

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

MINUTES

December 10, 2015

1. Roll Call

Chairman Mathis called the Board meeting to order at 9:03 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 November 12, 2015, MTS Board of Directors meeting. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion, and the vote was 11 to 0 in favor with Ms. Cole, Ms. Emerald, Mr. Gastil and Ms. Salas absent.

3. Public Comments

Warren Lambert – Mr. Lambert stated that he rides MTS Access service. He said that he was picked up for a ride, but the bus driver did not assist him onto the bus and he fell while trying to enter the bus. He suffered injuries from his fall. He stated that the response and service of MTS staff has been unacceptable.

Peter Zschiesche – Mr. Zschiesche commented that he is representing the Employee Rights Center. He stated that he has been working with the United Taxi Workers of San Diego. Mr. Zschiesche stated that the taxicab permit process seems to be going slow. He recommended a few options to improve the permitting process.

Mikail Hussein – Mr. Hussein stated that he is the President of the United Taxi Workers of San Diego (UTWSD). He commented that they are here to work with MTS to improve the taxicab permitting process. Mr. Hussein said that taxicab drivers can go to the UTWSD for help with their applications. He also provided recommendations on how to improve the permitting process.

CONSENT ITEMS

6. Authorization to Extend and Increase Legal Service Contract with Sohagi Law Group

Action would: (1) ratify the current contract and payments to the Sohagi Law Group, PLC, approved under the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) authority, of \$100,000 (MTS Doc. Nos. G1334.0-11 through G1334.3-11); and (2) authorize the CEO to extend the Sohagi Law Group, PLC legal services contract for an additional two years, through January 18, 2018, and increase the not-to-exceed authority for the contract to \$160,000.

7. Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Improvement Program Amendment

Action would approve the amended Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

8. Uniform Rental/Cleaning Services - Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. G1844.0-16 with Prudential Overall Supply for the provision of uniform rental and cleaning services for five years.
9. Bridge Rating Inventory (Blue & Orange Line) - Transfer of Funds from San Diego Metropolitan Transit System to the San Diego Association of Governments
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. G0930.17-04.52 for the transfer of funds from San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to allow SANDAG to issue a work order on behalf of MTS for the provision of General Engineering Services for the bridge inspection, determination of safe load capacity, and update the MTS Bridge Management Program report for bridges on the Blue and Orange Line.
10. Towing Services for Buses & Non-Revenue Vehicles - Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to: (1) execute MTS Doc. No. G1838.0-16 with RoadOne Towing (RoadOne) for the provision of towing services for MTS buses and non-revenue vehicles for three (3) base years and two (2) optional one-year extensions; and (2) authorize the CEO to exercise each option year at his discretion.
11. Investment Report - October 2015
12. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Green Line Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) System Upgrades - Contract Amendments
Action would: (1) Ratify Amendment Nos. 1 through 3 to MTS Doc. No. PWL155.0-14, which were previously approved under the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) approval authority; and (2) Authorize the CEO to execute Amendment No. 4 to MTS Doc. No. PWL155.4-14 with KRATOS Public Safety & Security Solutions, Inc. to increase the total contract spending authority to cover previously unknown site conditions discovered during installation.
13. California Trillium Co. Contract - Contract Amendment to Add Temporary Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Dispenser at East County Bus Maintenance Facility (ECBMF)
Action would: (1) Ratify Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 to MTS Doc. No. B0594.0-13 which were previously approved under the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) approval authority; and (2) Authorize the CEO to execute Amendment No. 3 to MTS Doc. No. B0594.0-13 with California Trillium Co. to authorize construction of a temporary CNG fueling station in conjunction with the East County Bus Maintenance Facility ("ECBMF") construction project.

COMMENTS ON CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Cunningham requested that a closed session report be brought to the January 2016 Board meeting regarding the existing litigation referenced in agenda item number six.

Action on Recommended Consent Items

Ms. Emerald moved to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6 – 13. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor with Ms. Cole, Mr. Gastil and Ms. Salas absent.

