



President's *Report to the Board of Trustees*



October 3, 2014

1. Chaffey College and Inland Empire Consortium did a great job in acquiring this \$15 M Federal Workforce Grant major federal grant. See the [attached](#) October 2nd article in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin. Mt. SAC looked long and hard at applying, but the necessary partnerships just do not exist in the San Gabriel Valley or in Los Angeles County. But we are working on it!
2. On Wednesday, October 1, Board Members Chyr and Chen-Haggerty met with Walnut City Council Members Bob Pacheco and Nancy Tragarz along with City Manager Rob Wishner. Bob Pacheco presented an analysis by City Attorney Michael Montgomery ([attached](#)) which concluded that the parking structure was not a project authorized by Measure RR. We will have this issue analyzed by our bond attorney, David Casnocha via a phone conference in closed session at November's Board meeting. Board President Chyr was his usual calm, self-assured leader, saying repeatedly, "We will get back to you on that." The Measure RR compliance issue was the only one raised by Councilmember Pacheco. You will notice that the City Attorney's analysis included CEQA compliance and Government Code "Classroom Facilities" language and concluded that only the Measure RR compliance issue merited further action by the Walnut City Council. So they are down to one issue--that being an issue on which we have solid legal advice.
3. One of the topics for our Committee on Public Private Partnerships meeting (Thursday, October 2, at 3:00 p.m.) was the potential MOU with Foothill Transit on the Class Pass bus pass. Katie Gagnon of Foothill Transit has provided a draft of that MOU for our consideration ([attached](#)) along with Foothill Transit's analysis of the basis of the fee ([attached](#)). As you can see, the students would pay a transportation fee of \$9 (full-time) or \$8 (part-time) each semester. It is possible for Mt. SAC to defray some of this cost, and we have prepared a possible Board Action Item laying out the particulars ([attached](#)). I have included the current MOU for the three semester pilot ([attached](#)) and potential ballot language ([attached](#)) that would serve as the basis for the student vote which is scheduled for November 17-20. [On recommendation of the committee, this subsidy of the student transportation fee was not included on the October Board Agenda.]
4. The Tribune published a nice article on the opening of our Child Development Center ([attached](#)). Our staff did a wonderful job of putting this celebration together.
5. The San Gabriel Valley Tribune reported on my contract renewal by the Board. See the [attached](#) article.
6. As reported in the attached SGV Tribune story on September 23rd ([attached](#)), it looks like the city of Walnut is considering an ordinance that would prohibit heavy trucks on Mountaineer Road.