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

August 8, 2013

#### MINUTES

#### A. ROLL CALL

Chairman Mathis called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Executive Committee member attendance is attached.

#### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cunningham moved for approval of the minutes of the June 13, 2013, MTS Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Ovrom seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 to 0 in favor with Mr. Roberts absent.

#### C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 1. Trolley Renewal Update

Bruce Schmith of SANDAG discussed the status of the Blue and Orange Line Improvement Corridor, Blue Line crossover and signaling, Orange Line stations and Downtown stations. Wayne Terry, Chief Operating Officer of Rail discussed the project status of the Santa Fe Transit Center – America Plaza including the budget and funding. He discussed evening service and passenger transfers affected by the construction and advised the project would be completed by the end of the year. Mr. Mathis asked if there was still a parking structure underneath America Plaza and Mr. Terry advised that there is a parking structure underneath America Plaza.

Ms. Cooney, Chief of Staff advised that America Plaza has become a transit facility in its own right as many more transfers are happening at these locations. MTS is being impacted by the Port project on Broadway causing buses to be re-routed. Complaints have been received from adjacent property owners because the buses are coming through more frequently in their area. MTS has tried to accommodate these property owners by not allowing the buses to layover in particular locations. Ms. Cooney provided the routes that are affected due to the detour caused by the Port project. Mr. Mathis asked if there is a timetable for the Port construction project. Mr. Gloria advised the project was not following the timeline and was behind.

Mr. Schmith discussed the Blue Line station upcoming construction milestones and advised the stations would likely be completed in the fall of 2014, with other remaining construction punch list items still requiring completion. He discussed the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Transit Center project and provided a timeline with construction slated to begin in October. Mr. Jablonski advised the Navy was in the appraisal process with

regard to the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Transit Center. Mr. Schmith discussed the new rail train, future Blue Line projects, the traction power substation installation and traction power substation and site acquisition.

Mr. Cunningham asked if MTS was able to resolve the issues with the Woodman property and asked if MTS had to obtain an Order of Possession and whether or not the owners accepted MTS's settlement offer. Ms. Landers advised they did not accept the offer. Mr. Jablonski stated they wanted a significantly higher amount. Ms. Landers stated one of the owners insisted the property value is \$2 million. The owners hired an attorney and the attorney has since withdrawn as counsel. MTS was in hopes that after the owners retained counsel there would be additional settlement discussions. Ms. Landers was not certain if the owners would retain new counsel or they would represent themselves.

Mr. Terry provided the light rail procurement status and advised the 6<sup>th</sup> car arrived the prior evening and there have been no issues with the procurement.

Mr. Gloria asked why the 25<sup>th</sup> and Commercial project was delayed to October 2013. Ms. Landers answered the schedule is set by City staff and MTS was working with the City as to what type of form of agreement they wanted in place. Mr. Schmith said MTS was not able to get on the City agenda in July and has to go through the Housing Committee in September and then will go in front of the City Council in October. Mr. Gloria asked if that would affect the timeline of the project. Mr. Schmith advised he was not concerned with the timeline.

Mr. Jablonski stated the three substations at Woodman, 25<sup>th</sup> and Commercial and the Mt. Hope area would provide redundancy, power overlays and would allow for additional service and trains. If one of MTS's current substations went down there is currently not enough redundancy which would result in stopped cars. MTS is carefully monitoring the substations, activity and load very carefully at present time. These three proposed substations will prevent loss of service and will allow trains to continue to operate should one of the other substations go down. Mr. Mathis asked if there were operation limitations. Mr. Jablonski said there were none at this time. Mr. Terry advised there were procedures in place if there were to be a problem with one of the current substations where service would be modified and hopefully still continue.

Mr. Gloria asked what the status was with regard to the East Village station art project. Ms. Cooney said there was a dispute between the artist and the East Village Association as the association wanted to start with one figure and the artist wants to do all of the figures as proposed or none at all. It is a disagreement solely between the artist and the East Village Association. Mr. Jablonski stated MTS is in regular contact with the association regarding status of the project. Ms. Cooney advised the association is fundraising to try to accommodate the artist. MTS has advised that when they are ready to move forward MTS is also prepared to proceed.

