

To: MTD Board of Directors  
From: Jerry Estrada, General Manager  
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Subject: General Manager's Report

We welcome Richard Oaks and Larry Spurlock to MTD as bus operators. Both Richard and Larry have assumed their bid shifts; we look forward to both of them to have a long, safe, enjoyable journey with us.

Our next service change will go into effect on Monday, March 1. Recently we completed our routine bidding process a couple of weeks ago.

Congratulations also goes to our Safety and Training Administrator, Manny Castanon, with successfully tying up a few loose ends, and, qualifying our agency in the Employer Testing Program. Having this certification authorizes MTD to administer the drive test portion of DMV's commercial driver license requirements for commercial driver licenses (CDLs).

On January 18, 2021, Complete Coach Works began the installation of the Vapor driver barriers. To date they have installed barriers in 48 buses. Recent weather activity across the country has delayed the shipment of parts for this project. We are currently awaiting another shipment of barrier doors this week.

Staff uploaded the requisite 2020 Annual Report to MTD's California Air Resources Board Low Carbon Fuel Standard portal. In 2020, MTD accumulated 165 credits. The credits were generated through the use of the 30' BYD battery-electric buses and Chevrolet Bolt sedans, which were added midyear. The bulk of 2020 credits were earned in Q1. Subsequent quarters saw a significant decline in credit generation as a result of service impacts from the pandemic.

Staff participated in a meeting with SBCAG and the other transit operators in the county to discuss the population-based portion of the funding from the California State of Good Repair (SGR) program. The population-based funds are apportioned to regional transportation planning agencies (RTPAs) such as SBCAG based on the area's percentage of statewide population. SBCAG has chosen to conduct a four-year call for projects for the population-based portion of the funding. The group agreed to recommend to the SBCAG Board that MTD receive \$1,200,000 of the estimated \$2,673,048, amounting to 45% of the total. This funding will provide 14% of the \$8,833,000 estimated cost of Phase 1 of MTD's Facility Modernization Project.

Staff continues in contact with the reviewer who will conduct MTD's FTA Triennial Review, scheduled to take place in April. FTA had originally scheduled MTD's review for May 2020; however, the agency delayed all spring 2020 reviews due to the pandemic.

Nine responses were received for the OPEB actuarial service request for quotes last February 12. The review process of the low bidder is nearing completion and a recommendation for contract award is anticipated shortly. The Board will be apprised of the results at the next board meeting.

Both the Financial Audit Services and Short Range Transit Plan requests for proposals were recently released. After completion of committee evaluation processes of the responsive offerors for each solicitation, recommendations for contract awards will be brought to the Board.

The three-year warranty period with Clever Devices for ITS equipment onboard MTD buses expired at the end of 2020. With most of the equipment actually more than four years old given the lengthy implementation period, MTD opted to extend the warranty an additional year.