

JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE  
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS),  
SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORPORATION (SDTC), AND  
SAN DIEGO TROLLEY, INC. (SDTI)  
1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000  
San Diego, CA 92101

July 7, 2011

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

Chairman Mathis called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Executive Committee member attendance is attached.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ovrom moved for approval of the minutes of the June 2, 2011, MTS Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Young seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 to 0 in favor, with Mr. Minto absent from the vote.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Taxicab Committee Revised Guidelines Related to Membership (*Taken Out of Order*)

Mr. Jablonski explained that on June 23, 2011, the Board of Directors postponed a decision on proposed changes to the Taxicab Advisory Committee (TAC) Guidelines in order to consider placing additional driver representatives on the TAC. He stated that the Board directed staff to convene a special meeting of the TAC to receive its recommendation regarding possible inclusion of more driver representation and return to the Board at its regularly scheduled July 14, 2011, meeting. He mentioned that a TAC meeting was held on July 5, and the resulting recommendation is to expand the TAC to 19 members and essentially adding 2 additional lease drivers along with some specific parameters related to membership selection. He also stated that the Board meeting will incorporate a workshop that will cover the history of the TAC and TAC membership.

Chairman Mathis then opened the floor for Public Comments:

*Mikail Hussein* – Mr. Hussein is representing the United Taxi Workers of San Diego (UTWSD) and explained that at the July 5, 2011, special Taxicab Committee meeting, the staff proposal unanimously passed because the voting system is outnumbered by permit holders. He stated that if the TAC was going to be equal, the composition of the committee needs to be changed and now is the time to do so. He also stated that the TAC is the only organization that helps the taxi industry.

*Anthony Palmeri* – Mr. Palmeri is the President of the Yellow Radio Service and was involved in the creation of the TAC in 1989 appointed by Mayor Susan Golding. He supports staff's recommendation. He also mentioned that John Scott, MTS Taxicab Administration Manager, will be sworn in later this year as the President of the

International Association of Taxicab Regulators, which is very impressive. He explained that even when there was not any driver representation on the TAC, the committee always had the drivers' interest in mind because it is a business of supply and demand. He stated that permit holders do not make money unless taxicab drivers make money. He feels that the TAC is fair to all, and this is not a one-sided scenario.

*Alex Gebreselassie* – Mr. Gebreselassie is a member of the TAC and stated that the interest of the TAC is to protect the integrity of the taxi business. He stated that there is equal representation through the permit holders as their voices speak to protect their business. He explained that the driver-to-permit-holder relationship is a win-win and lose-lose as a permit holder does not make money unless the car is in motion. He explained that there are many members who are in favor of the staff recommendation (and approximately 30 individuals in the room stood up in unison to show their support).

*Peter Zschiesche* - Mr. Zschiesche is with the Employee Rights Center and stated that his group has been working with taxicab drivers for a year and half. He feels it is a good thing that owners want to speak for drivers but feels that the American way is to let one speak for themselves. He stated that the addition of drivers to the TAC would be a good thing. Mr. Zschiesche also commented that if the TAC recommendation is to require leased driver membership with a minimum of 5 years' experience, than the permit holders should have at least 5 years of experience as well.

Mr. Young stated that while he appreciates staff working on this item, his recommendation is to move forward without staff recommendation so the Board of Directors can receive all the information and make a decision. He explained that he was not at the Public Safety & Neighborhood Safety (PS&NS) meeting and did not have the opportunity to review minutes from the special TAC meeting; therefore, he cannot review any justification for recommendations made.

Mr. Roberts explained that he was not in attendance at the June 23, 2011, Board meeting and stated that there has always been controversy surrounding the TAC. He commented that he did not see a huge opposition to the TAC recommendation and felt comfortable passing on the recommendation to the Board.

#### Action Taken

Mr. Roberts moved to (1) receive a report regarding the July 5, 2011, special meeting of the Taxicab Committee regarding proposed revisions of the Taxicab Committee's guidelines; and (2) forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors for revisions to the Taxicab Committee Guidelines. Mr. Ovrom seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 to 1 with Mr. Young opposed.

#### 1. Trolley Rehabilitation Project Update

Wayne Terry, Chief Operating Officer – Rail, and Jim Neal the Program Manager for the Blue Line Project gave the Committee an update on the Trolley Rehabilitation project. Mr. Neal talked about the schedule of work stating that vehicles are going to be delivered ahead of schedule. He talked about the budget status and the expenditure plan. He then discussed the project status related to design and construction and mentioned that all contractors hired to date are local contractors. Mr. Neal briefly talked

about the construction progress banana curves for the contact wire project and the fiber-optic project.

Mr. Terry mentioned the construction work that is taking place at the Imperial Terminal Station (Bayside) and the Washington Street Station. Mr. Jablonski mentioned that the trees at the Imperial Station were breaking up the concrete, and the original plan was to save the trees; however, an arborist gave the trees less than a 50% chance of survival so they will be replaced with Chinese Elms that will create even more canopy cover than originally planned. Mr. Terry then went on to explain the project status related to vehicle design and production and stated that the first car will be shipped to San Diego in the next couple of weeks. Lastly, Mr. Terry stated that the July 14, 2011, Board meeting will hold a Public Hearing on tactile-warning pavers to follow requirements from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Action Taken

Mr. Minto moved to receive a report for information. Mr. Ovrom seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

D. REVIEW OF DRAFT JULY 14, 2011, JOINT BOARD AGENDA

Recommended Consent Items

6. Caltrans Mass Transportation Program Master Agreement for State-Funded Projects

Action would adopt Resolution No. 11-11 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designated representative to execute Master Fund Transfer Agreement A0041 A01 with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

7. Cuyamaca/Gillespie Field Airplane Damage Repairs

Action would authorize the CEO to reimburse SANDAG for invoices upon receipt related to Cuyamaca/Gillespie Field airplane damage repairs.

8. Investment Report - May 2011

Action would receive a report for information.

9. SANDAG FY 2012 Budget Amendment - Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Car Wash Replacement and Substation SCADA Design

Action would authorize the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to amend its FY 2012 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget and transfer \$200,000 from CIP 1144000 (Substation SCADA Design) to CIP 1128600 (LRV Car Wash Replacement).

10. Sorrento to Miramar Double-Track Project Phases 1 and 2 - Addendum to Master MOU with SANDAG and NCTD

Action would authorize the CEO to execute MTS Doc. No. G0930.16-4 to the Master Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Diego Association of Governments

(SANDAG) and the North County Transit District (NCTD) to define project-related responsibilities for the Sorrento to Miramar Double-Track Project Phases 1 and 2.

Recommended Consent Items

Mr. Jablonski mentioned that three additional consent items were not ready in time for the Executive Committee agenda.

E. REVIEW OF SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

There was no SANDAG Transportation Committee agenda discussion.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Mathis stated that he went to visit Siemens and see the new vehicles in production yesterday and complimented the overall look of the vehicles as well as the led lighting features.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Lorraine Leighton* – Ms. Leighton stated that there were 8-10 taxicabs parked at the El Cajon station over weekend when the limit posted is six and wanted to know why they keep exceeding the limit.

*Margo Tanguay* – Ms. Tanguay is the leased driver representative on the TAC and stated that Councilmember Alvarez feels that 19 members on the TAC is a “herd of cats.” She stated that she is happy to see the addition. She also stated that she likes the look of the new trolleys.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONTINUED) (*Taken Out of Order*)

**The Executive Committee convened to Closed Session at 10:07 a.m.**

3. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6 Agency-Designated Representative – Jeff Stumbo; Employee Organization – Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1309 (ATU)

**The Executive Committee reconvened to open Session at 10:49 a.m.**

Oral Report of Final Actions Taken in Closed Session

Karen Landers, MTS General Counsel, reported the following:

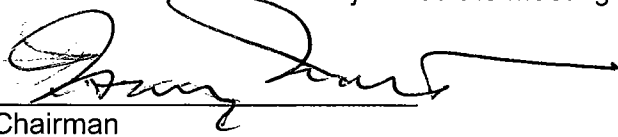
3. The Committee received a report and gave direction to staff.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Committee Conference Room.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.



Chairman

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM**

ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE) July 7, 2011

CALL TO ORDER (TIME) 9:04 AM

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RECONVENE \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSED SESSION 10:07 AM

RECONVENE \_\_\_\_\_

ADJOURN 10:50 AM

BOARD MEMBER (Alternate)	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
YOUNG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Lightner) <input type="checkbox"/>		
MATHIS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
OVROM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Janney) <input type="checkbox"/>		
ROBERTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cox) <input type="checkbox"/>		
MINTO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cunningham) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:13 AM	
Transportation Committee Rep Slot (Mathis)		

SIGNED BY OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD:

Valerie Vizkeletti

CONFIRMED BY OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL:

Blair Cade