

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

May 14, 2009

MTS  
1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000, San Diego

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Chairman Mathis called the Board meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Board member attendance is attached.

Honoring of Employee

Chairman Mathis presented a plaque to Debbie Bridge for her 30 years of service with MTS and expressed appreciation and congratulations.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ewin moved to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2009, MTS Board of Directors meeting. Mr. McClellan seconded the motion, and the vote was 10 to 0 in favor.

3. Public Comments

*Williams Watkins:* Mr. Watkins stated that the Vintage Trolley should travel into Pacific Beach and La Jolla. He stated that the rails are still there, and the car could easily handle the grades in that area.

*Clive Richard:* Mr. Richard made complimentary comments about the Comprehensive Operations Analysis but added that it was a little bit conservative. He stated there should have been a 7.5- to 10-minute network, but MTS could not afford that. He also suggested that MTS look at the value of the service it delivers instead of the cost. He stated that all agencies, from the state down, should ask what affect policy decisions have on the value of the services it provides.

4. MTS: Election of Chair Pro Tem (ADM 110)

Chairman Mathis advised Board members that the current Chair Pro Tem, Fred McLean, has withdrawn from the Board. He requested nominations from the floor for the Chair Pro Tem position.

Action Taken

Mr. Rindone nominated Tony Young for the position of Chair Pro Tem. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed. The vote was 10 to 0 in favor.

11. MTS: Audit Report – Security Process (LEG 492)

Recommend that the Board of Directors receive an internal audit report on MTS's security process.

12. MTS: Audit Report – SDTC Revenue Collection Process (LEG 492)

Recommend that the Board of Directors receive an audit report on the San Diego Transit Corporation revenue-collection process.

13. MTS: Investment Report – March 2009 (FIN 300)

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

14. MTS: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4, An Ordinance Establishing a Metropolitan Transit System 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)

Recommend that the Board of Directors (1) read the title of Ordinance No. 4 (Attachment A of the agenda item), An Ordinance Establishing a Metropolitan Transit System Fare-Pricing Schedule and Ordinance No. 13 (Attachment B of the agenda item), 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 ordinance; (3) introduce the ordinances for further consideration at the next Board meeting on May 28, 2009; and (4) direct publication of an ordinance summary.

15. MTS: Semiannual Uniform Report of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Awards or Commitments and Payments (LEG 430)

Recommend that the Board of Directors receive the Semiannual Uniform Report of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Awards or Commitments and Payments (Attachment A of the agenda item).

16. MTS: Acceptance of Donated PCC Car (ADM 110.3)

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to accept the donation of former Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority PCC Streetcar No. 2186 from the Museum of Transportation in St. Louis, Missouri.

Action on Recommended Consent Items

Mr. Ewin moved to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16. Mr. McClellan seconded the motion, and the vote was 10 to 0 in favor of Consent Items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 (Ordinance No. 13 only), 15, and 16. The vote was 8 to 2 for Consent Item No. 14 (Ordinance No. 4 Only), with Ms. Lightner and Mr. Gloria casting the dissenting votes.

CLOSED SESSION:

24. Closed Session Items (ADM 122)

**The Board convened to Closed Session at 9:17 a.m.**

- a. MTS: CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9(a) Balfour Beatty/Ortiz v. Metropolitan Transit System (Superior Court Case No. GIC 868963)
- b. MTS: CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to California Government Code section 54946.9(a): California Air Resources Board v. MTS

**The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:38 a.m.**

Oral Report of Final Actions Taken in Closed Session

Ms. Tiffany Lorenzen, MTS General Counsel, reported the following:

- a. The Board received a report.
- b. The Board received a report from outside counsel.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no Discussion Items.

REPORT ITEMS:

45. MTS: Update on San Diego Vintage Trolley (SDVTI), Inc. Activities (OPS 1000)

Chairman Mathis turned the chairmanship over to Mr. Rindone in order to provide an update to the Board on Vintage Trolley activities. Chairman Mathis referred to the handout Draft Business Plan and indicated that this document is very useful for answering most questions people might have about the project. He reviewed the history of this type of service in San Diego. He also stated that the concept of streetcars is experiencing a renaissance and showed photos of cars from cities that have reestablished historical-based trolley service. He stated that this service is popular with the public and helps to promote the use of public transit. He then reviewed the benefits of vintage trolley service.

Chairman Mathis also reviewed the particulars of two previous studies for the reestablishment of this type of service in San Diego and reported that both studies indicated that a separate infrastructure would be needed. He added that merchants in the Gaslamp Quarter, where this service was anticipated to run, were concerned about disruptions during construction. He reviewed the routing that had been selected for this pilot program and pointed out that the infrastructure already exists for this particular loop.

