

MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000  
San Diego, CA 92101

November 13, 2014

## 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 October 23, 2014, MTS Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Gloria seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 to 0 in favor with Mr. Roberts absent.

### C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 2. Chula Vista Transit Update (Taken Out of Order)

Paul Jablonski, Chief Executive Officer, discussed the Chula Vista Transit (CVT) Update. Mr. Jablonski reported that the South Bay Bus Maintenance Facility (SBBMF) was just recently completed and was now open. He said the SBBMF was the last step in a seven year process to consolidate all of the CVT operations under MTS. In 2006, after the Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA), MTS negotiated and awarded a contract to Veolia for consolidated transit service which included services within Chula Vista. Mr. Jablonski said that by consolidating the contracted services it saved a lot of money and overhead costs. MTS was paying approximately \$800,000 in costs to the City of Chula Vista and the consolidation had an estimated savings of approximately \$420,000. Mr. Jablonski noted that MTS could not completely transition the service to MTS until the SBBMF was completed, due to the lack of space for housing the buses. The City of Chula Vista Public Works Yard was used to house the buses until the completion of the SBBMF. Mr. Jablonski said that after the completion of the transition, the additional costs of approximately \$400,000 will be gone. He reported that the E Street Bayfront Visitor Center will be assumed by MTS for maintenance and management of the property. Mr. Jablonski reported that MTS has been working collaboratively with the City of Chula Vista, and the projected cost savings after the completion of the transition will be approximately \$725,000 for fiscal year 2016.

Mr. Gloria asked if there needed to be additional approvals from the City of Chula Vista. Mr. Jablonski stated that MTS is finishing the transition documents and noted that MTS has been working alongside Chula Vista for years on this transition.

Chairman Mathis inquired if this item will be presented to the Board of Directors. Mr. Jablonski replied that he will bring this informational item to the November Board meeting.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

1. Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Station Design (Taken Out of Order)

Greg Gastelum, with SANDAG, introduced Jim Linthicum of SANDAG, Hadi Samii, Jeff Howard and John Trautmann of Parsons Brinkerhoff. Mr. Gastelum provided a brief introduction regarding the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Station Design. Mr. Howard continued the presentation and noted that the project team has been to many different communities to discuss the potential station designs for the Mid-Coast Corridor. He reported that they have also met on a monthly or bi-weekly basis with stakeholders. Mr. Howard discussed the at-grade station options for the Tecolote Road station, the LOSSAN separation wall and fencing options, Clairemont Drive station, Balboa Avenue station and VA Medical Center station. He discussed the aerial station options for the Executive Drive station, UTC Transit Center, Nobel Drive station and UCSD stations.

Mr. Gloria inquired if they were receiving cooperation from the City of San Diego regarding the City-owned stations. Mr. Gastelum replied that they are receiving cooperation. Mr. Gloria asked if the stations will be built so future redevelopment projects could be built next to the stations without obstacles. Mr. Roberts commented that he presumes there would still be opportunity for redevelopment projects. Mr. Howard agreed that there could be options for new redevelopment projects in the future. Mr. Gloria also inquired about the parking lot in the Tecolote station and how people would access the station from the parking lot. Mr. Howard displayed the parking lot sketch image and described the different options for access to and from the parking lot and the station platform.

Mr. Roberts commented that the Balboa station has a lot of potential for expansion and development. Mr. Howard agreed there is a lot of transit oriented development potential at the Balboa station. Mr. Roberts commented that the stations may have issues with maintenance upkeep. Mr. Jablonski agreed there could be issues with graffiti and maintenance upkeep. Mr. Roberts recommended simplifying the station designs instead of incorporating so many different parts and colors. Mr. Howard noted that those points are very well made. Mr. Howard also said they will research developing the stations in a way the community prefers as well as keeping the stations in a more simple design. Mr. Roberts asked if the pedestrian crossways were similarly designed to the already built pedestrian crossways in the La Jolla area. Mr. Trautmann replied that they will look at the crossways already in place and work to replicate those for the new crossways.

Chairman Mathis commented there could be a challenge in obtaining contractors who can build the complex station designs and that the cost may be very high due to the different designs.

Mr. Jablonski indicated there will be a large number of transit riders working in the surrounding areas by the UCSD stations and the VA Center station. He said it would be helpful to have a pedestrian walkway leaving from the VA Center station. Mr. Howard replied that they are working with the VA Center on moving forward with that option. Mr. Jablonski noted that he is concerned about the glass blocks being incorporated into the station walls. He also commented that the green landscaped walls should be low

maintenance. Mr. Jablonski inquired if the height of the LOSSAN wall was appropriate. Mr. Trautmann replied that the wall height is a good medium where the top of the LOSSAN train could be seen, but people on the station platforms would still feel a sense of protection.

