

JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS),
SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORPORATION (SDTC), AND
SAN DIEGO TROLLEY, INC. (SDTI)

October 30, 2008

MTS
1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000, San Diego

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Vice Chairman Rindone called the Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Board member attendance is attached.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Young moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2008, MTS Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Faulconer seconded the motion, and the vote was 8 to 0 in favor.

3. Public Comments

ARC Presentation: Matt Mouer, ARC Director, presented a plaque to MTS in recognition of its support of the ARC Program, which allows disabled people to become working members of society while cleaning buses for San Diego Transit. He stated that their work at San Diego Transit began four years ago under the direction of Ms. Claire Spielberg, Chief Operating Officer – Transit Services. Adam Rocksandich, who participates in this program, said “I love what you guys do for us, and I love my job”. Mr. Monroe extended his heartfelt sympathy to ARC for the recent loss of one of its employees in a pedestrian accident. Mr. Mouer stated that ARC appreciated the support of its MTS family during that time. Ms. Spielberg stated that ARC’s participation in this program would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 465.

Clive Richard: Mr. Richard stated that he was approached during the recent APTA Annual Meeting by a magazine editor who asked what MTS was doing to go “green.” Mr. Richard stated that he thought MTS was green. Mr. Richard also stated that he hoped all technical difficulties with the implementation of the Compass Card would be worked out before it is made available to the general public.

Dwight Davis: Mr. Davis suggested that trolleys have stickers that provide a phone number for security, that smoking areas be better defined so passengers don’t have to carry a tape measure to determine where the smoking area starts; and that Veolia operators be more knowledgeable regarding their routes and where they connect with other transit services.

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 No. 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 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.

10. MTS: Investment Report – September 2008 (FIN 300)

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

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

Recommend that the Board of Directors 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.

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

Recommend that the Board of Directors (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 – CCATV Surveillance Equipment to SANDAG's CIP 1145700 – Fare Technology (in substantially the same form as shown on Attachment B of the agenda item – Budget Transfer Summary).

Action on Recommended Consent Items

Mr. Emery moved to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12. Mr. Ewin seconded the motion, and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor.

Agenda Item No. 10 was pulled for discussion at Mr. Young's request.

In response to a question from Mr. Young, Mr. Tom Lynch, Controller, reported that restricted assets total \$158,000 (for debt service and capital support), and unrestricted assets total \$57,000. He added that of the total unrestricted assets, cash and cash equivalents total \$22 million. He further reported that the restricted assets are in a variety of secure investments. Mr. Young requested that future investment reports include a list of institutions used and the amounts held in each. Mr. Cliff Telfer, Chief Financial Officer, reported that these assets have not been affected by recent extreme market fluctuations. Mr. Telfer further advised Mr. Young that the only MTS assets affected by the changes in the market were the Pension Obligation Bonds.

Mr. Clabby moved to approve Consent Agenda Item No. 10. Mr. Emery seconded the motion, and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor.

CLOSED SESSION:

There were no Closed Session items.

NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

25. There were no noticed public hearings.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

30. MTS: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4, an Ordinance Establishing an MTS Fare-Pricing Schedule and an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 13, an Ordinance Regarding Prohibited Conduct Onboard Transit Vehicles and Prohibited Actions on or About a Transit Facility, Trolley Station, or Bus Stop (ADM 110.3)

Mr. Mark Thomsen, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that MTS is amending its ordinances to incorporate the Compass Card and to allow enforcement of Compass Card rules. Mr. Thomsen reviewed the changes, the implementation schedule, and the next steps.

Ms. Tiffany Lorenzen, General Counsel, read the titles of the ordinances as follows: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4, an Ordinance Establishing an MTS Fare-Pricing Schedule and an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 13, an Ordinance Regarding Prohibited Conduct Onboard Transit Vehicles and Prohibited Actions on or About a Transit Facility, Trolley Station, or Bus Stop.

Public Comment

Clive Richard: Mr. Richard stated that he is participating in the pilot program to test the Compass Card. He stated that the equipment that is used to tap on and tap off does not always work. He expressed concern about issuing citations to people who try to tap on or off but are unable to do so because of technical difficulties. He also pointed out that the sign at City

College is mislabeled as San Diego State University. Mr. Richard stated that he advised the project manager about the mislabeling of this sign.

Ms. Sharon Cooney, Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations, reported that this is SANDAG's project, and the pilot program is being used to identify and work out any technical difficulties. She stated that SANDAG has assured MTS that these problems will be worked out before the program is implemented. She stated that the Board will be kept apprised as this project proceeds and that MTS has reported problems as they have been discovered. Mr. Ewin requested that the Board be provided with information about the procedures that are set up to help passengers who are erroneously cited for not tapping on and off.

In response to a comment from Mr. Clabby regarding the cost of a ticket to special events, staff explained that the round-trip ticket has been eliminated but that passengers can purchase a Day Pass for the same price.

Action Taken

Mr. Ewin moved to (1) read the title of Ordinance No. 4, An Ordinance Establishing a Metropolitan Transit System Fare-Pricing Schedule and Ordinance No. 13, an Ordinance Regarding Prohibited Conduct Onboard Transit Vehicles and Prohibited Actions on or About a Transit Facility, Trolley Station, or Bus Stop; (2) waive further readings of the ordinances; (3) introduce the ordinances for further consideration at the next Board meeting on November 13; and (4) direct publication of an ordinance summary. Mr. Emery seconded the motion, and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor.

REPORT ITEMS:

45. MTS: Year-To-Date Operations Budget Status Report Through August 2008 (FIN 310)

Mr. Larry Marinesi, Budget Manager, reviewed revenue and expenses for FY 2009 through August 2008 compared to budget. He pointed out that energy expense, which increased during this time period, has now decreased to levels that are below budget. He reported that the spot price of diesel is now \$2.14 a gallon compared to budget at \$3.29, and compressed natural gas is now \$1.45 compared to budget at \$1.47. He also reviewed subsidy revenue projections for FY 2009 reporting that sales tax projections have dropped by \$5,145,000. He added that, if ridership stays at current levels, MTS should be able to cover this anticipated shortfall. Mr. Marinesi also reported that it is anticipated that sales tax revenues will not return to normal levels until 2011.

Mr. Monroe stated that he expected an answer during SANDAG's Board meeting on October 24, 2008, to his question about the impact of sales tax revenues on MTS's and NCTD's budget but was not provided with one. He stated that he specifically requested during the most recent Executive Committee meeting that staff notify SANDAG that he would be asking this question.

Ms. Cooney stated that discussions regarding the impact of sales tax revenue reductions will first be discussed with the Budget Development Committee. She advised the Board that the Governor has reopened the budget and another \$14 million in transit-related funds are at risk. She stated that MTS is going to trim expenses as much as it can in anticipation of these potential future shortfalls in funding.

Action Taken

Mr. Rindone moved to receive the MTS Year-to-Date Operations Budget Status Report through August 2008. Mr. McLean seconded the motion, and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor.

46. MTS: Transit Services Year-End Report (OPS 960.2)

Ms. Cooney reported that staff is planning on presenting the Annual Performance Monitoring Report at the November Executive Committee and Board meetings. She stated that a more detailed analysis of performance-related statistics will be presented at that time.

Mr. Jim Byrne, SDTC Director of Transportation, reviewed comparative FY 2007 and FY 2008 figures for ridership as well as revenue and expense elements. He provided the same type of data for operational-related elements. Mr. Byrne pointed out that lift boardings have increased from 20,000 per month in 2006 to 30,000 per month currently. He also reviewed customer complaint comparisons and information on the frequency of preventable accidents. Ms. Spielberg discussed maintenance performance at San Diego Transit and the negative impact on SDT of the cost of parts and the low Mean Distance Between Failure (MDBF) of older buses.

Ms. Spielberg stated that MTS's biggest challenge ahead is providing the capacity to deal with the increases in ridership that have been experienced recently.

Public Comment

Clive Richard: Mr. Richard stated that he would like to know how many lift deployments there were on paratransit services. Ms. Spielberg stated that during FY 2007 there were 107,568 lift deployments on fixed-route service and 78,172 on paratransit services.

In response to a question from Mr. Monroe, Ms. Spielberg stated that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) mandates a 12-year life for buses. She stated that MTS has 24 buses that were purchased in 1995 and 27 buses that were purchased in 1997. She stated that the articulated buses that were purchased in 2001, which are causing the most mechanical problems, cannot be officially retired until 2013. In response to a question from Mr. Ewin, Ms. Spielberg stated that there is no recourse if a bus series is found to be particularly problematic. She added, in response to a question from Mr. Monroe, that these were the only articulated buses that were available at the time of purchase. In response to a question from Mr. McClellan, Ms. Spielberg reported that SDTC needs to use all of its articulated buses in order to meet ridership demand and cannot let any of them "rest."

Mr. Monroe stated that MTS bus and contract service statistics should not be combined. Ms. Spielberg stated that the information could be provided that way. She stated that the statistics were combined as part of an effort to make the whole transit system as seamless as possible to MTS customers and in order to show the Board how well the entire system is performing. She also reported that SDTC is overseeing contract maintenance operations on a regular basis using a quality assurance system. Chairman Mathis requested that future reports show contract services and bus statistics separately.

Action Taken

Mr. McLean moved to receive a report for information. Mr. McClellan seconded the motion, and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor.