Chairman Mathis provided the Board with information on how SDVTI was formed, how it procured the three cars currently on-premise at MTS, and showed slides of refurbishment activities that are currently underway. He stated that the lead car, Car No. 529, will be

refurbished first and will be used for promotional activities to generate funding for the remainder of the project. He also explained that these cars will be accessible to the handicapped as mandated by the Federal Transit Administration and that the type of lift that will be installed has already been tested. He provided information on the paint scheme for the cars and stated that the operators will wear the uniform similar to those worn when the service was originally provided in San Diego. He stated that the operators would be provided by MTS and that each car would also have a volunteer conductor/docent onboard.

Chairman Mathis reviewed the funding that had been raised to date, in-kind donations that have been received, and how the funding has been used. He also reviewed how sponsorships could be developed.

Mr. Rindone stated that it will be an exciting day when this service begins.

#### Action Taken

Mr. Young moved to receive a report from the Chairman of the San Diego Vintage Trolley, Inc. Board on actions taken to date by that Board. Mr. Ewin seconded the motion, and the vote was 9 to 0 in favor.

47. MTS: Compass Card Implementation (CIP 11457)  
***(Taken Out of Order)***

Mr. James Dreisbach-Towle, SANDAG Project Manager for this program, reported that the kick-off event for the launch of the Compass Card program was held May 1. He added that paper passes were replaced with the Compass Card on the Coaster and Premium Express routes at that time. He stated that there were some minor issues, one of which was the high call volume to the 501 Compass Card Call Center. He reported that staffing changes will be made in order to accommodate increased volumes that are anticipated when the remaining 60,000 customers are converted to Compass Card. He stated that the majority of the callers wanted to register their Compass Card. He stated that they are currently upgrading the system to allow a web management feature so that customers can register their cards on-line. He stated that should be ready in June.

Mr. Driesbach-Towle also reported that there are currently 175 third-party outlets selling passes. He stated that these outlets will be replaced by an exclusive two-year contract with Vons grocery stores to sell Compass Cards at 56 of their stores starting June 20. He stated that SANDAG and MTS will receive \$800,000 from Vons for cobranding on Compass Card marketing materials. Mr. Driesbach-Towle showed Compact Point of Sale hardware that will be installed in each of the Vons and reported that they will be including high-volume stores in low-income areas in order to meet Title VI requirements. He also reported that it will take two to three months to complete the installation of equipment in all of the stores. He added that some of the \$800,000 will be used to purchase this equipment for installation. In response to a question from Mr. Young, he reported that the agencies will meet to discuss how to use the remainder of the \$800,000.

Mr. Driesbach-Towle reported that staff members have been serving as Ambassadors at the stations since the initial roll out of the Compass Card. He stated that, thanks to Mr. Roberts' assistance, the Workforce Partnership will be using economic stimulus funding to provide MTS with 300 youth Ambassadors.

In response to a question from Mr. Young, Mr. Driesbach-Towle confirmed that no Point of Sale equipment would have to be bought for the next two-year contract. Mr. Young stated that this is the type of innovative thinking that agencies need to pursue. Mr. Jablonski reported that not only will Vons' be paying \$800,000, but MTS will no longer have to pay a commission fee to the outlets that were previously selling the paper passes. Mr. Roberts suggested that the Board convey thanks to Vons for participating in this program. He stated that is always good to demonstrate that public officials are "tuned in." Mr. Rindone suggested that advertising for the Compass Card identify it as a transit pass until customers understand that's what it is and that this information be printed in bold letters.

Mr. Rindone reported that he made remarks about the Compass Card at a recent San Diego Symphony Pops concert and was inundated with questions and positive comments afterward. He stated that it was an older demographic of people who attended the concert, and he was surprised as their interest in this technology.

In response to a question from Mr. Young, Mr. Driesbach-Towle reported that they are already having discussions with the U.S. Navy to explore the possibility of using the card to get credits for car and van pools. Mr. Young stated that MTS has a captive audience that merchants would like to reach, and MTS should take advantage of that. Mr. Roberts stated that the Compass Card has enormous potential.

#### Action Taken

Mr. Young moved to receive a status report on development and implementation of the Compass Card fare system. Mr. Gloria seconded the motion, and the vote was 10 to 0 in favor.

