

Safety and Security Activities

One assault against an MST employee or passenger is one too many. In response to recent violent acts, we have undertaken a number of activities to improve the safety and security of MST employees and customers. MST Operations, HR, and Safety/Training staff recently participated in Conflict Resolution Training. The class focused on developing the skills of communication specialists and operations supervisors to better respond to conflicts with the public. Specific training included: how to keep a conflict from escalating; recognizing and responding to persons with mental impairments; how to ensure the safety of MST passengers and employees during a conflict, how to work with local public safety officers in response to an incident, and non-violent tactics to ensure personal safety.

Additionally, MST is investigating new, onboard security camera technologies. Three MST buses will be outfitted with security cameras from new vendors. MST staff will evaluate whether the new technologies represent an improvement over existing systems and will make a recommendation whether MST should invest in new security camera technologies.

Finally, the MST Safety Committee is meeting to develop recommendations to minimize the frequency and severity of assaults against MST employees and passengers. The committee will be reviewing national trends and industry best practices to provide specific recommendations to the executive management team.

MST Board Mulls Sales Tax

At their meeting of June 9, the MST Board of Directors received draft ballot measure language regarding a proposed a 1/8th of one percent, county-wide sales tax to support transit programs for veterans, seniors, and persons with disabilities. At their meeting of July 14, the MST Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing and make a final determination whether to move forward with a request for an election. A majority of the cities that comprise the MST Board of Directors have concurred that this matter should be placed on the November 2014 ballot. Recent polling results continue to indicate that over 70% of likely voters support the draft ballot measure.

Mike Hernandez Joins Training Consortium Board of Directors

MST Chief Operating Officer, Mike Hernandez, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern California Regional Transit Training Consortium. The consortium is comprised of community colleges and public transit operators throughout California that develop and deliver training programs to transit maintenance and supervisory professionals. To date, the SCRTPC has provided convenient and affordable skills training to thousands of public transit employees including several MST employees who have attended consortium classes at Hartnell College.

June Employee of the Month

Customer Service Supervisor,
Sonia Bannister

Happy Anniversary!

15 Years

Coach Operators: Steven Alexander, Jimmy Raines, Rex Sacayanan

Mechanic: Robert Tadman

5 Years

Coach Operators: Peter DeWitt, Richard Meza, Jagdishwar (Jack) Nand, Allen Uchida

Save The Dates...

Safety Barbeque

11:30am – 2:00pm
June 25 at TDA
June 26 at CJW

MST Finance Committee

July 14 at 9:00am

MST Board Meeting

July 14 at 10:00am

RTA Board Meeting

July 28 at 10:00am