

**JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS FOR THE
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS) AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT
AUTHORITY (SDCRAA)**

March 27 2008

**MTS
1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000, San Diego**

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Chairman Mathis called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Board member attendance is attached. San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Board members present were Chairman Alan Bersin, Bruce Boland, Jim Desmond, Jack Miller, Jim Panknin, Bob Watkins, and Tony Young.

2. San Diego International Airport Transit Plan and Proposed Airport Development

Chairman (MTS) Mathis stated that he was pleased to have the opportunity for the two boards to come together to discuss a matter vital to the Board – the effectiveness of the airport to meet the needs of the public as well as the ability of the transit that serves that airport to meet the needs of the public. He had each Board member introduce themselves.

Chairman Bersin stated that Authority Board members Charlene Zettel and Ramona Finilla were unable to attend the meeting. He stated that the Authority also has two ex officio members from the state, Pedro Orso-Delgado from CALTRANS and Ann Sheehan from the Department of Finance. He then introduced the President & CEO of the Authority, Thella Bowens, and General Counsel Bret Lobner. He reported that the Authority has recently entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with SANDAG, which is pending approval by the San Diego City Council. He stated that this represents a compromise among those agencies having involvement in Phase I (terminal development) of the Airport Master Plan in which there were certain differences of opinion about the legal standard to be applied under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). He added that the agencies decided they could continue to disagree about the legal standard under CEQA but, since there is a lag time between the certification of the Environment Impact Report (EIR) and the breaking of ground on any project, answers could be sought during that time for some of the long-term issues related to building out the airport on the north side. He said that answers should also be sought on how to integrate the airport and its ground transportation into a broader vision of regional ground transportation and how to relieve traffic on the main arteries of downtown San Diego. Chairman Bersin stated that he hoped the Boards could give direction jointly to staff to bring MTS into the planning process and stated that the Authority recently approved \$4.5 million to support this collaborative planning project. He stated that the Authority is hoping to be able to take a regional approach to these matters, and MTS needs to be a part of that discussion.

Chairman Bersin also stated that the Authority's Board has already approved an Airport Transit Plan developed, in part in concert between airport, MTS, SANDAG and other staffs. He stated that it is pending and, in light of this long-term planning effort going on, the Authority understands if the MTS Board wants to wait on some of the long-term matters such as

relocating trolley stops, building new trolley stops, etc. He stated that the Authority believes there are some short-term matters (Tiers I and II) that staff can bring back to the Boards that could represent the first actions realized as a result of the collaborative planning effort. He recapped the three parts of the presentation that Authority staff would be making and reported that the Multimodal Transportation Plan is really the subject matter of the multiagency planning effort. He stated that the objective of the plan is to pull together rail, auto, and trolley transportation for coming in and out of the airport but also to enhance regional transportation as a whole and improve downtown transportation.

Mr. Keith Wilschetz, Director of Airport Planning, reviewed the Authority's proposed Terminal Development Plan. He discussed the current level of activity at the airport and the need to expand the airport in order to meet demand. He reviewed the layout of the airport and proposed expansion projects. He also briefly discussed land and ground transportation uses as well as the possibility of intermodal transit centers.

Mr. Wilschetz then reviewed the Multimodal Transportation Plan. He reviewed project elements, project work flow, and development of the multimodal concept, for which they will need assistance from MTS. He stated that there are three advisory committees that are involved with the community input element of the project – the Executive Regional Steering Committee, the Technical Committee, and the Airport advisory Committee.

Mr. Ted Anasis, Manager of Airport Planning, provided information on the members of the Airport Transit Roadway Committee, the work completed by that committee to date, and the committee's recommendations to date. He also provided an outline of the Airport Transit Study and the plan timeline. He briefly reviewed issues with the existing transit service to the airport and the difficulties that passengers making multiple mode changes while traveling with luggage would experience. He reviewed recommended improvements to existing service, including the turning on of next-bus signs, which were installed in 2004. He also reviewed existing route changes and new bus routes that are being discussed and detailed the concept of Fly Away Locations. He stated that the Authority would ultimately like to see a trolley connection to the airport.