#### 46. MTS: Zero-Emission Bus Program (CIP 11457)

Ms. Sharon Cooney, Director of Government Affairs, reviewed the background and elements of the Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) Regulations passed in 2000. She added that CARB has extended the deadline date for following these regulations to 2012 in order to allow the technology to adequately develop. She stated that ZEB buses are extremely expensive, require more infrastructure, have durability issues, and are not as reliable. She added that CARB will be reviewing this program in July during a meeting in San Diego and will be proposing amendments. She added that it is hoped that CARB will approve alternatives, such as low-emission buses, that transit operators can use to achieve similar emission reductions. She stated that MTS is currently testing an electric-hybrid compressed natural gas. She added that it is still a costly alternative.

#### Action Taken

Mr. Young moved to receive a report on the California Air Resources Board Zero-Emission Bus Requirements. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, and the vote was 10 to 0 in favor.

#### 48. MTS: Service Performance Monitoring Report for January Through March 2009 (S RTP 825)

Ms. Cooney reported on performance statistics for July through March of FY 2009. She reviewed year-to-date results for various ridership categories, passengers per in-service hours, on-time performance, preventable accidents, complaints per 100,000 passengers, bus in-service hours/miles, and peak vehicle requirement. She reported that the statistical model that SANDAG is using is flawed as it relates to trolley ridership. She stated that once the model is

adjusted to account for the introduction of Day Passes, trolley ridership numbers should return to previous levels. Ms. Cooney reported that preventable accidents for MTS Contract Bus have gone down substantially because they were previously counting all accidents, not just preventable accidents. Ms. Cooney pointed out that three trolley cars have been added to the early morning service coming into San Diego from San Ysidro in order to meet demand, and Mr. Rindone pointed out that these trains are still full.

In response to a question from Mr. Ewin, Ms. Claire Spielberg, Chief Operating Officer – Transit Services, reported that preventable accidents for MTS Bus have gone up slightly because of the number of new operators that have been hired to replace those who are retiring. She stated that MTS Bus is undertaking a retraining program to address this issue. Mr. Paul Jablonski, MTS CEO, reported that while FY 2009 statistics for this performance indicator are slightly up from FY 2008, there has been a dramatic decrease in this statistic over the last few years. Mr. Ewin requested that he be provided with the number of accidents in this category.

Action Taken

Mr. Ewin moved to receive a report for information. Mr. McClellan seconded the motion, and the vote was 9 to 0 in favor.

60. Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's Report.

61. Audit Oversight Committee Chairman's Report

Mr. Ewin stated that the next Audit Oversight Committee meeting would be held on June 4, 2009.

62. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Jablonski reported that he recently attended the APTA Bus and Paratransit Conference in Seattle and attended meetings related to operating matters. He stated that there was a strong emphasis on bus rapid transit issues. He also stated that he met with MTS's current bus manufacturer, New Flyer, as well the manufacturer of the MTS's electric-hybrid compressed natural gas bus, ISE.

63. Board Member Communications

There were no Board Member Communications.

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, May 28, 2009.

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*Funding Transfers:* In response to a question from Mr. Young, Mr. Jablonski stated that there are a number of options for exchanging funding from various sources through SANDAG. He stated that this topic will be discussed at the next Budget Development Committee meeting.

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There were no additional Public Comments.

65. Next Meeting Date

Chairman Mathis reported that the Finance Workshop scheduled for May 28, 2009, has been cancelled but the regularly scheduled Board meeting will occur on that day - Thursday, May 28, 2009.


66. Adjournment

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



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): 5/14/09

CALL TO ORDER (TIME): 9:05 a.m.

RECESS: \_\_\_\_\_

RECONVENE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSED SESSION: 9:17 a.m.

RECONVENE: 9:38 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: \_\_\_\_\_

RECONVENE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCES ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

ADJOURN: 10:49 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER	(Alternate)	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
BOYACK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cunningham) <input type="checkbox"/>		
EWIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Allan) <input type="checkbox"/>		
FAULCONER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Emerald) <input type="checkbox"/>		10:30 a.m. during AI 45
GLORIA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Emerald) <input type="checkbox"/>		
LIGHTNER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Emerald) <input type="checkbox"/>		
MATHIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Vacant) <input type="checkbox"/>		
MCCLELLAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Hanson-Cox) <input type="checkbox"/>		
MCLEAN	<input type="checkbox"/> (Janney) <input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OVROM	<input type="checkbox"/> (Woiwode) <input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RINDONE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Castaneda) <input type="checkbox"/>		
ROBERTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cox) <input type="checkbox"/>		10:37 a.m. during AI 48
RYAN	<input type="checkbox"/> (B. Jones) <input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SELBY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (England) <input type="checkbox"/>		
YOUNG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Emerald) <input type="checkbox"/>	10:14 a.m. during AI 47	
ZARATE	<input type="checkbox"/> (Parra) <input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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