

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

MINUTES

April 16, 2015

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

Ms. Emerald moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015, MTS Board of Directors meeting. Mr. McClellan seconded the motion, and the vote was 15 to 0 in favor.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

CONSENT ITEMS

6. Revisions to Board Policy No. 34 (For-Hire Vehicle Services)

Action would approve and adopt the proposed revisions to Policy No. 34 (For-Hire Vehicle Services).

7. Taxicab Maximum Allowable City and Airport Rates of Fare – Implementation of Uniform Rates for 2015

Action would approve Resolution No. 15-6 applying a uniform rate to the 2015 maximum allowable City of San Diego and Airport rates of fare for the year 2015.

8. Bus Tire Lease and Services – Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to: (1) execute MTS Doc. No. B0619.0-15 with Michelin North America, Inc. (Michelin) for bus tire lease and services for a five (5) year based period and five (5) one-year options; and (2) exercise each option term at the CEO's discretion.

9. California Department of Transportation Program of Projects for Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Funding, Federal Fiscal Year 2015

Action would approve Resolution No. 15-7 authorizing the use of and application for \$360,654 of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 funds for operating assistance.

10. California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and California Transit Security Grant Program Funding, Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Action would approve Resolution No. 15-8 authorizing the use of and application for \$2,779,445 of California Transit Security Grant Program (CTSGP) for capital projects that provide increased

protection against security and safety threats, and/or increases the capacity of transit operators to prepare for and provide disaster-response transportation systems.

11. Investment Report – February 2015

12. Third Party Compass Card and Transit Pass Sales – Amended Agreement with Albertsons  
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to: (1) execute MTS Doc. No. G1598.2-13 with Albertsons for the provision of selling MTS and North County Transit District (NCTD) Compass Card passes at all Albertsons stores and at select Vons grocery stores with a base period until December 31, 2015 and four (4) one-year options; and (2) exercise each option term at the CEO's discretion.

Action on Recommended Consent Items

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6 – 12. Mr. Minto seconded the motion, and the vote was 15 to 0 in favor.

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS – CLOSED SESSION (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

*Lisa Fair – ATU Local 1309.* Ms. Fair stated that the ATU and MTS have been in contract negotiations the past two days. She said that the ATU has no economic items on the table at this time. Ms. Fair said that the ATU was ready to ratify a contract yesterday, but another issue came up that needs to be resolved. She stated that MTS wants the ATU to agree to let non-represented members do the work of ATU members. Under the clerical section of the contract, 17a and 13g, they have a right to a grievance process, and ATU has filed a grievance on this matter. Ms. Fair said that other than that issue, they are prepared to go back to their members and recommend the contract.

24. Closed Session Items

The Board convened to Closed Session at 9:04 a.m.

- a. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant To California Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency: San Diego Transit Corporation (SDTC) and San Diego Trolley, Inc. (SDTI)  
Agency-Designated Representative: Jeff Stumbo  
Employee Organization: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 465 (Representing SDTI Train Operators, Electromechanics, Servicers and Clerical)  
Employee Organization: Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1309 (Representing Bus Operators and Clerical Employees at SDTC)
- b. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) San Diego Transportation Association, et al. vs. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, et al. (SDSC Case No. 37-2015-00008725-CU-TT-CTL)

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:58 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 negotiators.
- b. The Board received a report from counsel and gave direction.

NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

25. None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

30. None.

REPORT ITEMS

45. None.

60. Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's Report.

61. Audit Oversight Committee Chairman's Report

There was no Audit Oversight Committee Chairman's Report.

62. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Jablonski stated that he traveled to Sacramento in March for a CTA Executive Committee meeting and to speak with the Speaker's office regarding bus axle weights. He provided a brief background on the history of bus axle weight limits. He commented that due to government regulations, transit buses have increased in weight over time to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Mr. Jablonski stated that there has recently been push back from County engineers, Public Works directors, the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) to enforce a bus axle weight limit to help control the issue of street deterioration. Mr. Jablonski said that a study was conducted a few years ago regarding bus axle weights and the result of this study showed that there was no empirical evidence that buses directly affect the streets. He commented that MTS and other transit agencies are working towards requesting an exemption from the State limit on bus axle weights. They are also requesting to have a practical cap to the weight limit along with the exemption request. He stated that all of MTS's buses are in good standing right now.

Mr. Jablonski also noted that MTS completed its Triennial Review with the FTA and passed the review with no findings. This is the third consecutive Triennial Review where MTS has had no findings. He also stated that because of MTS's safety program on the bus side, MTS is winning the APTA Gold Award for safety improvement and will be presented that award at the APTA Bus and Paratransit Conference in May. Lastly, Mr. Jablonski said that there was an FTA

quarterly review meeting for the Mid-Coast project, which was a very positive meeting. The project has been granted to move on to engineering. Engineering is one of the final milestones before a full funding grant agreement.

63. Board Member Communications

There were no Board Member Communications.

64. Additional Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

*Lorraine Leighton* – Ms. Leighton said that she was on the orange line trolley and transit officers came on board for a fare inspection. She said that there was a confrontation with one of the officers and a passenger. She said that the officers almost had to use their pepper spray in the trolley car. She also said that the officer denied that he had a gun. She reported this information to customer service.

*Valerie Hightower* – Ms. Hightower requested another bus bench at 36<sup>th</sup> Street and Imperial. She said that there have been issues with people smoking in no smoking zones at bus stops. She said that there are a lot of issues with people smoking at the Federal Blvd. and Euclid bus stop. She stated that there was a Supervisor, with car 8414, at the 12<sup>th</sup> and Imperial Avenue station that saw people smoking and drinking and the Supervisor did not do anything.

65. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is May 14, 2015.

66. Adjournment

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.



Chairperson  
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

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Attachment: Roll Call Sheet

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE): April 16, 2015

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

RECESS: \_\_\_\_\_

RECONVENE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSED SESSION: 9:04 a.m.

RECONVENE: 9:58 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: \_\_\_\_\_

RECONVENE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCES ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

ADJOURN: 10:20 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER	(Alternate)	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
BRAGG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Bilbray) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
COLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Alvarez) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
CUNNINGHAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Mullin) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
EMERALD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Alvarez) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
GASTIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Jones) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
GLORIA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Alvarez) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
MATHIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
MCCLELLAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Ambrose) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
MCWHIRTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Arapostathis) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
MINTO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (McNelis) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
RIOS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Sotelo-Solis) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
ROBERTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cox) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
SALAS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Miesen) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
WOIWODE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Sandke) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
ZAPF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Alvarez) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.

SIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD:



CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL COUNSEL:

