

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

December 13, 2016

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Mathis called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Public Security Committee members' attendance is attached.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Mathis moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016 Public Security Committee meeting. Ms. Rios and Ms. Zapf seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 to 0 in favor with Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Gastil absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Margo Tanguay commented on transient/homeless activity in various areas (17th street, 16th and National and Commercial Street). She has seen individuals who congregate by trolley tracks and/or MTS facilities and it is not safe; such areas need to be cleaned up.

4. MTS SECURITY UPDATE REPORT (January through June 2016)

Chief Guaderrama introduced his management team, Mr. Musgrove (Deputy Director), Mr. Barletta (Manager of Operations) along with Ms. Baeza (Records Clerk).

Chief Guaderrama presented the Security Update for the first two quarters of calendar year 2016; it included the Trolley and Bus Crime Statistics (January through June 2016) as well as the changes, improvements and a Proposal in Security Enforcement Operations.

Following are some of the relevant topics that were discussed while the presentation was being reviewed:

- New Security Contract (effective July 1, 2016) - Staffing requirements and challenges by the contractor to meet those requirements.
- Property Crime statistics have increased on the system, which is consistent with law enforcement jurisdictions locally and statewide.
- Significant increase in Part I Crimes (Rail) compared to 2015 statistics - Most of these cases are property crime related.
- Significant decline in Part II arrests (Rail) due to enforcement activity by the Joint Agency Task Force.

- Vandalism cases (Rail) increased – this is due to our officers who diligently work and report/upload these cases to the Graffiti Tracker database which has been very beneficial for the region.
- ARJIS (Automated Regional Information System) - The crime statistics data presented to the committee is obtained from ARJIS; it is the most accurate and effective method for obtaining crime statistics in the region. The MTS Records Manager (Rachelle Dziubczynski) reviews the cases to make sure the incidents we report happened on our system.
- The JATF – MTS partnership has had a significant impact to MTS operations as it is reflected with Felony/Misdemeanor arrests, infraction cites, field interviews, 4th Waiver searches, and detentions. As result of these operations many weapons/destructive devices and contraband articles have been impounded (the majority of these arrests are initiated from a fare check).

JATF is a Grant-funded program which will expire in March 2017. The existing participating agencies are very pleased with the program. The San Diego Police Department and the Sheriff's Office have committed to provide staffing for the task force once the funding is exhausted. There are plans to meet with other law enforcement agencies in order to get them involved and to expand coverage.

- MTS Response to Part I & Part II Crime (Bus) Statistics showed a significant decrease on crimes onboard buses - the Task Force team does not have impact on these numbers.
- There was a 24.5% increase in fare inspections and a 16.6% increase in citations issued in 2016. The top three citation violation charges are for Fare Evasion, Smoking and Failure to Comply.
- Proposal of changes to Transit Enforcement Operations, deployment plans (beat restructure of service area boundaries and fixed post positions were presented). This proposal is to reduce contract security staff by 50 and increase the number of Code Compliance Inspectors by 30 (samples of Night Watch and Day Watch staffing with all details were presented). The budget impact and benefits of the proposed plan shows an overall cost savings during the life of the contract.

The presentation was well received by the committee members; they were pleased with the proposal that will be presented to the Budget Committee Meeting.

5. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Ms. Landers, MTS General Counsel, provided an update regarding the downtown community outreach. There has been constant communication with the Law Enforcement and private/community organizations in order to improve the quality of life issues in the downtown area.

A test plan has been implemented to reinforce security presence in the area of 12th and Imperial Avenue. San Diego Police and MTS Code Compliance officers are working together in order to help detect problems/hot spots in the area; this plan has been of mutual benefit.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Minto expressed that in regards to the progress of MTS security, compared to five years ago, the agency has become more professional since we currently have the ability to access ARJIS and CRMS systems - a job well done.

In response to Ms. Rios question, Chief Guaderrama mentioned that we are the only agency who has access to San Diego Police Records other than the District Attorney's Office and we maintain an excellent relationship with all Law Enforcement agencies.

Mr. Marinesi, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update regarding negotiations that are being held with Universal Protection Services concerning the minimum wage impact on their contract. He announced that a meeting will be held with them and subsequently negotiations will continue.

Mr. Mathis moved to bring the issue at the next MTS Budget Committee Meeting.

The committee members continued discussing various issues concerning Transit Security Officers (e.g. Work performance, high turnover, work performance, pay rates, sick leave, disciplinary actions, etc.). It is evident that they have struggled significantly in order to meet their obligations.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting is to be determined based on the members' availability.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:28 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. Members were given a tour to the MTS Operations Control by Mr. Guaderrama.



Interim Chairman – Mr. Harry Mathis

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet