

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS)
1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000
San Diego, CA 92101

May 23, 2013

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

Chairman Mathis called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Executive Committee member attendance is attached.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gloria moved for approval of the minutes of the April 11, 2013, MTS Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Trolley Renewal Update

John Haggerty of SANDAG provided a presentation on the Blue and Orange Line Improvement Corridor including Blue Line Crossover and Signaling, Rail Train, low floor program awards, Orange Line stations, Downtown stations, traction power substation installation, traction power substation site acquisition, Blue Line station construction and Light Rail procurement status and completion dates.

Mr. Mathis questioned regarding the Union Pacific Railroad traction power substation site acquisition. Karen Landers, General Counsel answered that MTS has had difficulty in meeting with the other side and it did not appear to be a priority to them as it is to MTS.

Paul Jablonski, Chief Executive Officer advised a secondary issue is the implementation of the transit station on Navy property located on 8th street in National City. MTS requested parking lot space to put in a transit center. There have been significant issues in obtaining the requested location. The transit center implementation may have to be excluded from the contract until almost complete, therefore Transit center could be delayed by 2 years and cost more.

Mr. Roberts inquired regarding County Center work and relocation. Mr. Haggerty advised there were only remaining punch list items with mainly electrical work requiring completion. Mr. Roberts asked if the boxes had been relocated as previously discussed. Mr. Haggerty said they were in place.

Mr. Jablonski advised that with regard to the light rail procurement status a \$1M check was received from Mendoza with \$600K for parts and \$400K as deposit on additional cars.

Mr. Gloria asked about the real time display system for trolley arrivals. Mr. Terry advised wheel counters would be added at 32nd and Commercial through Downtown hopefully within the next few months. Mr. Jablonski advised there are difficulties with the project. Mr. Haggerty advised it was dependent on the fiber optic backbone increasing the reliability of the system. Mr. Jablonski advised MTS looked at getting GPS, but the ARINC system will be better in the long run as it will be a much more reliable system, but it will take time to complete.

Action Taken

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

2. Virginia Avenue Intermodal Transportation Center

Sharon Cooney, Chief of Staff provided a presentation on the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry Reconfiguration, gave a background, discussed the three phases of the project, provided a map showing the various stops and pedestrian crossings, discussed the advantages of the center, presented the proposed site layout, discussed sources of funding and advised of the aggressive timeline.

Mr. Mathis wanted to emphasize the transit center would be used by private entities as well which MTS previously had issues in regulating.

Mr. Jablonski advised there were issues with regard to who would be responsible for operating costs and maintaining the transit center. He has been in discussion with the Mayor's office regarding these issues.

Action Taken

Mr. Ovrom moved to receive a report on regional efforts to establish an intermodal transportation center at a new pedestrian international border crossing to be located at Virginia Avenue and provide comments and direction. Mr. Gloria seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

3. Title VI and Environmental Justice Policy No. 42 Updates

Denis Desmond, Senior Transportation Planner provided a Policy 42 update and discussed the background on Title VI/Environmental Justice, the specific policies, disparate impact and disproportionate burden. He discussed standards including the vehicle load standard and service availability standard. He provided a recommendation and provided a list of next steps.

Mr. Cunningham asked what the ramifications of 10% vs. 20% threshold are. Mr. Jablonski advised SANDAG recommended 10% as that is the FTA recommendation. Mr. Desmond advised that with regard to service changes in the past it has typically been 0% as it is in low income minority (LIM) areas where service is usually enhanced. Mr. Ovrom questioned regarding evaluation. Ms. Landers advised that

with regard to service changes if it has a negative effect and another with a positive effect they will counteract each other and some agencies do a cumulative analysis. Ms. Cooney advised improvements could be bundled spreading out the benefits and burdens.

Mr. Roberts asked if there would be hesitancy in adding service. Mr. Jablonski advised MTS has to be careful in cutting service. Ms. Landers advised if there is a service cut that increases the 10% threshold it can still be done as long as it can be proven the cut is necessary.

Mr. Jablonski advised it has changed the dynamic as far as putting service where the service is needed instead of trying to get people out of their cars.

Mr. Cunningham questioned vehicle load. Mr. Desmond said vehicle load is how crowded the bus is and the ratio of seats to passengers. Ms. Cooney advised standards are not requirements, but they are a goal. Mr. Mathis said the ultimate goal is to bring MTS in line with the industry standard. Mr. Roberts asked if each route requires analysis. Mr. Desmond advised that was correct and it was done on an annual basis usually unless there is a specific route problem brought to MTS's attention. Mr. Roberts advised it would be prudent to increase load factors to maintain efficiency.

Action Taken

Mr. Cunningham moved to initiate public outreach on draft Policy No. 42 Amendments including: a) 10% disparate impact/disproportionate burden threshold for service changes; b) vehicle load standards to be revised by staff to reflect MTS efficiency goals; c) establish a service availability standard of 80% of residents or jobs within ½ mile of a bus stop or rail station in urban areas, 100% of suburban residences within 5 miles of a transit stop and one return trip at least 2 days/week to destinations from rural villages; and d) add Rapid Mode to Policy 42. Mr. Ovrom seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

4. California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 PEPR

Mr. Jablonski advised MTS's grant was still being held up and MTS is getting closer to applying for its federal funding. With regard to MTS's \$13M grant LA, Orange County and Sacramento have all been asked to file briefs in their cases. He stated that the Department of Labor (DOL) is supposed to rule on a grant for Los Angeles by the end of the month. He stated he was in Sacramento the previous week. It does not appear that the Governor wants to modify PEPR. AB160 Bill is also not likely to go anywhere. The only agencies affected are publicly operated systems with certain unions. He stated there would be a drastic reduction in service if MTS does not receive its funding.

Mr. Ovrom asked about MTS borrowing money and at what rate. Mr. Jablonski advised MTS would have to extend its credit out to \$40M, but MTS has some potential favorable rates with SANDAG at 1.25% or 1.5%. Ms. Landers advised there is a risk if the DOL decides not to certify the grant.

Mr. Roberts advised MTS could no longer wait on this issue and a strategy needs to be implemented as soon as possible and the public needs to be notified of the potential consequences. Mr. Jablonski advised there would be potential litigation or public relations on a statewide level. Mr. Mathis said the main issue is that it is an issue between the Federal Government and the State of California. Mr. Gloria stated we need to start the narrative now.

Action Taken

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

D. BOARD AGENDA

The previously scheduled Board meeting of May 30, 2013 was cancelled.

E. REVIEW OF SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Review of SANDAG Transportation Committee Agenda and discussion regarding any items pertaining to MTS, San Diego Transit Corporation, or San Diego Trolley, Inc. Relevant excerpts will be provided during the meeting.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no Committee member communications.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public comments.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2013.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.



Chairman

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM**

ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE) May 23, 2013

CALL TO ORDER (TIME) 9:06 a.m.

RECESS N/A

RECONVENE N/A

CLOSED SESSION N/A

RECONVENE N/A

ADJOURN 11:16 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER (Alternate)	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
GLORIA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Emerald) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:16 a.m.
MATHIS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	9:00 a.m.	11:16 a.m.
OVROM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Bragg) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:16 a.m.
ROBERTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cox) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:16 a.m.
CUNNINGHAM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (McClellan) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:16 a.m.
Transportation Committee Rep Slot (Mathis)		

SIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD:



CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL COUNSEL:

