

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

MINUTES

September 17, 2009

MTS
1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000, San Diego

A. ROLL CALL

Chairman Mathis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Executive Committee member attendance is attached.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rindone moved approval of the minutes of the July 9, 2009, Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Selby seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 to 0 in favor.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. MTS: Compass Card Implementation

James Dreisbach-Towle of the San Diego Association of Governments provided an update on the status of the Compass Card. Mr. Dreisbach-Towle stated that the Compass Card was implemented in May for Coaster and Premium Express bus services. He added that there was a major upgrade in the system to the backend and the software and extensive testing in the field.

Mr. Dreisbach-Towle stated that the goals for the Compass Card upgrade have been accomplished, and the system is optimal. He stated that North County Transit District (NCTD) and MTS meet weekly to strategize next steps, and plans include moving forward with increasing distribution. He added that approximately 10,000 Compass Cards have been issued.

Mr. Dreisbach-Towle reported that Vons is partnering with the agencies and is the exclusive grocery store selling Compass Cards. He added that some limited sales of the cards will be conducted at The Transit Store. Testing and outreach will continue, and progress will be reported regularly.

Mr. Dreisbach-Towle stated that the anticipated transition period of moving from paper monthly regional passes to Compass Cards is three to four months, and eventually they will also be sold from ticket vending machines.

MTS Chief Executive Officer Paul Jablonski added that the upgrade implemented a couple of weeks ago seems to have settled things down in the system quite a bit. Mr. Jablonski stated that staff is proceeding cautiously with testing the sale of Compass Cards to work out all of the issues. He added that the queue problem has been resolved wherein the system had been clogging up and not reading the cards. Mr. Jablonski informed members that staff will continue to report back regularly on the Compass Card program.

Mr. Dreisbach-Towle confirmed for Mr. Selby that Vons is the exclusive grocery store outlet and it has 56 stores. He added that Vons is not available everywhere and therefore ticket vending machines, The Transit Store, and five check-cashing stores are filling the gaps. Per Mr. Rindone's request, Mr. Dreisbach-Towle will provide the Executive Committee with a list of non-Vons sites that sell the Compass Card and also watch for any other potential gaps where there are no Vons stores within a reasonable distance for patrons. (Mr. Dreisbach-Towle added that the list of non-Von's sales outlets is also available on MTS's Web site.)

Action Taken

Mr. Rindone moved to receive a status report on development and implementation of the Compass Card fare system. Mr. Selby seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 to 0 in favor.

2. MTS: Blue Line Update

Mr. Jablonski informed members that staff has been very involved working with SANDAG and project consultants this summer on catenary, rail cars, and all other elements of the Blue Line Rehabilitation Project.

SANDAG Project Manager John Haggerty introduced Jim Neal, Program Manager with Parsons Brinkerhoff. Mr. Haggerty presented a PowerPoint on the LRT Rehabilitation and Low-Floor System Program Update. Mr. Haggerty's PowerPoint addressed conceptual estimates for the program, project team management and organization, and project design and issues. Mr. Haggerty discussed improvements needed on the Blue, Orange, and Green Lines for the project in addition to funding and progress to date. Mr. Haggerty also reviewed procurement negotiations with Siemens for the new low-floor Ultrashort S70 (S70US) LRVs, including issues to be resolved and changes to the cars' interiors (seating orientation, fabrics, and other minor upgrades).

Mr. Haggerty stated that the total budget for the Blue Line Rehabilitation Project is conceptually estimated at \$603 million. He added that this project will be bigger than the Mission Valley East trolley extension project, and it can be tracked on SANDAG's "Dash Board" publication.

Mr. Roberts expressed concern regarding wasting funding for improvements or relocation of tracks and catenary due to all of the unresolved issues on C Street. Mr. Jablonski responded that the City of San Diego and Centre City Development

Center (CCDC) have identified the costs of their preferred plan but are about \$70 million short. Mr. Jablonski stated that MTS wants to do minimal improvements in the interim, which wouldn't hold up the Blue Line Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Mathis added that everything is being done to minimize costs in plans to deal with the C Street issues. In regard to soliciting bids for the project, Mr. Roberts cautioned against over tightening contractor qualifications as it could narrow the field and lessen competition.

Mr. Haggerty confirmed for Mr. Roberts that Siemens will have project management oversight and agreed to provide the Executive Committee with consultant cost estimates. Executive Committee members would like Mr. Haggerty to be dedicated full-time to managing the project.

Mr. Rindone stated his support for this project. He described the traffic congestion and gridlock on E and H Streets in Chula Vista and the need to encourage SANDAG to move forward with this project while ensuring that costs are not being duplicated.

Wayne Terry, Chief Operating Officer Rail, gave a PowerPoint presentation on contract negotiations for the procurement of new Siemens S70US LRVs. Mr. Terry reviewed progress to date, minor issues to be resolved, and a few interior changes. He showed an industry cost comparison and vehicle pricing.

Mr. Jablonski added that negotiations have gone well and will hopefully be complete by next week. He stated that staff is following federal guidelines to be compliant in case federal funding becomes available. He noted that is not an action item, but staff wants to bring it to the Board to give Mr. Jablonski the latitude to sign the contract.

The Executive Committee discussed the differences between the old cars and the new S70 Ultrashort cars, including money-saving features, compatibility on C Street, and increased LRV capacity.

Mr. Jablonski stated that since the agency consolidation, there have been issues with SANDAG in project management; however, this project has an integrated project management team, and MTS is the team leader. In addition, MTS is piggybacking with Utah Transit Authority on the LRV procurement process and is saving \$.5 million by doing so. He added that this is also the first time that Operations and Maintenance staffs have been involved in specification changes and negotiations and, therefore, there will be a much better product at a competitive price.

Public Comments

Clive Richard – Mr. Richard stated that he is happy to see all of the agencies working together. He is convinced that the new LRVs will decrease dwell time and impacts to service, and he supports this project.

Action Taken

Mr. Rindone moved to receive a report for information and provide comments.
Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

3. MTS: South Bay and East County Facilities Update

Claire Spielberg, MTS Chief Operating Officer-Transit, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the South Bay and East County Facilities conceptual plan. Ms. Spielberg stated that the project managers include Anthony Podegracz with Kimley-Horn, Pete d'Ablaing with SANDAG, and Jeff Codling and Dan McCaslin with MTS.

Ms. Spielberg reviewed the existing site and expansion requirements, including property acquisition, construction, security, and funding for the South Bay and East County Facilities. Mr. Podegracz described the four phases of the Master Plan Build-out (as outlined in the PowerPoint).

Discussion ensued regarding capacity issues at the East County Maintenance Facility and how the proposed plan addresses those issues.

Action Taken

Mr. Rindone moved to receive a report on the South Bay and East County facilities.
Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

4. MTS: Sorrento Valley Coaster Connection Update

MTS Planner Brent Boyd reviewed a PowerPoint presentation updating the status of the Sorrento Valley Coaster Connection pilot service. Mr. Boyd described the service changes/reductions that were implemented since March 2009 and the ridership impacts from those changes. He stated that NCTD has agreed to pay MTS the difference in fare revenue (approximately \$5,000 per month) in exchange for MTS waiving the \$1 per-trip fare that was implemented on Sorrento Valley Coaster Connection services.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost of the service and evaluating future service. Staff will give an update in October.

Action Taken

Mr. Selby moved to receive a report on the Sorrento Valley Coaster Connection services. Mr. Rindone seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

5. MTS: Automatic Passenger Counters for Light Rail Data Collection

MTS Planner Devin Braun described some major issues with the accuracy of SANDAG's ridership estimates and the methodology used in compiling the data. He explained the importance of accurate estimates in relation to funding and service levels. Mr. Jablonski added that SANDAG's estimated ridership totals are probably much less than the actual passenger counts.

Mr. Braun presented information on Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs). He described the technology, data sampling plan, specifications/request for proposals, and funding associated with purchasing the APCs.

Mr. Braun agreed to return to the next meeting with information regarding longevity and maintenance of the APCs versus a return on MTS's funding from implementation.

Public Comments

Clive Richard – Mr. Richard stated that it would be great to have accurate ridership numbers and strongly supports the purchase of APCs.

Action Taken

Mr. Rindone moved to receive a report on Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs) as a tool for data collection for trolley operations. Mr. Selby seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

D. REVIEW OF DRAFT SEPTEMBER 24, 2009, BOARD AGENDA

Recommended Consent Items

6. MTS: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Approval of FY 10 Goals for Publication

Action would approve the proposed disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) goals for FY 10 and authorize staff to publish a notice of these proposed goals for public information and comments.

7. MTS: South Bay Bus Maintenance Facility Acquisition Project Right-of-Way Services

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order No. 09.01.01 to MTS Doc. No. G1246.0-09 with David Evans and Associates, Inc. pfor right-of-way services as required for the expansion of the South Bay Bus Maintenance Facility.

8. MTS: Resistor Blower Motor Control Systems - Contract Award

Action would authorize the CEO to execute MTS Doc. No. L0890.0-09 with Sloan Electromechanical Service & Sales for a one-time purchase of 54 resistor blower motor conversion systems (which includes 2 spares) for light rail vehicles (LRVs).

9. MTS: Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) Overhaul - Contract Award
Action would authorize the CEO to execute MTS Doc. No. L0894.0-09 for a five-year contract with Ram Industrial Services, Inc. to overhaul light rail vehicle (LRV) heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) units.
10. MTS: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Station Janitorial Maintenance - Contract Award
Action would authorize the CEO to execute MTS Doc. No. G1257.0-09 with Prizm Janitorial Services for a three-year base period with 2 one-year options for janitorial services at the Sabre Springs, Rancho Bernardo, and Del Lago bus rapid transit (BRT) stations.
11. MTS: Investment Report - July 2009
Action would receive a report for information.
12. MTS: State Transit Assistance Claims
Action would adopt Resolution No. 09-22 approving the revised fiscal year (FY) 2009 State Transit Assistance (STA) claims.

Recommended Consent Items

There was no discussion regarding Consent items.

Recommended Board Discussion Items

Mr. Jablonski clarified for Ms. Lightner that a follow-up report on the SuperLoop will go to the Board in October.

E. REVIEW OF SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

There was no report.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Selby described a graffiti-tracking program that the City of Lemon Grove is using in coordination with the Sheriff's Department. He noted that in just a few months, the results have been dramatic, and that it is an excellent program to identify and prosecute taggers.

Mr. Jablonski informed members that Gail Williams has been taking medical leave and might possibly have surgery; he will keep the Executive Committee apprised of her status. Mr. Jablonski also reported that Sharon Cooney recently adopted a baby and is out on maternity leave.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

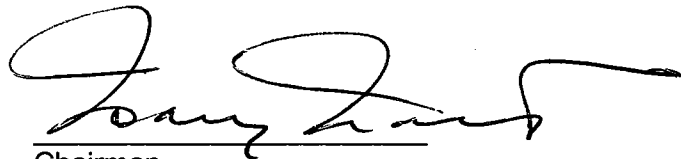
No public comments.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joey Mathis", written over a horizontal line.

Chairman

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Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM**

ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE) September 17, 2009

CALL TO ORDER (TIME) 9:00 a.m.

RECESS None

RECONVENE ---

CLOSED SESSION None

RECONVENE ---

ADJOURN 11:09 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER (Alternate)	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
LIGHTNER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Young) <input type="checkbox"/>		
MATHIS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Imperial Beach Rotated to Chula Vista		
RINDONE (VC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Young - CPT) <input type="checkbox"/>		
ROBERTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cox) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:11 a.m. (during C2)	
SELBY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Ryan) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Transportation Committee Rep Slot (Mathis)		

SIGNED BY OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD Jan Gardetto for Gail Williams

CONFIRMED BY OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL: [Signature]