

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

March 3, 2017

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Mathis called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.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 December 13, 2016, Public Security Committee meeting. Mr. Minto seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor with Mr. Cunningham absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mr. Mathis moved the motion to appoint Mr. McWhirter as the chairman, and Mr. Sandke, as the vice-chairman of this committee. Mr. Minto seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous vote (5-0 in favor).

5. New Committee Members

A warm welcome was extended to three new members to the Public Security Committee: Ms. Cole, Mr. McWhirter and Mr. Sandke.

Mr. Jablonski explained to the new members that the Public Security Committee meetings are scheduled before the Board meetings and our purpose is to discuss and review security reporting issues before they get presented to the Board members.

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

Chief Guaderrama pointed out that there was a delay in reporting the mid-year Security report but the goal is to present the security update to the Board in a more timely manner and proceeded with the Annual Security Update (January through December 2016); it included Trolley and Bus Crime Statistics as well as staffing changes and improvements in Security Enforcement Operations.

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

- Transit Enforcement Components (Code Compliance Inspectors, Contract Security and Joint Agency Task Force) were introduced especially for new committee members.
- Changes to Security Contract (effective July 1, 2016) and a Contract was amended as result of minimum wage impact and presented to the Board in February 2016.
- Security Enforcement Operation plan is projected to save over one million dollars (below UPS modified contract proposal) over the next 4 years.

Staffing and Deployment Changes (TSS Contract reduction by 50 and increase Code Compliance Officers by 30 will be improve efficiency, increase uniform presence on the system and will improve enforcement capabilities.

- Part I Reported Crimes in 2016 (ARJIS statistics and MTS responses) – Rape cases reported in ARJIS were determined unfounded by the investigating law enforcement agencies and one was non-MTS related. Of the 119 reported larceny/theft cases, 32 cases were vehicle related (noted in Slide 6).
- Part I Crimes comparison between MTS and Los Angeles (MTS: .88 crimes per 100,000 passengers; LA Metro: 1.09 crimes per 100,000 passengers).
- Crimes that are caught on video (misdemeanor crimes) within MTS system – members discussed various legislative and prosecution issues related to these cases. Mr. Minto will contact a legislator to see if proper amendments can be made in the future.
- Significant decline in Part II arrests (Trolley) is due to enforcement activity performed by the Joint Agency Task Force.
- Part II Crimes (Trolley) – Assaults and Sex offenses were down however there was increase in reported cases of vandalism; officers are more efficiently reporting vandalism cases to the Graffiti Tracker database.
- Decline in calls for service (Bus); most of the calls are for disturbances, vandalism and assaults.
- Significant decline in Part I cases (Bus) – Buses are the safest place to be but Part II Crimes (Misdemeanor type offenses) were slightly higher; non-serious but inappropriate assaults were committed on bus operators. It usually occurs when patrons attempt to ride without proper fare or are refused service for being unruly onboard the bus.
- Overall decrease in assault cases compared to 2015 (MTS and Bus – Part I and Part II) - MTS responded to 275 assaults in 2016, 130 were MTS employee related (Transit Security Officers, Code Compliance and Bus Operators). The majority of the assaults occurred to our security personnel. Mr. Jablonski requested to include a breakdown of assault cases (employee vs. patron) in future reports.
- Joint Agency Task Force Operations (JATF) /Partnership – the majority of their arrests were made for warrants as result of fare inspections. A list of all weapons recovered by

the officers was displayed (slide 17). Citations were issued by our code compliance inspectors while they worked in partnership with the JATF team.

- Significant increase in fare inspections (24.4%) and an increase in citations (72.1%) were reflected in 2016. The fare inspection process has been streamlined and inspections are performed more efficiently. The top three violation charges are for fare evasion, smoking and failure to comply.
- Fare Evasion Rates during controlled Special Enforcement Details (SED) – was 2.84%. There were 9 Controlled inspections and 52 non-controlled inspections in 2016. The purpose of these special enforcement details is to check fares onboard trains and in stations, and to enforce quality of life issues using high visibility presence throughout MTS system.
- Transient encampment details were conducted to address illegal lodging and other nuisance quality of life concerns on MTS property; they are usually performed in early morning hours in various areas/MTS property (e.g., Santa Fe Depot, Mission Valley and Fashion Valley areas).
- Significant decline in Copper Wire Thefts reported in 2016 – only 4 cases were reported in 2016 (the first occurred on September 12, 2016). Repairs are extremely costly for MTS and various enforcement operations were performed in 2015 in order maintain the statistics down. Mr. Terry mentioned that some of the facilities were hardened so trespassers cannot have access to MTS property; copper wire is a nationwide issue and incidents usually occur during nighttime. Chief Guaderrama will meet with Mid-Coast Segment architect next week in order to discuss plans to target-harden copper wire in the future system.
- Various training classes were attended by our Code Compliance officers in order for them to improve their capabilities; a list of all the training classes was provided in slide 23. All certifications are up-to-date (832 PC, Laws of Arrest and CPR).

The presentation was well received by all committee members.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Cole was very thankful of Chief Guaderrama because she noticed that crime statistics in her district have come down and the "COP (Community Oriented Policing) approach" is important to her. Ms. Cole congratulated Chief Guaderrama for his outstanding leadership of the MTS Security Department.

Ms. Cole also asked if the Customer Satisfaction Surveys could be included in the next security report to determine patrons' perception of safety on the system. She was advised that surveys will be conducted later this year.

In response to a question from Ms. Cole, Mr. Jablonski mentioned that it will take approximately six months for the transition of hiring the 30 new Code Compliance Officers (the job announcement will be posted on the MTS website today (3-3-17) and will be shared with Ms. Cole to be posted on her newsletter.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:37 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Guy McWhirter', is written over a horizontal line.

Chairman – Guy McWhirter

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE
SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
ROLL CALL

MEETING OF: March 3, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 1:35 p.m.

ADJOURN: 2:37 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
CUNNINGHAM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent	Absent
MATHIS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1:25 p.m.	2:37 p.m.
COLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1:30 p.m.	2:35 p.m.
MINTO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1:30 p.m.	2:37 p.m.
MCWHIRTER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1:25 p.m.	2:37 p.m.
SANDKE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1:26 p.m.	2:37 p.m.

SIGNED BY ROXANA F. BAEZA:

Roxana F. Baeza

CONFIRMED BY MANNY GUADERRAMA:

M.E. Guaderrama

SPECIAL NOTE:

When the meeting was adjourned the Committee members took a tour to the MTS Operations Control Center.

c: Clerk of the Committee
 Accounts Payable
 Attachment to Original and Draft Minutes