

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS),
SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORPORATION (SDTC),
AND SAN DIEGO TROLLEY, INC. (SDTI)

October 5, 2005

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Committee members present: Bob Emery, Jerry Rindone, and Leon Williams. Ex Officio members present: Shirley Kaltenborn. A roll call sheet listing Executive Committee member attendance is attached.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Emery moved approval of the minutes of the September 15, 2005, Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Rindone seconded the motion, and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. MTS: Sorrento Valley Coaster Connection (SVCC) Funding Update
(CIP 10465, PC 30118)

MTS Chief Executive Officer Paul Jablonski reminded Committee members that Air Pollution Control District (APCD) funding for the SVCC service has been in question for some time and was discussed by staff and the Board when the most recent budget was approved. He advised the Committee that the contract for this service will expire at the end of the year, and a contract award is currently on the Board's agenda for October 27. Mr. Jablonski also stated that the contract with APCD was transferred to SANDAG as part of the consolidation. He added that this is really a tri-agency effort because the shuttle services passengers who ride North County Transit District's Coaster, the APCD contract is held by SANDAG, and MTS provides the shuttle service.

Mr. Jablonski advised the Committee that it appears that APCD will not be providing the \$670,000 to \$800,000 in funding that is due to MTS for services it provided in the past because of a dispute over the vehicles used to operate this service. He reported that SANDAG is taking the lead in working with APCD to determine what funding, if any, will be provided for this service going forward. Mr. Jablonski added that MTS's share of the funding should be increased because of increased costs and Coaster fare increases. Mr. Jablonski also reported that he was optimistic that SANDAG efforts with APCD were making progress and that funding for the service was likely. He indicated that service reductions or fare increases may be needed to offset reduced funding for the service.

Mr. Jablonski advised the Committee that, if APCD does provide funding, there will probably be a requirement that MTS use clean-fuel (probably propane) vehicles.

He added that continuation of the contract involves the procurement of new vehicles, but MTS could retain the current vehicles for a little longer. He added that the vehicles currently being used have a useful life of five years and have already been in use for eight years.

The Committee was advised that the SVCC carries 15 percent of the Coaster's ridership, and that Coaster riders pay for this service through the transfer process. He added that implementation of a \$1 fare would generate approximately \$200,000. The vehicles used to provide this service have no fareboxes, so a simple farebox system would have to be added if a fare is implemented. Mr. Jablonski estimated that the current subsidy for SVCC is \$3-4 per passenger.

Chairman Williams stated that this service was originally implemented with the understanding that there would not be a loss of resources used to fund another part of MTS's system, particularly where riders are transit-dependent. Mr. Rindone stated that he would not support the use of MTS resources for SVCC service unless this service becomes more cost effective. He requested that staff have a funding plan to address the shortfall when this item is brought to the Board. Mr. Emery stated that SVCC is the epitome of the type of service MTS is trying to provide but agreed that MTS resources should not be used to provide this particular service.

In response to a question from Mr. Emery, Mr. Jablonski stated that he attempted to get the Joint Committee on Regional Transit (JCRT) to discuss this matter at its last meeting but there was not enough time. He added that he would ask SANDAG to add this item to the Transportation Committee agenda. Chairman Williams stated that the Executive Committee should be making that request. Mr. Rindone stated that the funding for this service is really an issue between SANDAG and APCD, and, if funding cannot be identified, then they are actually canceling the service, not MTS. He advised Mr. Jablonski that he can express that as the sentiment of the Executive Committee.

Action Taken

Mr. Rindone moved to (1) direct staff to request that the SVCC Funding Status item be placed on the October 21, 2005, SANDAG Transportation Committee agenda; (2) state that it is the opinion of the Executive Committee that funding issues related to this service need to be resolved by SANDAG and APCD; and 3) state that MTS does not have the resources to fund this service, and that, if no funding is identified, there will be a decrease in service levels and/or the implementation of a fare for this service. Mr. Emery seconded the motion, and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor.

Mr. Jablonski briefly discussed MTS's capital needs and the corresponding funding shortfall. He reported that MTS has \$92 million in capital projects scheduled with only \$22 million in funding available.

Mr. Jablonski added that whatever funding level is agreed to by APCD, there must be a written agreement to that effect. It was pointed out that, even though the vehicles used to provide this service do not quite meet APCD standards, the provision of this service is still taking vehicles off the road and contributing to the

improvement of air quality. Mr. Jablonski estimated that traffic is reduced by 400 cars per day.

2. MTS: Process for Appointment of New Board Chairperson (ADM 110, PC 50101)

Mr. Jablonski called attention to handouts of a draft letter to community leaders regarding the appointment of a new chairperson for the MTS Board along with a recommended distribution list. Also handed out was a press release announcing Chairman William's retirement and announcing that nominations are being taken for a new chairman. Mr. Rindone stated that the press release should indicate "MTS Board" not "Board". Mr. Emery stated that the recommended approach for seeking nominations for the Chairman's position fulfills the intent of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Jablonski stated that effort would begin immediately after the Executive Committee meeting to distribute this information, and distribution should be complete by the end of this week or the beginning of next week. Mr. Rindone stated that MTS should seek candidates from the community first. He added that, if this effort is not successful, someone could be selected from the 14-member MTS board. He felt that this addresses the question voiced by Mr. Monroe at the September 22, 2005, Board meeting.