Mr. Gloria asked if any of the projects would be affected by the delay of MTS's capital grants. Mr. Jablonski said he does not believe so although MTS had a meeting the prior day with SANDAG and they have grants that are going up for

approval now that reference MTS projects and there is a possibility when they get referred out the unions might object. So far what MTS has seen is that only those grantees that have labor agreements with the ATU, the UTU and the Machinists Workers in Bay Area have been held up. Generally if you have a labor contract with one of these groups and the issue gets held up MPO grants have not been held up. He will provide the Board with an update at a later date.

#### **Action Taken**

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

# California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

Mr. Jablonski informed the Board MTS's federal grants were certified and provided specific amounts for portions of MTS's grants of federal money. He discussed a grant amendment and resubmission which was approved and MTS negotiated stipulations with the ATU. Mr. Mathis inquired about a bus grant. Mr. Jablonski responded they will not refer this particular grant out.

Mr. Jablonski discussed JARC funds and how MTS's federal grant money would be allocated and to which projects it would be allocated to. Some minor amounts of money MTS will not receive will negatively impact MTS, but the larger amounts MTS still has time to obtain.

#### Action Taken

Mr. Gloria 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 August 15, 2013, BOARD AGENDA (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

Mr. Jablonski advised the Consent items could wait for approval in September and requested that the Executive Committee to cancel the August 15, 2013 meeting for lack of discussion items. Staff was directed to defer the meeting until September.

# Recommended Consent Items

6. San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway Company (SD&AE) Quarterly Reports and Ratification of Actions Taken by the SD&AE Board of Directors at its Meeting on July 16, 2013

Action would: (1) receive the San Diego and Imperial Valley Railroad (SD&IV), Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association (Museum), and Pacific Imperial Railroad, Inc. (PIR) quarterly reports for information; (2) ratify actions taken by the SD&AE Board at its quarterly meeting on July 16, 2013; and (3) ratify and appoint Erin Dunn as Treasurer replacing Linda Musengo who is retiring.

# 7. Investment Report – May 2013

Action would receive a report for information.

8. <u>Upgrade of Existing Server Room Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning System</u> at the Imperial Avenue Division

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order No. MTSJOC1431-10 (in substantially the same format as Attachment A) with ABC Construction, Inc. under MTS Doc No. PWL135.0-12, for the installation of a new Server Room Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning System at the Imperial Avenue Bus Division.

9. Approve Work Order for IAD/KMD Revenue Camera System Replacement

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order No. MTSJOC1431-09 (in substantially the same format as Attachment A) with ABC Construction, Inc., under MTS Doc No. PWL135.0-12, for the installation of a new revenue processing surveillance system, and construction of secure data rooms at the Imperial Avenue and Kearny Mesa bus fuel and service buildings.

10. Updated Salary Ranges - MTS, SDTI and SDTC

Action would approve and adopt the MTS Salary Ranges, effective July 1, 2013 to comply with CalPERS regulations.

The Executive Committee convened to Closed Session at 9:29 a.m.

 CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(b) (One Potential Case)

#### The Executive Committee reconvened to Open Session at 10:03 a.m.

Oral Report of Final Actions Taken in Closed Session

Karen Landers, General Counsel, reported the following:

The Executive Committee received a report and gave directions to legal counsel.

#### 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 September 5, 2013.

# I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Chairman

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM

# ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE) August 8, 2013				CALL TO ORDER (TIME)		9:03 a.m.
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CLOSED SESSION 9: 29 a.m.			RECONVENE		10:03 a.m.	
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BOARD MEMBER		(Alternate)		PRESE (TIME ARI		ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
GLORIA	凶	(Emerald)		9:00 a.m.		10:04 a.m.
MATHIS	×			9:00 a.m.		10:04 a.m.
OVROM	X	(Bragg)		9:00 a.m.		10:04 a.m.
ROBERTS	X	(Cox)		9:09 a.m.		10:04 a.m.
CUNNINGHAM	X	(McClellan)		9:00 a.m.		10:04 a.m.
Transportation Committee Rep Slot (Mathis)						
SIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD:						
CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL COUNSEL:						