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MV Transportation, Inc. retains Modesto's MAX bus service

June 11, 2007– After delivering what has been described by City Staff as “the best presentation of all” and five years of successful bus operations, the Modesto City Council voted unanimously to retain MV Transportation, Inc. as the operator and manager of the Modesto Area Express (MAX) fixed-route transit system.

As a result, MV will continue to operate the city's public bus fleet for another five-year term.

Under the leadership of MV General Manager Pam Orrin and Operations Manager Velda Lowe, the MAX service has realized impressive growth in ridership, as well as significant improvements in safety. Also, the relationship with the Teamsters Local 236 and MV was strengthened and a strong partnership was born.

In fact, during the City Council meeting where MV was selected, members of the union expressed their delight regarding the cooperation and partnership they have with MV and its local team. A City Staff member said he had not seen a better provider of transit than MV in his 30-year transit history.

“This is an especially great win for MV because in 2002 the City was not certain that hiring MV was the right thing to do,” said Kevin Klika, MV's President of West Coast Operations. “The council's recent unanimous decision to retain MV, as well as the positive comments made by the city's staff about our performance, proves we were the right choice then and now.”

MV was initially selected to operate the MAX service in 2002, assuming the contract from Laidlaw Transit Services which had operated the system for 10 years. Upon being awarded the contract, MV immediately recognized the Teamsters Union that represented the operators setting in motion the positive relationship that continues to exist.

In November 2006, MV\MAX Road Supervisor Sergio Mitre was recognized by the Modesto City Council for his heroic efforts that resulted in saving the life of his co-worker and friend Carol Shyken. A MAX driver, Shyken suffered a seizure and stopped breathing prior to her shift. Mitre came to rescued, administered essential first aid techniques which aided in saving Shyken's life, according to paramedics.

MV looks forward to another successful five years of serving the residents on Modesto by providing the quality of service the community deserves.

Recognized as a national leader in contracted transportation services, MV Transportation is based in Fairfield, California, and is the largest privately-held transportation



management firm in the nation. The company provides an array of transportation services in 27 states and the District of Columbia. MV employs more than 10,000 dedicated transit professionals.

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