

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

October 23, 2008

MTS
1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000, San Diego

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

Chairman Mathis called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Executive Committee member attendance is attached.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ewin moved approval of the minutes of the September 18, 2008, Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Emery seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 to 0 in favor.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no Committee Discussion Items.

D. RECOMMENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE BOARD CONSENT
AGENDA

In response to a question from Mr. Ewin, Ms. Sharon Cooney, Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations, explained that the funding being recommended for transfer from the CIP project for CCTV surveillance equipment to cover ticket vending machine reprogramming (Agenda Item No. D1) was being replaced by Homeland Security funding. She further explained that there are currently no other CCTV projects in the Capital Improvement Program for 2009. She stated, however, that MTS anticipates receiving both Proposition 1B and Homeland Security funds in 2009 that are specifically for security-related expenditures and could be used for the installation of additional surveillance systems.

1. MTS: Ticket Vending Machine Reprogramming (CIP 11166)

That the Executive Committee forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors to (1) authorize the CEO to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (in substantially the same form as Attachment A of the agenda item) with SANDAG for Ticket Vending Machine reprogramming; and (2) approve a fund transfer from Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 11166 – CCTV Surveillance Equipment to SANDAG's CIP 1145700 – Fare Technology (in substantially the form as shown on Attachment B of the agenda item – Budget Transfer Summary).

2. MTS: Increased Authorization for Legal Services – Law Offices of R. Martin Bohl LEG 491

That the Executive Committee forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the CEO to execute MTS Doc. No. G1072.2-07 (in substantially the same form as Attachment A of the agenda item) with the Law Offices of R. Martin Bohl for legal services and ratify prior amendments entered into under the CEO's authority.

Public Comment

Chairman Mathis explained that the Committee was simply approving the placement of Agenda Item Nos. D1 and D2 on the Board's Consent Agenda for October 30 but allowed Mr. Richard to make public comment.

Clive Richard: Mr. Richard asked about the implementation of the Compass Card project. Ms. Cooney reported that this program will be implemented on January 2 and will be phased in by the end of FY 2009. She stated that the Board agenda for October 30 includes an amendment to MTS's fare ordinance in order to incorporate this program. She added that SANDAG will be bringing a report on this item to its Transportation Committee in the near future. Ms. Cooney confirmed for Mr. Monroe that there will be an option for a 30-day rolling pass and added that paper passes will also still be available.

Action Taken

Mr. Ewin moved to approve placing Agenda Items D1 and D2 on the Consent portion of the October 30, 2008, Board agenda. Mr. Monroe seconded the motion, and the vote was 6 to 0 in favor.

E. REVIEW OF DRAFT OCTOBER 30, 2008, BOARD AGENDA

Recommended Consent Items

6. MTS: San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway Company Quarterly Reports and Ratification of Actions Taken by the SD&AE Railway Company Board of Directors at its October 10, 2008 Special Meeting (SDAE 710)

Recommend that the Board of Directors (1) receive the San Diego and Imperial Valley Railroad, Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association, and Carrizo Gorge Railway, Inc. quarterly reports (Attachment A of the agenda item); and (2) ratify actions taken by the SD&AE Railway Company Board of Directors at its Special Meeting on October 10, 2008.

7. MTS: State Transit Assistance (STA) Claims (FIN 340.2)

Recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 08-22 (Attachment A of the agenda item) approving fiscal year 2009 STA claims.

8. MTS: Office of Homeland Security Grant Applications (AG 210.9)

Recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 08-23 (Attachment A of the agenda item) authorizing the CEO to submit applications for fiscal year 2008-2009 California Transit Security Grant Program – State Transit Assistance Agencies funding.

9. MTS: Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account Funding (AG 210.9)

Recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 08-24 (Attachment A of the agenda item) authorizing the CEO to submit applications for fiscal year 2008-2009 California Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account – State Transit Assistance Agencies funding.

Recommended Consent Items

There was no discussion of the recommended Consent Items.

Recommended Board Discussion Items

There was no discussion of recommended Discussion Items.

F. REVIEW OF SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Ms. Cooney reported that the SANDAG Board of Directors would be discussing how recent market fluctuations are impacting SANDAG's financial statements during its meeting on Friday, October 24. In response to a question from the Executive Committee, Mr. Cliff Telfer, Chief Financial Officer, reported that sales tax revenues are now projected to decrease by four percent or \$7 million for MTS. He stated that MTS is currently \$5 million to \$6 million over budget in revenues and about \$1 million under budget in fuel expense, which will almost equal this revised projected shortfall in sales tax revenues. He cautioned that MTS revenues may decrease if ridership declines in response to lower fuel prices. Ms. Claire Spielberg, Chief Operating Officer – Transit Services, reported that MTS bus ridership is still up about 100,000 passengers per day or 12 percent. Chairman Mathis requested that staff make regular reports to the Board on transit ridership in response to the drop in fuel prices. Mr. Telfer added that the level of funding that will come from the state is still in question. He also reported that the information on the decrease in sales tax revenues was based upon sources other than SANDAG. He reported that he will be meeting with SANDAG finance personnel tomorrow to get their perspective on the impact of sales tax revenue projections on MTS's budget. Mr. Monroe requested that Mr. Telfer inform SANDAG staff that he will be asking questions about this matter at tomorrow's SANDAG Board meeting.

G. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Bayshore Bikeway: Mr. Cox thanked General Counsel Tiffany Lorenzen and CEO Paul Jablonski for their help in bringing everyone together toward the completion of this project. He stated that groundbreaking for the start of this project was held the previous Monday. He briefly discussed where this bikeway would be routed and reported that it will alleviate

the most dangerous bike route in San Diego. He added that the project would be completed by February 15.

Mr. Monroe stated that many bicycle riders will be riding to transit centers to connect with bus and trolley service and asked if MTS could accommodate these riders. Ms. Spielberg briefly discussed some new on-bus bike-rack equipment that is available to transit. Mr. Rindone stated that it may make more sense to provide bicycle-storage lockers at transit centers. Ms. Spielberg reported that France has a bicycle subscription program, and, under that program, passengers pick up a bike provided by the program at the beginning of their trip and leave the bike where they board public transportation or end their trip.

Pedestrian Bridge Over Harbor Drive: Chairman Mathis reported that the groundbreaking ceremony for the pedestrian bridge over Harbor Drive at Park Boulevard would be held at 10:30 a.m. He described how pedestrians will no longer be able to cross Park Boulevard at the bayside walkway.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

I. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., in the Executive Conference Room.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.



Chairman

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet
gail.williams/minutes

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM**

ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE) 10/23/08

CALL TO ORDER (TIME) 9:02 a.m.

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RECONVENE _____

CLOSED SESSION _____

RECONVENE _____

ADJOURN 9:24 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER (Alternate)	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
ATKINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Young) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:10 a.m. during AI E	
EMERY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cafagna) <input type="checkbox"/>		
EWIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Clabby) <input type="checkbox"/>		
MATHIS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
MONROE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (McLean) <input type="checkbox"/>		
RINDONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Emery) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:07 a.m. during AI D1	
ROBERTS <input type="checkbox"/> (Cox) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:07 a.m. during AI D1	

SIGNED BY OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Gail Williams

CONFIRMED BY OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL:

Jeff Blum