

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

MTD's newest Bus Operator in Training, James Arnold, continues his training schedule and progressing nicely. Operations has just received the next schedule change from our Planning Department, set to commence on August 15. Operations is reviewing the details of the schedule change over the next few days in preparation to start the bidding process with our Operators. Bidding is expected to commence within the next couple of weeks, allowing us plenty of time to complete it before August 15. This schedule change will go through November 27.

As for the Terminal 1 – SCE Charge Ready project, the design documents for the flood barriers have been approved by the City of Santa Barbara. As a result, MTD's general contractor, Edwards Construction Group (ECG), may commence with the work. ECG is tentatively planning to remobilize the week of June 20. The first task ECG plans to perform when back onsite is pouring the concrete pads for the chargers.

CALSTART and MTD's California Energy Commission (CEC) Blueprint Grant project team are in the process of finalizing the first deliverable to the California Energy Commission, the Blueprint Research Report. The Research Report identifies zero-emission transportation goals and policies for MTD and public fleets domiciled or operating regularly within the city limits of Santa Barbara. It also explores the timelines for achieving the targets set by the various public agencies evaluated. The next deliverable, a Summary of Medium- and Heavy-Duty Infrastructure Development and Deployment, is due to the CEC by the end of July.

MTD's Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan is required to be updated at least every four years. The four-year plan horizon for MTD's first TAM Plan is up at the end of the summer. As a result, staff is working on an updated TAM Plan with a new four-year horizon timeline. The updated TAM Plan will include an asset inventory, condition assessments of assets, and a prioritized list of investments to improve capital assets to a 'state of good repair.'

Finance staff is underway with preparations for the FY2021-22 Single Audit. The annual bus part inventory is scheduled for July 1 & 2. Compucount Inventory Service will assist MTD with the task. Financial auditors are scheduled to be onsite July 14 & 15 to begin preliminary audit tasks.