Action Taken

Mr. Emery moved to approve the proposed procedure as outlined in the agenda item and by Mr. Jablonski for nominating and electing a new Chairperson for the Board of Directors. Mr. Rindone seconded the motion, and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor.

D. REVIEW OF DRAFT OCTOBER 13, 2005 BOARD AGENDA

Recommended Consent Items

6. MTS: Transportation Development Act Claim Amendment (FIN 340.3, PC 20201)

Recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 05-14 (Attachment A of the agenda item) amending the FY 2003 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4.0 Claim No. 253 for the City of El Cajon.

7. MTS: Regional Transit Management System – Contract Amendment (CIP 10940)

Recommend that the Board of Directors (1) receive a report on the status of the Regional Transit Management System (RTMS) Project and identify the basis of staff's change order recommendations; (2) ratify Amendment No. 1 to MTS Doc. No. G0867.0-03 (Attachment A of the agenda item) to the Motorola contract as executed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for an amount not to exceed \$10,336; (3) authorize the CEO to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Motorola contract MTS Doc. No. G0867.0-03 (Attachment B of the agenda item) for change orders, in an amount not to exceed \$678,384, with an MTS cost of \$540,483 and North County Transit District (NCTD) cost of \$137,901; (4) authorize the CEO to execute Amendment No. 1 to MTS Doc. No. G0868.0-03 (Attachment C of the

agenda item), Fund Transfer Agreement with NCTD, for change orders in the amount of \$137,901 for a total adjusted amount not to exceed \$7,398,631 (Attachment D of the agenda item); and (5) authorize a contract contingency in the amount of \$100,000 and authorize the CEO to execute future contract amendments to not exceed that amount.

8. MTS: Transit Center Maintenance Contract (OPS 920.5, PC 50751)

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to execute Contract Amendment No. 5 to MTS Doc. No. B0299.0-02 (Attachment A of the agenda item) for a one-year option term with Calderon Building Maintenance, Inc. for transit center steam-cleaning services.

9. SDTC: Customer Information Project (OPS 960, PC 50553)

Recommend that the Board of Directors receive this report for information.

10. MTS: Audit Report – San Diego Trolley, Inc. Revenue (LEG 492, PC 50101)

Recommend that the Board of Directors receive the internal audit report on the SDTI revenue process (Attachment A of the agenda item).

11. MTS: Audit Report – The Transit Store (LEG 492, PC 50121)

Recommend that the Board of Directors receive the internal audit report on The Transit Store (Attachment A of the agenda item).

12. MTS: LRV Body and Paint Rehabilitation Services Agreement – Work Orders (OPS 970.6, CIP 11165)

Recommend that the Board of Directors (1) accept the assignment of the LRV Body and Paint Rehabilitation Services Agreement from SANDAG and (2) authorize the CEO to issue Work Order Nos. 06-01 and 06-02 to Carlos Guzman, Inc. for body and paint rehabilitation services on nine U2 LRVs and extraordinary bodywork services on LRVs, on an as-needed basis, for a total cost not to exceed \$346,500 and \$140,000, respectively.

13. MTS: Transportation Development Act Fund Reappropriation (FIN 340.3, PC 20201)

Recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 05-15 (Attachment A of the agenda item) to reappropriate the TDA Article 4.0 Capital Reserves for the City of Poway.

14. MTS: Toshiba Phone System Lease Agreement (CIP 10992)

Recommend that the Board of Directors ratify a lease agreement (Attachment A of the agenda item) between MTS and Toshiba America Information Systems, Incorporated for replacing and consolidating the phone systems at SDTC, SDTI, and MTS.

Recommended Consent Items

There was no discussion of Recommended Consent Items.

Recommended Board Discussion Items

There was no discussion of Recommended Board Discussion Items.

E. REVIEW OF SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Mr. Conan Cheung, MTS Director of Planning and Performance Monitoring, reported that the October 7, 2005, SANDAG Transportation Committee meeting had been cancelled.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Sharon Cooney: Mr. Jablonski recognized Sharon Cooney, who recently joined MTS as Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations.

APTA Annual Meeting & EXPO: Mr. Rindone stated that at least three major contractors featured SDTI's new S70 trolley vehicle in advertising and/or booths at the EXPO. He stated that San Diego's trolley system is well thought of and well known nationwide. Mr. Jablonski pointed out that Parsons Brinckerhoff also had a large display that featured this vehicle.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Adrienne Turner: Ms. Turner made complaints regarding MTS's response to damage that was done to her property. Mr. Jablonski stated that this item may result in potential litigation and, as such, qualifies for Closed Session and should not be discussed.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2005 in the Executive Conference Room.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Chairman

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet
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