



**Modoc Transportation Agency**  
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**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 6, 2007**

**Board Members Present**

|                          |                                   |
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| Dan Macsay, Chairman     | County Supervisor, District I     |
| Bill Hall, Vice Chairman | Citizen at Large, City of Alturas |
| Ken Barnes               | Police Chief, City of Alturas     |
| John Dederick            | Councilmember, City of Alturas    |
| Mike Dunn                | County Supervisor, District II    |
| Terry Williams           | Citizen at Large, County of Modoc |

**Board Members Absent**

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| David Bradshaw | County Supervisor, District III (Alternate)    |
| Sid Cullins    | Police Lieutenant, City of Alturas (Alternate) |

**Staff Present**

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| Pam Couch          | Executive Director |
| Nicole Witherspoon | Systems Manager    |
| Cindy Imbach       | Mobility Manger    |

**Public Present**

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| Michelle Millette | Caltrans DO2 – Chief, Regional Planning |
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- 1. Call to Order** – Chairman Macsay called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. in the City of Alturas Council Chambers, 200 W. North Street, Alturas.
- 2. Public Forum** – There were no members of the public present.
- 3. Confirm Agenda** – Motion by Board Member Dunn to accept agenda as presented; second by Board Member Williams. All ayes; motion carried.
- 4. New Business** – Director Couch presented draft minutes for consideration. Motion by Board Member Dunn to approve 10/1/07 MTA minutes as presented; second by Board Member Williams. All ayes with Board Members Dederick and Williams abstaining.
- 5. Staff Update** – Manager Imbach presented operations report for information.
  - a. Sage Stage Operations Report** – Performance statistics are accurate although unaudited.

| Month       | Passengers |       |        | Miles         |        |        | Fares          |         |        |
|-------------|------------|-------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------|--------|
|             | 2007       | 2006  | Change | 2007          | 2006   | Change | 2007           | 2006    | Change |
| <i>Sept</i> | <b>790</b> | 963   | 18.0%↓ | <b>9,307</b>  | 13,134 | 29.1%↓ | <b>\$3,883</b> | \$5,182 | 25.1%↓ |
| <i>Oct</i>  | <b>941</b> | 1,093 | 13.9%↓ | <b>12,331</b> | 11,522 | 7.0↑   | <b>\$4,722</b> | \$5,469 | 13.7%↓ |
| <i>Nov</i>  | <b>965</b> | 1,091 | 11.5%↓ | <b>13,333</b> | 11,260 | 18.4%↑ | <b>\$4,704</b> | \$5,464 | 13.9%↓ |

b. Revenue Service Miles and Fuel Costs

| Month       | Miles         |        |        | Fuel Cost      |         |         | Fuel Cost per Mile |      |      |
|-------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------|---------|--------------------|------|------|
|             | 2007          | 2006   | 2005   | 2007           | 2006    | 2005    | 2007               | 2006 | 2005 |
| <i>Sept</i> | <b>9,307</b>  | 13,134 | 11,757 | <b>\$3,087</b> | \$3,998 | \$3,763 | <b>33¢</b>         | 30¢  | 32¢  |
| <i>Oct</i>  | <b>12,331</b> | 11,522 | 13,369 | <b>\$3,001</b> | \$3,757 | \$3,757 | <b>32¢</b>         | 26¢  | 28¢  |
| <i>Nov</i>  | <b>13,333</b> | 11,260 | 12,196 | <b>\$3,036</b> | \$3,055 | \$3,055 | <b>33¢</b>         | 27¢  | 25¢  |

c. US 395 intercity route ridership by county of Origin or Destination (O/D) – Route operates between Alturas, Susanville and Reno, three (3) times per week on Mon., Wed. and Fridays.

| Month       | Modoc O/D |      | Lassen O/D |      | Total Ridership |      |
|-------------|-----------|------|------------|------|-----------------|------|
|             | 2007      | 2006 | 2007       | 2006 | 2007            | 2006 |
| <i>Sept</i> | <b>45</b> | 49   | <b>44</b>  | 71   | <b>89</b>       | 120  |
| <i>Oct</i>  | <b>46</b> | 57   | <b>60</b>  | 79   | <b>106</b>      | 136  |
| <i>Nov</i>  | <b>46</b> | 55   | <b>48</b>  | 64   | <b>94</b>       | 119  |

e. New (Contract) Employees and Training – Regrettably, Imbach reported that two out of four driver trainees (recently hired) had been terminated for cause. On a positive note, she announced that Susan Anselmi completed all testing and certifications; her position is Driver / Mobility Assistant, sharing customer service duties at the front desk. Roberto Bejarano is cadetting; when he receives one last certification, he will assume part-time driver duties.

Imbach reported that MTA staff will begin vehicle procurement process shortly; the process can take up to two years until buses are received. She said that all (3) intercity vehicles have odometer readings <150,000 miles; as such breakdowns occur more frequently and repair costs are increasing. Imbach added that MTA staff is working with Caltrans HQ-DMT staff to obtain four-wheel drive vehicles possibly mounted on F-chasses with higher clearance for installing chains often required during winter driving. Caltrans Millette suggested that MTA staff confer with Dan Douglas, Lassen Transit Service Agency, who purchased vehicles through the State contract and experienced difficulties getting vehicles with options ordered.

Last, Director Couch reported that regularly scheduled MTA meetings will be held following MCTC meetings for **even-numbered months**, unless otherwise required and noticed in the newspaper. (See archives for complete calendar of forthcoming events and various program deadlines.)

6. **Adjournment** – With no further business, Chairman Macsary adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Witherspoon  
Systems Manager