominations may be received by mail or offered from the floor at the meeting.

Who Can Vote: The Presiding Officer each Independent Special District is authorized to vote for the Special District members on LAFCO. However, if the presiding officer is unable to attend the meeting, the legislative body of the district may appoint one if its members to attend the meeting of the selection committee in the presiding officer's place. There is one vote per district. Members representing a majority of the eligible district shall constitute a quorum, which is necessary for the selection committee to conduct its business.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



PAUL HOOD
Executive Officer

To: MTD Board of Directors
From: Sherrie Fisher, General Manager
Date: January 17, 2014
Subject: General Manager's Report

MTD and UCSB staff are completing review of the transit plan financial agreement for enhanced transit service to meet the increased demand resulting from the UCSB San Joaquin project that is proposed to provide housing for approximately 1,000 new students. UCSB staff is planning to submit the project to the UCSB Board of Regents on January 22nd. The submittal will include the transit plan agreement, if it is approved and signed before then. The project will be presented to the California Coastal Commission in early summer. If the agreement is signed, it will provide the foundation for future agreements between the two entities for upcoming UCSB housing projects that may also generate additional transit demand.

Staff received the report from Diani Building Corporation that detailed and prioritized needed refurbishment of MTD's wooden bus stop shelters. The highest priority shelters are planned for refurbishment this fiscal year, based on available funding. The solicitation stated that the contractor awarded the assessment work would be precluded from participating in the ensuing procurement for the repairs.

Staff is testing and, as necessary, repairing the solar-powered lighting at all of the shelters throughout the District.

The cruise ship season is commencing. The first visit is a Princess ship on January 17th. MTD increases the Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle service with four additional shuttles and a Supervisor for cruise ship visits. Sixteen cruise ship visits are expected between January 17th and May 4th.

Driver trainee Don Inda has passed his training and will be driving solo as of Thursday, January 16th. There are two remaining trainees of the nine recent hires who are near completion of their training. Those recently released from training are doing well out in the field.

On January 8th, MTD Operations staff joined staff of numerous other local agencies at a planning meeting for the upcoming Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) "Active Shooter Situation" scheduled for Wednesday, May 28th. This will be a full scale exercise, planned for four hours at SBCC's West Campus. The scenario will be that two suspects hijack an MTD bus with several hostages. The hijackers have the driver take them to the SBCC West Campus. There, one of the hijackers exits the bus and heads towards Garvin Theatre. The suspect on the bus begins random shootings and hits several people in the area. Many victims are hurt trying to run from the gunman. Unknown to first responders, the suspect on the bus is carrying a biological agent he plans to release on campus. Agencies currently involved include MTD, Santa Barbara City Fire and Police, SBCC Staff, County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), the City HazMat Team, the FBI, and American Red Cross.

Operators have been informed of the new all-way stops scheduled at the following areas: Garden/Victoria, Anapamu/Laguna, Carrillo/Laguna, Calle Cesar Chavez/Yanonali, and De la Vina/Arrellaga. A signal is scheduled for installation at the latter intersection later in the year.

Operations met with the Planning department regarding our Spring 2014 bid at our quarterly roundtable on January 14th. During these sessions, both departments work together to "fine tune" the run cut, paying particular attention to contractual items, pay, relief drivers, and overall costs.

The December 2013 CITA (Caught In The Act of doing something great) drawing winner is Danny Villa. Danny received his CITA for being patient, friendly and professional. Danny has been with the MTD since September 1989, and also has an excellent safety record. We appreciate his contribution to the District; congratulations on winning the drawing!

We are pleased to announce that two offers of employment were made and accepted for driver trainee positions. The Driver trainee's will begin new driver training on Tuesday, February 4th.

Human Resources held a new driver information meeting and video exam in preparation of hiring new bus driver trainees. HR & Operations staff is monitoring staffing levels and will adjust the number of drivers as needed.

Staff attended a meeting of SBCAG's Technical Transportation Advisory Committee (TTAC) on Thursday, January 9. MTD is a voting member of the Committee. TTAC members recommended that the SBCAG Board approve revised Transportation Development Act (TDA) farebox policies affecting Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT) and City of Lompoc Transit (COLT). TTAC also received an update on draft guidelines for California's new Active Transportation Program (ATP). The ATP combines the funding for a variety of state and federal bicycle and pedestrian programs into one program that will be administered by Caltrans.

Gillig #619 has been transported to Cummins Cal Pacific for assistance on to resolving an ongoing DEF (Diesel Exhaust Fluid) related code. The tank and sender have been changed, yet the code for low fluid level persists even though the tank is full. Gillig #903 is setting codes related to the condition of the battery pack. However Allison does not feel the battery pack is the problem. MTD awaits further direction from Allison.

A quotation from Voltronix to supply LiFePO4 battery packs has been received. An inquiry has been made to Ebus to determine feasibility of it supplying battery packs. Information on our requirements for LiFePO4 battery packs was forwarded to Complete Coach Works for their consideration to learn if they have interest in providing LiFePO4 battery packs. Alternatively, three potential vendors to build battery trays have been contacted for proposals. Two vendors have responded with proposals. The third has not yet presented their proposal. Then, MTD would pursue purchasing 400 Ah cells from suppliers such as Winston Battery, CALB and Sinopoly, and assemble the packs in-house. Winston Battery is now willing to sell cells directly to MTD.