

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE
SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS)

1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000
San Diego, CA 92101

April 17, 2014

1. Roll Call

Chairman Mathis called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Board member attendance is attached.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Minto moved to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2014, MTS Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion, and the vote was 10 to 0 in favor with Mr. Alvarez, Ms. Emerald, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Jones and Ms. Salas absent.

3. Public Comments

Dukes Wooters – Chair of Hold onto Your Butt Campaign through the Surf-Rider Foundation. Mr. Wooters stated that when he previously spoke to the MTS Board of Directors on February 20, 2014, he reported that there was a problem of cigarette litter at the Old Town Transit Center (OTTC). He gave an example where approximately 17,000 cigarette butts were picked up by volunteers during two 90-minute time frames. Mr. Wooters stated that although smoking is banned at the OTTC, people continue to smoke and discard their cigarette butts on the ground. He said there is currently only one trashcan located in the OTTC parking lot, as well as several other trash cans located on the transit center platforms. He added that people are not utilizing the trash receptacles and proposed that the installation of ash cans will reduce the amount of cigarette butt litter at the OTTC. Mr. Wooters stated that he has been to many other transit stations and they are all very clean, however the OTTC still has a severe problem with cigarette butt litter. Chairman Mathis asked Mr. Wooters if there was a cigarette butt litter problem on the platform or if it was primarily out in the parking lot. Mr. Wooters stated that is open to the interpretation of the law, because people will smoke their cigarettes while waiting for the bus and then throw their cigarette butts near the location of the buses that arrive. Mr. Mathis stated that there are property distinctions between the Parks Service and MTS's boundary lines between the parking lot and the platform. He stated that they will follow up on this matter.

CONSENT ITEMS

6. Investment Report - February 2014
Informational item only. No action taken.

7. California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) Program of Projects for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f) Funding, Fiscal Year 2014
Action would approve Resolution No. 14-6 authorizing the use of and application for \$200,000 of FTA Section 5311(f) for operating assistance in non-urbanized areas.

8. Light Rail Vehicle Paint and Body Rehabilitation-Sole Source Contract Award
Action would authorize the CEO to execute MTS Doc. No. L1176.0-14 with Carlos Guzman Inc. on a sole-source basis for the provision of Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Paint and Body Rehabilitation Services for five (5) SD-100s.

9. MTS Enterprise Infrastructure for RTMS Back Office Upgrade and Contract Bus Fleet Expansion Project – Contract Award

Action would authorize the CEO to execute MTS Doc. No. G1707.0-14 with Nth Generation for the provision of HP computer hardware, maintenance and technical services in support of the Regional Transportation Management System (RTMS) Back Office Upgrade and Contracted Bus Fleet Expansion project.

10. June 2014 Service Changes
Informational item only. No action taken.
11. Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Internal Audit Plan
Action would approve the proposed fiscal year 2015 Internal Audit Plan.

Action on Recommended Consent Items

Mr. Minto moved to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6-11. Mr. Ovrom seconded the motion, and the vote was 10 to 0 in favor with Mr. Alvarez, Ms. Emerald, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Jones and Ms. Salas absent.

CLOSED SESSION

24. Closed Session Items

The Board convened to Closed Session at 9:07 a.m.

- a. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (D)(1): Virginia De Los Santos v. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, et al SDSC Case No. 37-2013-00032020-CU-PA-CTL
- b. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (D)(1): Michele Zubak v. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, et al SDSC Case No. 37-2013-00077126-CU-PA-CTL

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:55 a.m.

Oral Report of Final Actions Taken in Closed Session

Karen Landers, General Counsel, reported the following:

- a. The Board received a report from legal counsel and gave directions.
- b. The Board received a report from legal counsel and gave instructions.

NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

25. None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

30. None.

REPORT ITEMS

45. Year-End Security Report (January through December 2013)

Bill Burke, MTS Chief of Police, began his year-end security report presentation by giving a brief introduction of their staff, safety, training and preparedness. He provided a Rail and Bus incidents and arrests comparison per 100,000 passengers from 2010-2013. He stated that cell phones and electronics are a large percentage of the thefts and robberies on Rail. He explained that MTS officers have been passing out 'Take One' pamphlets to educate the public on safety and security tips. He explained that MTS officers have also been addressing wire and metal thefts from a San Diego & Imperial Valley (SD&IV) railroad yard on MTS property. Mr. Burke stated that the incident statistics for the bus are much lower than the rail due to more visibility on the bus versus a trolley. He discussed that MTS will begin using handheld citation writing devices and officer body cameras beginning in July 2014. He stated that the "See Something Say Something" text program has been a good benefit to passengers. He gave an update on K9 activities and highlights and reported on the performance of the officers during Comic-Con 2013. He discussed how MTS participated in the San Diego State earthquake/response training drill. Mr. Burke explained that MTS's Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) enforces zero tolerance fare inspection on the rail. He also gave a brief update on the graffiti surveillance and arrests, as well as an update on the transient camps near MTS property.

