

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

September 8, 2011

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. Young moved for approval of the minutes of the August 11, 2011, MTS Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Ovrom seconded the motion, and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Airport Taxicab Trip Fee

Sharon Cooney, Chief of Staff, gave the Committee a presentation on the Airport Taxicab Trip Fee. She talked about the history of the taxicab trip fee, the current rates of fare in San Diego, and the taxicab rates of fare in practice. She explained that staff analyzed five different alternatives for implementing the airport taxicab trip fee, and she provided an outline of each alternative.

Ms. Cooney also gave an overview of the proposed staff recommendations.

Airport staff was present and stated their opposition to indemnifying MTS.

Public Comment

*Kamran Hamidi* – Mr. Hamidi expressed his opinion that uniform rates for taxicabs be instituted. He stated that if rates are not uniform, passengers would search the curb to find a taxi with the lowest fares. He feels that it is in the best interest of MTS to move to uniform rates or else it would look like MTS was doing a special favor for the airport.

*Tony Hueso* – Mr. Hueso stated that permit holders are facing astronomical fees already in tough economical times, and he is not in favor of a uniform rate. He feels that the taxicab industry should be sensitive to the needs of the clientele and does not want to be perceived as opportunists. He stated that businesses will not survive if fees continue to increase.

*Margo Tanguay* – Ms. Tanguay feels that freezing rates at a \$3.00 flag fee would be a compromise. She stated that if permit holder fees increase then leases would also go up and would in turn become unaffordable. She stated that some drivers have to pay an extra \$10 per day just to work the airport.

Staff Recommendation

Action would forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors to direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to write a letter to the San Diego County Regional Airport

Authority (SDCRAA) asking that it assess the airport taxicab trip fee on the newly established taxicab associations; or

- ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION -

Authorize the CEO to initiate changes to MTS Ordinance No. 11 to permit the placement of a decal and the collection of the airport trip fee by the driver contingent on SDCRAA's indemnification and defense of MTS and the cities of San Diego, Imperial Beach, Poway, El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, and Santee for any legal challenges that may arise from this action.

Action Taken

Mr. Roberts moved to direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to write a letter to the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA) requesting indemnification and defense of MTS and the cities of San Diego, Imperial Beach, Poway, El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, and Santee for any legal challenges that may arise from taking further action to amend MTS Ordinance No. 11 and allow taxi drivers to pass on the trip fee to passengers. In the event SDCRAA refuses to take such action, Mr. Roberts identified an alternative action of considering a uniform rate contingent on MTS conducting a fare study. Mr. Young seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

D. REVIEW OF DRAFT SEPTEMBER 15, 2011, JOINT BOARD AGENDA

Recommended Consent Items

6. Proposed 2011/2012 Internal Audit Plan

Action would approve the proposed 2011/2012 Internal Audit Plan.

7. Compass Card Back-Office Implementation and Commissions on Fare Media

Action would approve MTS Doc. No. G1248.2-09 for an interim agreement between the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), North County Transit District (NCTD), and MTS for shared responsibilities regarding Compass Card back-office implementation and commissions on fare media.

8. Handheld Readers and Software Development Services

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. G1406.0-12 with General Information Systems Limited (GIS) for handheld reader units (HHUs) and charging-station software development services.

9. Investment Report - July 2011

Action would receive a report for information.

10. E-Procurement Services - Contract Amendment

Action would authorize the CEO to: (1) execute MTS Doc. No. G1305.2-10 with Planet Bids, Inc. for e-procurement services; and (2) exercise option years 1 through 3 at his discretion.

11. Bus Stop Maintenance - Contract Amendment

Action would authorize the CEO to execute MTS Doc. No. B0453.2-06 with Veolia Transportation to provide additional transit center power-washing services effective October 1, 2011.

12. Fare-Collection Software Upgrades - Sole-Source Contract Award

Action would authorize the CEO to execute MTS Doc. No. G1408.0-12 with Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc. for fare-collection software upgrades to the trolley ticket vending machines (TVMs) and bus fareboxes.

13. Janitorial Services for MTS Buildings and LRV Fleet

Action would authorize the CEO to execute MTS Doc. No. G1387.0-11 with NMS Management, Inc. for janitorial services at MTS buildings and for the light rail vehicle (LRV) fleet.

Discussion on Recommended Consent Items

The Committee recommended that Consent Item No. 12 be brought to the Board as a discussion item at the September 15, 2011, Board of Directors meeting.

E. REVIEW OF SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

John Haggerty of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) gave the Committee a brief update on the Blue and Orange Line Improvement Corridor. He talked about the current approved budget of \$455.2 million and the estimated completion budget of \$552 million, a \$96.8 million increase. He explained that the Plan of Finance and Budget Changes will be presented at the SANDAG ITOC meeting on September 14, the MTS Board on September 15, the SANDAG Transportation Committee on September 16, and finally to the SANDAG Board on November 18. He also explained the budgeted program scope and the reasons for the budget increase for completion.

The Committee members provided feedback on how the increase in budget should be presented to SANDAG for approval.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Roberts congratulated staff on the Mid-Coast project entering preliminary engineering. He also mentioned that Mendoza Argentina staff made a visit to San Diego for training and that their start up is scheduled for December.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Kamran Hamidi* – Mr. Hamidi requested that the Sherriff's office hold a place as an ex-officio member on the MTS Taxicab Advisory Committee.

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

**The Executive Committee convened to Closed Session at 11:00 a.m.**

- 2a. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a): The United States of America v. 1.31 Acres of Land (Case No. 11cv0949 JLS [POR]); and The United States of America v. 0.537 Acres of Land (Case No. 11cv0952 L [BGS])
- 2b. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.8;  
Property: Rail Court and Traffic Circle at San Ysidro Intermodal Transit Center, San Diego, CA;  
Agency Negotiators: Karen Landers, MTS General Counsel; Tim Allison, Manager of Real Estate Assets; and Paul Jablonski, Chief Executive Officer;  
Negotiating Parties: Greyhound Lines Inc.;  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
3. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.8;  
Property: San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway Company Desert Line (Campo to Plaster City);  
Agency Negotiators: Karen Landers, General Counsel; Tim Allison, Manager of Real Estate Assets; and Paul Jablonski, Chief Executive Officer;  
Negotiating Parties: Carrizo Gorge Railway Co. (CZRY), Pacific Imperial Industries, LLC (PII), and San Diego and Imperial Valley (SD&IV) Railway Co.;  
Under Negotiation: Assignment of Desert Line rights and obligations and negotiation of new operating agreement and lease.
4. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.8;  
Properties: Encanto/62nd Street Trolley Station, San Diego, California (Assessor Parcel Nos. 549-071-18, 21, 38, and 39);  
Agency Negotiators: Karen Landers, General Counsel; Tim Allison, Manager of Real Estate Assets; and Paul Jablonski, Chief Executive Officer;  
Negotiating Parties: AMCAL Multi-Housing, Inc.;  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

**The Executive Committee reconvened to Open Session at 11:59 a.m.**

Oral Report of Final Actions Taken in Closed Session

Karen Landers, MTS General Counsel, reported the following:

- 2a. The Committee received a report and gave direction to staff.
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H. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Committee Conference Room.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

  
Chairman

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM**

**ROLL CALL**

MEETING OF (DATE) September 8, 2011

CALL TO ORDER (TIME) 9:04 a.m.

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RECONVENE \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSED SESSION 11:00 a.m.

RECONVENE 11:59 a.m.

ADJOURN 12:00 p.m.

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"/>	9:08 a.m.	
MINTO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cunningham) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:08 a.m.	
Transportation Committee Rep Slot (Mathis)		

SIGNED BY OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD:

Valerie Vizkeloti

CONFIRMED BY OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL:

Kathy Cande