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FACT Spring Newsletter

Highlights

- Franco Coniglione Joined FACT as Mobility Coordinator in March 2013
- www.factsd.org now features public transit search tool

2013 FACT Board Retreat

FACT held its Board of Directors Retreat on March 28, 2013 at the San Diego County Administration Center. The retreat agenda covered the agency's goals, mission, business plan, and services.



Left to right: Oswaldo Perez, staff and Board members Phil Monroe, Hon. Dave Roberts, and LaVonna Connelly

MTS Vehicle Donations

Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and FACT partnered in an initiative to donate 10 small buses to nonprofit agencies. MTS, the owner of the small buses, worked with FACT to find eligible recipients. The buses were formerly operated and maintained by MTS Access, the transportation service for persons with disabilities who are unable to use regular transit without assistance.

All buses are 2006 El Dorado National Type Bs, gasoline powered and run on the Ford E450 chassis. They seat up to 16 passengers and accommodate up to 4 passengers in wheelchairs. FACT accepted applications for the available vehicles and made selections with the help of a committee. The review process prioritized agencies that committed to providing

the most trips to current and potential MTS Access riders. Recipients were also assessed on their ability to operate and maintain the vehicles safely.

The FACT Board approved the Review Committee's (Brain Lane, Lisa Madsen, and Floyd Willis) recommendations. The recipients were: City Link Foundation, Home of Guiding Hands, Renewing Life, St. Madeleine Sophie's Center, and YMCA of San Diego County.

New Grant Funded Vehicles Delivered

FACT recently acquired seven (7) vehicles funded by a Caltrans capital grant. The vehicles are leased to Sol Transportation in exchange for free transportation for RideFACT. The lease agreement allows FACT to pay for transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities without using any local grants/funds. All 7 vehicles are accessible minivans which will be available for general purpose transportation when not providing RideFACT trips.

On April 25, 2013 FACT held a media event at the County Administration Center to showcase the vehicles. Guests joined the FACT Board in a ribbon cutting ceremony.



Left to right: Board members Phil Monroe, Alane Haynes, Hon. John Aguilera, Hon. Teresa Arballo Barth, Bob Campbell, Hon. Dave Roberts, LaVonna Connelly, and Executive Director Arun Prem

FACT Board of Directors

Bob Campbell - Chair, Hon. Dave Roberts – Vice Chair, Susan Hafner – Treasurer, LaVonna Connelly – Secretary, Hon. Teresa Arballo Barth, Hon. John Aguilera, Alane Haynes, Phil Monroe, Norine Sigafoose, and Milena Chakraverti-Wuerthwein (Ex officio)