Mr. Arapostathis asked Mr. Burke how many platforms have cameras. Mr. Burke stated that approximately 35 platforms currently have cameras and that more cameras will be added over the next year.

Mr. Gloria commented on the officer cameras and stated that MTS and the San Diego Police Department should possibly look into joining together in this project as a potential cost savings. Mr. Gloria asked Mr. Burke whether MTS receives many false reports with the "See Something Say Something" program. Mr. Burke stated that they occasionally receive false reports, however they respond the same way to every report. Mr. Gloria asked Mr. Burke how MTS obtains the statistics regarding transient drug users. Mr. Burke stated that the statistics are verified from past records after the individual has been arrested. He also stated that the majority of these individuals were located in the San Diego river area. Mr. Gloria also stated that the media in the past had questions and concerns regarding MTS's contracted security staff and asked if there were any updates on the status of MTS's training for its security personnel. Mr. Burke stated that MTS has a record of all the training that is conducted and the records are completed on a weekly basis. Sharon Cooney, Chief of Staff, also commented to Mr. Gloria that the Ad Hoc Security Committee has been very diligent on making sure that MTS is maintaining its high standards of security training. John Minto also gave an overview of the training that must be completed by the security personnel.

60. Chairman's Report

Chairman Mathis stated that Mr. Jablonski is in China and will return April 30th.

61. Audit Oversight Committee Chairman's Report

Chairman Mathis reported that the audit is currently under way and that a more detailed report will be given when Mr. Ewin is available.

62. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Cooney said to please contact her or Karen Landers while Mr. Jablonski is in China.

63. Board Member Communications

Mr. Alvarez reviewed a letter he submitted to Mr. Jablonski regarding the Desert Line lease agreement. Mr. Alvarez stated that he is interested in learning whether or not the rail line can become operational and requested that the milestones for the rail line be reported regularly at the Board meetings.

Chairman Mathis stated that they will update the Board on this matter in future meetings.

64. Additional Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

Valerie Hightower – Ms. Hightower stated that she rides the Blue line trolley and there is a retractable step that is not being used and asked that the step be retracted because it is easier to enter the trolley. She requested that the bus windows be unlocked so riders can open the windows and have fresh air. She requested to have a bus or shuttle that drives down Lemon Grove Avenue. She stated that there needs to be a bus bench on Division & Highland. She stated that some wheelchairs get hung up on the trolley tracks. She also requested that the Orange Line trolley sound its horn when entering the Euclid station.

65. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is on May 15, 2014.

66. Adjournment

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.



Chairperson
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

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Attachments: A. Roll Call Sheet

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE): April 17, 2014

CALL TO ORDER (TIME): 9:00 a.m.

RECESS: N/A

RECONVENE: 9:55 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION: 9:07 a.m.

RECONVENE: _____

PUBLIC HEARING: N/A

RECONVENE: _____

ORDINANCES ADOPTED: N/A

ADJOURN: 10:39 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER	(Alternate)	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
ALVAREZ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Zapf) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:07 a.m.	10:39 a.m.
BRAGG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Bilbray) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:39 a.m.
COLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Zapf) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:39 a.m.
CUNNINGHAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Mullin) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:39 a.m.
EMERALD	<input type="checkbox"/> (Zapf) <input type="checkbox"/>		
EWIN	<input type="checkbox"/> (Arapostathis) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:39 a.m.
GASTIL	<input type="checkbox"/> (Jones) <input type="checkbox"/>		
GLORIA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Zapf) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:39 a.m.
MATHIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:39 a.m.
MCCLELLAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Ambrose) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:39 a.m.
MINTO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (McNelis) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:39 a.m.
OVROM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Denny) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:39 a.m.
RIOS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Sotelo-Solis) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:39 a.m.
ROBERTS	<input type="checkbox"/> (Cox) <input type="checkbox"/>		
SALAS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Ramirez) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:21 a.m.	10:39 a.m.

SIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD:

Julia Johnson (interim C.O.B.)

CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL COUNSEL:

Allen Card