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## **San Joaquin RTD Board Awards Contract to MV Transportation to Operate and Maintain RTD's "County" Services**

(Stockton, CA) – At its July 8 meeting, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD)'s Board of Directors approved a resolution awarding MV Transportation, Inc. (MV) a five-year contract, effective September 1, for the operations and maintenance of the services RTD provides through its "County" yard operations: Intercity, Hopper, and San Joaquin Commuter. Under this contract, MV will be providing the services on behalf of RTD; RTD will continue to determine the routes and service levels and provide oversight to ensure continued provision of the high quality service customers have come to expect from RTD. RTD's Board of Directors made this decision based upon the fact that MV is able to provide the services at the level required by RTD but at a lower cost.

According to RTD's enabling legislation (the 1994 legislation that expanded the service boundaries of the former Stockton Metropolitan Transit District and established the San Joaquin Regional Transit District): *"All new intercity, interregional, and rural services provided outside the Stockton Metropolitan Area shall be subject to open competitive bidding at least once every five years."* (California Public Utilities Code § 50075.5) RTD can bid on providing these services and has operated them since November 2002. In 2009, RTD's Board of Directors actually awarded the service to RTD, contingent upon the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 276 signing an agreement on wages and benefits upon which RTD's bid was based. However, the ATU did not sign that agreement, forcing RTD's Board to again put out the services for bid.

In this second solicitation, RTD and MV were the two finalists in the bid process and on July 2, RTD and MV submitted their Best And Final Offers. To ensure objectivity in selecting *"the lowest responsible bidder"* (CA PUC § 50075.5), RTD's procurement process was managed by an independent party: a former GM/CFO of another transit agency. The evaluation of the proposals was done by a panel composed of three northern California transit agency general managers and one representative from the County of San Joaquin.

The panel concluded that both MV and RTD were deemed responsible, equally qualified, and able to perform the required services, leaving price as the only distinction between the two proposals. In awarding the contract to MV in the amount of \$27.3 million, RTD will save \$3.2 million over the five-year term of the contract.

To ensure MV provides a high level of service, RTD has included performance standards with significant monetary damages if MV fails to meet RTD's standards and, more importantly, significant monetary incentives if MV exceeds RTD's requirements. Additionally, MV committed in its proposal to offer jobs to all current RTD employees. RTD remains committed to its Mission to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system for the region and its Vision to be the transportation service of choice for the residents we serve.

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