Mr. Trautmann asked the committee and staff if the number of shelters at each station should be reduced. Mr. Jablonski replied that six shelters may be too many for one station. Mr. Howard said they would have no problem reducing the number of shelters at each station.

Mr. Ovrom agreed with Mr. Jablonski's point about the issue of graffiti and minimizing the maintenance efforts.

Mr. Cunningham inquired if the UTC Center parking structure will be a joint development with Westfield UTC Mall. Ms. Landers replied they are working with Westfield UTC Mall on the parking structure. Mr. Cunningham inquired if the Mid-Coast project process includes researching the safety and security of the stations. Mr. Gastelum replied that they are working with many different organizations to make sure the safety and security aspects are met at each station. Mr. Cunningham also inquired if the landscaping will be drought resistant and if solar will be used for the lighting fixtures. Mr. Trautmann replied that they are going to have drought resistant landscaping and are looking into adding in solar features to the stations.

Mr. Roberts commented that there is a tentative full funding grant agreement with the Federal government as well as another funding agreement with UCSD.

#### Action Taken

No action taken.

#### D. REVIEW OF DRAFT November 20, 2014 BOARD AGENDA

##### Recommended Consent Items

4. Appointment of Ad Hoc Nominating Committee for Recommending Appointments to MTS Committees for 2015  
Action would appoint an Ad Hoc Nominating Committee to make recommendations to the Board with respect to the appointment of members of the Board to serve as Vice-Chair, Chair Pro-Tem and on MTS and non-MTS committees for 2015.
6. San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway Company Quarterly Reports and Ratification of Actions Taken by the SD&AE Board of Directors at its Meeting on October 21, 2014
7. Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency Joint Powers Agreement  
Action would approve the proposed amendments to the 2013 Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement Concerning the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Corridor Rail Agency (LOSSAN) to ensure that the official agency name is correctly stated as the

Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency throughout the document.

8. Investment Report - September 2014
9. Increased Authorization for Legal Services - Opper & Varco, LLP  
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to: (1) execute Amendment No. 2, MTS Doc. No. G1429.2-12 with OPPER & VARCO, LLP to pay current and future legal expenses through the remainder of fiscal year 2015; and (2) ratify one prior contract amendment entered into under the CEO's authority.
10. Collocation Data Center Facility Services - Contract Award  
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to: (1) execute MTS Doc. No. G1765.0-15 with American Internet Services, LLC (AIS) for collocation data center facility services for a two-year base period with two one-year options periods (for a total of 4 years); and (2) exercise each option year at the CEO's discretion.
11. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Website Replacement Project  
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. G1694.0-14 with Steer, Davies, Gleave for replacement of the MTS website.
12. Addition of the Following Positions: One (1) F/T HR Representative II; Two (2) F/T Bus Operator Training Instructors; One (1) P/T Administrative Assistant  
Action would authorize the CEO to add: One (1) HR Representative II to the FY15 budget, increasing the total Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position from 3 to 4 at Grade #7 (\$47,531 - \$74,391); Two (2) Bus Operator Training Instructors to the FY15 budget, increasing the total Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position from 6 to 8 at Grade #6 (\$41,512 - \$64,970); and One (1) P/T Administrative Assistant to the FY15 budget at \$15.00 per hour.

#### E. REVIEW OF SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Mr. Jablonski stated there were two items on the SANDAG Transportation Committee Agenda he wanted to address. The first item he briefly discussed was the Complete Streets Policy agenda item. He commented that this policy may result in conflicting issues with MTS buses and the shared bike lanes on the streets. He said the addition of the shared lanes could increase problems with public transportation. The second item he discussed was the Plan of Finance agenda item. Mr. Jablonski said that MTS staff and SANDAG staff are going to set up a working group to discuss TransNet funding and MTS projects which are funded by TransNet. He said there is an 8% portion of money from the funding that is given to these projects. He commented that there is some concern if the 8% of funding is sufficient enough to support all of the MTS TransNet projects. Mr. Jablonski said if the TransNet funding is completely consumed, then the funding requirements will fall back to MTS which would create a substantially large budget issue. He commented that there needs to be ongoing discussions as to how long this 8% funding allotment will last and if it will be enough for MTS TransNet projects. Mr. Linthicum commented that many of the MTS TransNet projects are new and they are currently working on determining the ongoing future costs.