Chairman Bersin requested that MTS appoint some of its Board members to the Executive Regional Steering Committee. Chairman Bersin stated that most projects consist of endless planning and very little action. He suggested that staffs could work together to identify short-term transit improvements and get them implemented, thereby setting the example for a collaborative planning process.

Mr. Ewin expressed concern about how these things are going to be funded. Chairman Bersin suggested that the project be designed first and then funding could be pursued. He stated that Ms. Bowens has met with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) about what measures could be funded through airport funding. Ms. Bowens stated that the FAA expressed an interest in seeing the plan in more detail and that information has been submitted to them. She stated that she is unsure when a response will be received from the FAA.

In response to a question from Mr. Monroe, Mr. Jablonski stated that the necessary software that is part of the Automated Vehicle Locator portion of the new radio system needs to be installed before next-bus signs can be activated. In response to a question regarding the parking garage, Chairman Bersin stated that the construction of a parking garage is still in question. Mr. Monroe stated that SANDAG does not feel it should be involved in airport planning and that he disagrees with that approach, especially as it relates to land issues

associated with the property currently owned by the Marine Corp Recruiting Depot. Chairman Bersin stated that Admiral Boland, who sits on the Authority board, as well as Marine Commanding Officer Chris Connor, who will be sworn in shortly an ex officio member of the Authority Board, can help with military-related issues. Mr. Young briefly discussed the importance of the Board's role as a policy-making body, which facilitates the completion of work related to the planning process. He also stated that it is critical that adequate capacity be in place at the airport. Mr. Rindone discussed the importance of having an easy-access public transportation system to the airport. He stated that the top priority for transit patrons is easy access followed by adequate frequency of service. He stated that the presence of these two elements plays a very important role when people are making decisions about transportation options. He also felt that buses should have access to the parking garage. Mr. Wilschetz stated that that could certainly be considered. Mr. Rindone added that the other issue that will be important when airport patrons select transportation modes will be how often they have to handle their luggage.

Mr. Watkins expressed his appreciation for Mr. Rindone's comments regarding easy access and the handling of luggage. He requested that MTS staff give the Airport Authority Board an idea of what it would cost to bring rail directly to the airport – not as a 20-year project but as a 5-year project.

Chairman Bersin (1) directed staff to discuss the most efficient way for MTS to participate in the planning process and how to become a party to the MOA; (2) requested that MTS assign some of its Board members to the Executive Regional Steering Committee; and (3) directed staff at both agencies to bring back the following to the Board by June 30, 2008: Measures in Tier I and II that could be implemented, a cost analysis, and a potential funding plan.

Public Comment

Clive Richard: Mr. Richard stated that the concept of light rail access to the airport was first raised by Senator James Mills, who was the MTS Board's Chairman at one time.

Action Taken

Mr. Young moved that the MTS and San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Boards of Directors receive a report on the: (1) Airport Transit Plan; (2) Terminal Development Program; and (3) Lindbergh Multimodal Transportation Plan. Mr. Ewin moved to second the motion, and the vote was 18 to 1 in favor, with Mr. Faulconer casting the dissenting vote.

3. Board Member Communications and Other Business

There were no board member communications or other business.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments under this section of the agenda.

5. Adjournment

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.



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Attachment: A. MTS Roll Call Sheet

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**METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
JOINT MEETING WITH SAN DIEGO REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
ROLL CALL**

MEETING OF (DATE): 3/27/08

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

RECESS: _____

RECONVENE: _____

CLOSED SESSION: _____

RECONVENE: _____

PUBLIC HEARING: _____

RECONVENE: _____

ORDINANCES ADOPTED: _____

ADJOURN: 10:34 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER	(Alternate)	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
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CLABBY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Selby) <input type="checkbox"/>		
EMERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cafagna) <input type="checkbox"/>		
EWIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Allan) <input type="checkbox"/>		
FAULCONER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Hueso) <input type="checkbox"/>		
LEWIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Hanson-Cox) <input type="checkbox"/>		
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MATHIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Vacant) <input type="checkbox"/>		
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MONROE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Downey) <input type="checkbox"/>		
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