

MONTEREY REGIONAL TAXI AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
February 28, 2011

One Ryan Ranch Road, Monterey

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Downey called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the MST Conference Room. A roll call was conducted and The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Present:	Karen Sharp	City of Carmel-By-The-Sea
	Libby Downey	City of Monterey
	Alan Cohen	City of Pacific Grove
	David Pendergrass	City of Sand City
	Sergio Sanchez	City of Salinas
	Alvin Edwards	City of Seaside
	Mary Ann Leffel	Monterey Peninsula Airport District
Absent:	Kristin Clark	City of Del Rey Oaks
Staff:	Angela Dawson	Accountant
	Hunter Harvath	Asst. General Manager/Finance & Administration
	Tom Hicks	CTSA Manager
	Theodore Kosub	Executive Asst. to the General Manager/CEO
	Carl Sedoryk	General Manager/CEO
	Kathy Williams	General Accounting Manager
Others:	Steve Cardinalli	Yellow Cab
	John Cardinalli	Yellow Cab
	Jermalino Culebra	Taxicab Driver
	Roy Graham	Citizen
	Rachel Gutierrez	Taxicab Driver
	Kathi Krystal	Associated Taxi
	David C. Laredo	De Lay & Laredo
	J. Scott Philips	Citizen
	Richard Segal	Nab-A-Cab

Apology is made for any misspelling of a name.

2-1. – 2-4. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda items consisted of the following:

2-2. Minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2010.

2-3. Informational minutes from the regular meeting of January 28, 2011.

2-4. Adopt revised schedule of TAC meetings.

Director Sharp made a motion to approve the consent items and was seconded by Director Edwards. The motion carried unanimously.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Scott Philips thought the entire RTA process was functioning in a backwards manner. He also asked for a status update regarding the taxi administrator.

Rachel Gutierrez stated that she had been unable to get a clear answer on how to obtain a permit from Greg Yancey. She continued that she was currently driving without a permit.

Kathi Krystal mentioned that Central Coast cab was not invited to a meeting of taxi drivers that occurred in Monterey.

Steve Cardinalli thought a meeting between hospitality and MST staff was questionable. He thought the formation of a 'rouge group' hinted at a general failure of the RTA.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5-1. Update from RTA staff.

Carl Sedoryk gave an update on the activities undertaken by the RTA since the last regular meeting.

Theodore Kosub presented the highlights of the TAC meeting of February 17, 2011, to the RTA Board.

Mr. Sedoryk clarified that money received by the taxi administrator has been used to purchase setup equipment. So far, no other monies have been paid to the taxi administrator.

6. BIDS / PROPOSALS

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8-1. Appoint alternates to the TAC Board.

John Cardinalli objected to any MST employee being appointed to the TAC and thought a clear conflict of interest existed. He also objected to members of hospitality being on the TAC and asked Board Members to resign.

Director Edwards moved to approve TAC alternates and was seconded by Director Sharp. No action was taken in regard to proposed alternate in the public transit category. The motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9-1. Introduce ordinance for the uniform regulation of taxicabs with the jurisdiction of the RTA.

Director Sharp inquired as to ordinance provisions for insurance requirements, for hire lights, annual inspections, mandatory trip sheets and photos.

Director Sanchez suggested sending a copy of the ordinance to each of the participating jurisdictions.

Director Edwards mentioned the importance of giving a timeframe for comments when distributing the ordinance to participating jurisdictions.

Public Comment

John Cardinalli stated the ordinance would not pass legal muster and suggested Board Members should resign because they do not understand the taxi business. He thought the ordinance would put Yellow Cab out of business.

Rachel Gutierrez believed the ordinance was unworkable.

Scott Phillips stated the drug testing and taximeter sections of the ordinance were flawed.

Kathi Krystal stated cabs use push buttons instead of 'flags'.

John Narigi thanked the RTA for moving forward with the ordinance and reiterated hospitality's desire for open taxi competition.

Richard Segal stated he was ready to get his taxi company up and running, so he suggested the RTA get to permitting as quickly as possible.

Steve Cardinalli suggested sending the ordinance to the TAC because it was flawed in its current form.

The meeting recessed at 11:49 due to disruption.

The meeting reconvened at 12:00.

Director Pendergrass mentioned the importance of having a staff member who could properly answer questions at TAC meetings.

Director Downey expressed interest in a matrix that would compare the RTA ordinance to the City of Monterey's Ordinance.

Director Cohen made a motion to approve the first reading, send the ordinance to legal departments of participating jurisdictions, send the ordinance to the TAC for comment / recommendation and bring the ordinance back to the next RTA meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Pendergrass and passed unanimously.

9-2. Refer draft Taxi Equipment, Safety, Security and Operational Policy to TAC.

Public Comment

Mr. Phillips stated there were several problems with the draft policy.

Ms. Krystal expressed concern with several provisions of the draft policy.

Jermalino Culebra invited anyone interested in learning about taxicabs to take a ride to learn about being a taxi driver. He mentioned the copious amount of downtime and common misperception that taxi drivers make a lot of money.

Director Edwards made a motion to refer the draft Taxi Equipment, Safety, Security and Operational Policy to the TAC for review and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Director Cohen and passed unanimously.

9-3. Taxi Services at the Monterey Peninsula Airport

Director Leffel stated the Airport Board would discuss a potential medallion system at its meeting of March 9.

Director Edwards made a motion to continue the item to the next RTA regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Cohen and passed unanimously.

10. REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

10-1. Taxi Stakeholder meeting notes from February 15, 2011.

11. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Downey and Edwards inquired as to the status of an RTA scrip program. Mr. Sedoryk mentioned that program discussions and negotiations with area jurisdictions are ongoing.

Director Sharp asked if everyone could utilize wheelchair accessible cabs. Mr. Sedoryk answered that the cabs were accessible to everyone.

Director Downey suggested the fee schedule be placed on each agenda until it is resolved.

Director Sanchez formed a subcommittee to study taxi fees and stated that he was interested in a cooperative study session with members of the taxi industry.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. CLOSED SESSION

14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

15. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Theodore Kosub, Deputy Secretary