CLOSED SESSION

24. None.

NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

25. None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

30. None.

REPORT ITEMS

45. Joint Agency Task Force (Manuel Guaderrama)

Manuel Guaderrama, Director of Transit Enforcement, provided a presentation on the Joint Agency Task Force (JATF). He began the presentation by reading a sample JATF report that he receives after every shift. Mr. Guaderrama stated that the JATF is a grant-funded, multi-agency team of regional law enforcement officers and deputies, dedicated to providing law enforcement services to MTS on its service lines and properties. He noted that the JATF began in February 2015 and the shifts run Tuesday through Friday from 2:00pm to midnight. The JATF member agencies include the San Diego Police, San Diego Sheriff, El Cajon Police, Chula Vista Police, La Mesa Police and MTS. He noted that in 2014, MTS was awarded a \$1 million Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) grant, and in 2015, MTS received another \$330,000 in TSGP funding. Mr. Guaderrama stated that there has been \$497,000 in expenditures paid to date and they are anticipating the duration of the current funding to last another eight to ten months. Lastly, Mr. Guaderrama reviewed the statistics, types of incidents and arrests for November 2015 as well as the statistics year to date.

Mr. Minto inquired if MTS was working with the San Diego County Law Enforcement Coordination Center (LECC). Mr. Guaderrama replied that we do not have an MOU with the LECC however we do have terrorism liaisons that attend the LECC meetings.

Ms. Zapf commented on the statistics for November 2015 and noted that the November statistics seemed to be higher than the rest of the year. She inquired if enforcement efforts were stepped up during this time. Mr. Guaderrama replied that many of the increased numbers are due to special details that occurred during November. Ms. Zapf inquired about the follow through that is conducted by security officers with riders that are breaking any laws. Mr. Guaderrama replied that the regular security officers have limited authority with riders, but the JATF is a great resource because they can respond to the issues that the regular security officers do not have authority to resolve.

Ms. Bragg commented that the execution of these grants is crucial for the safety of the system. She noted that the riders appreciate the increased enforcement and that will in turn help to increase ridership.

Mr. Alvarez inquired about the gang contacts, the DHS watch list and the facial recognition identification requests and how those efforts are focused. Mr. Guaderrama replied that the

majority of the focus is on fare enforcement and during that process record checks are conducted which results in that information being found. Mr. Alvarez asked about the facial recognition identification requests. Mr. Guaderrama stated that the sergeant from the San Diego Police Department has an application on his phone which allows him to take a picture of a suspect and if that person has been arrested in San Diego County, their picture will be matched with their booking photo. This allows the sergeant to correctly identify the suspect.

46. Virginia Avenue Intermodal Transportation Center (Sharon Cooney and Oswaldo Meneses)

Sharon Cooney, Chief of Staff, reported that the Virginia Avenue Transit Center (VATC) is a project that is being put forward through collaboration with a number of different agencies. The VATC is going to be built by the General Services Administration, as part of the border reconfiguration. She noted that the VATC is being designed in collaboration with MTS and will include bus bays that MTS can access. Ms. Cooney introduced Oswaldo Meneses, Associate Transportation Planner, who is the planner for the South Bay area.

Mr. Meneses stated that this project is a part of the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry Master Plan. The project will provide upgrades to northbound and southbound processing lanes for both people and vehicles. In addition, a new western processing facility will be built in which the VATC will be adjacent to. Mr. Meneses reviewed the details for the east side pedestrian and vehicle facilities construction and noted that the construction will begin summer of 2016 and complete in fall of 2019. He noted that significant pedestrian lane reductions on the east side during construction will be mitigated by the concurrent opening of the west pedestrian facility and the VATC. Mr. Meneses presented a sketch of the west pedestrian facility and noted that construction began in spring of 2015 and will be completed in the summer of 2016. He reviewed the details for the VATC project and noted that construction will begin January 2016 and it will be completed in the spring of 2016. He stated that the plans for this facility will accommodate 4 buses (2 standard buses and 2 articulated buses), 10 taxis, 18 privately owned vehicles (POV) and 5 pedicabs. The other features will include a dedicated bus/taxi entry lane, a dedicated drop-off and pick-up area for each mode, and signalization of the intersection of Camino De La Plaza and Virginia Avenue to improve traffic flow.

Ms. Cooney commented that the VATC will be a very constrained environment. She noted that the Mexican side of the pedestrian facility has already been built and this area will be very important to the operation of the port of entry because 40-50% of pedestrians will cross through this facility. Mr. Meneses noted that VATC will be open in the spring of 2016 and taxis, pedicabs and POVs will have access to this center. He stated that the impacts to MTS Routes 906 and 907 are unknown at this time, but they will be evaluated once the center opens. Ms. Cooney stated that the City of Tijuana is currently building new bus rapid transit corridors, which will drop off at the VATC and the current trolley side of the port. The new bus rapid transit service is anticipated to increase the number of people coming through the transit center as well as increasing the number of riders for MTS services in the area.

Mr. Alvarez inquired about the MTS portion of the transit center and asked which routes will operate out of the center. Ms. Cooney replied that both the Route 906 and Route 907 will service the VATC as well as the trolley. She also commented that they will have to determine if the service will need to be increased. Mr. Alvarez inquired when the schedules and shifts will be set for pick-ups and drop-offs at this location. Mr. Meneses replied that there are still unknown impacts due to the construction schedule of the east side facility which will begin after the

opening of the VATC. He said that as of opening day, staff will assess the impact and evaluate the schedules accordingly. Mr. Alvarez inquired if an analysis had been done to determine whether the Route 906 or Route 907 would be better to get to the trolley instead of walking to the trolley. Mr. Meneses replied that it will likely be dependent on the east and west side border crossing wait times and which side the people decide to use. Ms. Cooney also commented that we are still waiting to see what exactly will be shut down on the east side based on the construction. Mr. Alvarez stated that he really appreciates the flexibility that will be provided during the construction.

Ms. Bragg commented that she wants to make sure ADA aspects are considered and addressed during the planning process, such as providing extra benches and sitting areas for those that are waiting for the buses.

Ms. Emerald inquired if any arrangements had been made in the Spanish speaking press to let people know that their trip across the border may be slowed due to construction. Ms. Cooney replied that the General Services Administration instituted a large, comprehensive outreach program to provide that message to the riders.

60. Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's report.

61. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Jablonski reported that he traveled to San Francisco on Monday, December 7th to meet with John Balmes, a California Air Resources Board (CARB) member, to discuss the impending CARB regulation regarding zero emission bus (ZEB) requirements. He noted that there have been other meetings as well as conference calls with CARB regarding the ZEB matter and he will be traveling to Sacramento tomorrow to meet with additional CARB staff.

Mr. Roberts commented that Mr. Jablonski, along with other transit agencies, have been working on advocating against the impending mandatory ZEB requirements, which would result in significant expenses to meet those requirements.

62. Board Member Communications

Ms. Emerald commented that today will be her last meeting sitting on the MTS Board. She said that she has enjoyed serving and thanked everyone at MTS and her fellow Board members.

Mr. Alvarez inquired if there have been any recent Board reports on taxicab permit issues. Mr. Jablonski replied that he recently met with Councilmember Cole to address some of the issues that have been raised. Mr. Alvarez requested for a report to be provided at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Cunningham stated that on December 12th, the City of Poway will be hosting an event called Christmas in the Park, which will be located at Old Poway Park.

63. Additional Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

Louis Pruitt – Mr. Pruitt commented on the Route 901 bus. He said that he works at 5:00 in the evening and gets off work at 3:00 in the morning. He said that the Route 901 bus is very important and asked that staff look at running it during that time frame.

64. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is January 14, 2016.

65. Adjournment

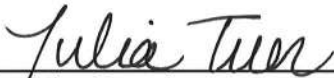
Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.



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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): December 10, 2015

CALL TO ORDER (TIME): 9:03 a.m.

RECESS: _____

RECONVENE: _____

CLOSED SESSION: _____

RECONVENE: _____

PUBLIC HEARING: _____

RECONVENE: _____

ORDINANCES ADOPTED: _____

ADJOURN: 10:03 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER	(Alternate)	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
BRAGG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Bilbray) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:03 a.m.	10:03 a.m.
COLE <input type="checkbox"/>	(Alvarez) <input type="checkbox"/>		
CUNNINGHAM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Mullin) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:03 a.m.	10:03 a.m.
EMERALD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Alvarez) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:11 a.m.	10:03 a.m.
GASTIL <input type="checkbox"/>	(Jones) <input type="checkbox"/>		
GLORIA <input type="checkbox"/>	(Alvarez) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:03 a.m.	10:03 a.m.
MATHIS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		9:03 a.m.	10:03 a.m.
MCCLELLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Ambrose) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:03 a.m.	10:03 a.m.
MCWHIRTER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Arapostathis) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:03 a.m.	10:03 a.m.
MINTO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(McNelis) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:03 a.m.	10:03 a.m.
RIOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Sotelo-Solis) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:03 a.m.	10:03 a.m.
ROBERTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Cox) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:03 a.m.	10:03 a.m.
SALAS <input type="checkbox"/>	(Miesen) <input type="checkbox"/>		
WOIWODE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Sandke) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:03 a.m.	10:03 a.m.
ZAPF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Alvarez) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:03 a.m.	10:03 a.m.

SIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD: 

CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL COUNSEL: 