47. MTS: Rail Operations Year-End Report (OPS 960.2)

Mr. Wayne Terry, Chief Operating Officer – Rail, provided the Board with information on ridership, operating efficiency, and accidents (per 100,000 miles, by location, and by operator seniority). Mr. Terry pointed out that the majority of the accidents occur in Centre City and are minor in nature with no injuries. He reported that while SDTI accidents are low per 100,000 miles compared to other cities, staff was still alarmed when accidents increased in 2008 compared to 2006 and 2007. He stated that an auxiliary and specific retraining program was adopted, and as a result, SDTI has experienced the longest train miles without an accident in the history of SDTI. In response to a question from Mr. Ewin, Mr. Terry reported that the newest operators have the highest accident rates and that group consists of about 20 operators. In response to a question from Chairman Mathis, Mr. Terry explained that a number of methods are used to oversee train operators including observance by supervisors, audits, oversight by the PUC, and a recertification program. In response to a question from Mr. Young, Mr. Terry reported that operators who have a higher seniority number get better assignments but he didn't feel that would have a significant bearing on accident rates. In response to a question from Mr. Emery, Mr. Terry reported that only one operator was cited for a violation of the California Vehicle Code in connection with an accident during the fiscal year, and there were no injuries associated with that accident. Mr. Faulconer pointed out that the redevelopment of the C Street corridor should help considerably in reducing the number of accidents due to red light, stop sign, and illegal turn violations.

Mr. Terry then reviewed data on customer complaints, schedule adherence, lift service, special event service, and Centralized Train Control. He reported that CCTV systems can be used by train control operators to monitor activity at stations.

Mr. Terry also reviewed train miles between service failures, the status of the LRV Body Restoration and Painting Program, and the frequency of door failures. He also explained how iPods are being interfaced with existing systems on LRVs in order to provide a passenger announcement system. He pointed out that this system, which was developed in-house, will save SDTI \$581,286 over a commercial messaging system. He also briefly discussed a crossing-gate protection device that was developed in-house (cost savings of \$84,500) that causes the crossing gate to spring away when hit by a car.

Action Taken

Mr. Emery moved to receive a report for information. Mr. Clabby seconded the motion, and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor.

48. MTS: Route 28 Service on Shelter Island (SRTP 830)

This item was deferred.

60. Chairman's Report

NABI Articulated Buses: Chairman Mathis advised Board members that the first of 26 NABI compressed natural gas articulated buses had arrived and was parked outside for Board members to see. He stated that these buses replace 25 diesel coaches purchased in 1993 that have 12.5 million miles on them collectively. He added that the new buses are being purchased using Proposition 1B funds.

61. Audit Oversight Committee Chairman's Report

Mr. Ewin, Chairman of the Audit Oversight Committee, reported that Board members should have received a faxed draft of the minutes for its most recent meeting. He stated that the Executive Committee will be reviewing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report in November, and the report will then be forwarded to the Board.

62. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Cooney relayed Mr. Paul Jablonski's thanks for the good wishes and reported that he should be back at work soon.

63. Board Member Communications

Trolley: Mr. Monroe reported that Imperial Beach City Council Member Patricia McCoy e-mailed him about a problem she had with a recent trolley ride that was so crowded that people were unable to get out of the cars to get off at their respective stops. He stated that Ms. Cooney has talked to Ms. McCoy about her experience. Mr. McLean reported that late afternoon trips on the Blue Line are also very crowded. Chairman Mathis stated that he wished MTS had more trolley cars that could be put into operation. Mr. Terry stated that SDTI personnel monitor very closely in order to match passenger loads with the right size of train consists where possible but that SDTI cannot operate four-car trains downtown because of physical limitations related to the length of the trains and city blocks.

Economic Crisis: Mr. Young distributed a memo requesting that a report be made at a future Board meeting regarding how the current economic crisis is impacting MTS.

64. Additional Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

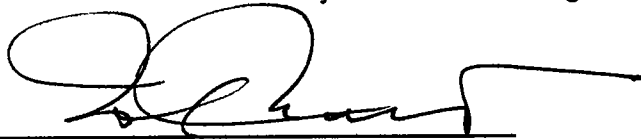
There were no additional Public Comments.

65. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Thursday, November 13, 2008.

66. Adjournment

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

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Chairperson
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

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Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

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**METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
ROLL CALL**

MEETING OF (DATE): 10/30/08

CALL TO ORDER (TIME): 9:03 a.m.

RECESS: _____

RECONVENE: _____

CLOSED SESSION: _____

RECONVENE: _____

PUBLIC HEARING: _____

RECONVENE: _____

ORDINANCES ADOPTED: _____

ADJOURN: 10:49 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER (Alternate)		PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
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CLABBY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Selby) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:06 a.m. during AI 3	
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FAULCONER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Hueso) <input type="checkbox"/>		
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YOUNG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Hueso) <input type="checkbox"/>		
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