

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

MINUTES

June 8, 2017

[Clerk's note: Except where noted, public, staff and board member comments are paraphrased].

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. Bragg moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017, MTS Board of Directors meeting. Ms. Cole seconded the motion, and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor with Mr. Cunningham, Mr. McClellan and Ms. Zapf absent.

3. Public Comments

Martha Welch – Ms. Welch commented on the Orange Line ending at American Plaza instead of Santa Fe Depot. She stated that the bus bench on 10th Avenue and F Street has been removed. She commented that there are no bathrooms for riders, only for bus drivers. She stated that there are no benches on Broadway for the Rapid buses.

David Rodger – Mr. Rodger commented that San Diego is tourist city and MTS has been lacking in promoting public transit to tourists. He said that MTS is missing the tourist market and more research and effort needs to go into marketing to the tourists.

Chris Real – Mr. Real commented that he tried taking the bus to Fort Rosecrans Cemetery, but there was no service to that location on weekends. He found out that the Route 84 is at risk of being cut and requested that the route stay in service so people can easily access Fort Rosecrans.

CONSENT ITEMS

6. Investment Report - April 2017

7. Job Order Contract (JOC) - On-Call General Building and Facilities Construction - Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. PWL234.0-17 (SANDAG Doc. No. 5007503) with ABC Construction Company, Inc. (ABC), for the provision of on-call job order general building and facilities construction services agreement for a three-year period.

8. San Diego Transit Corporation (SDTC) Gas Detection Upgrade - Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. PWB217.0-17 with Clean Energy, a California Corporation, for gas detection upgrades at the two SDTC locations, Imperial Avenue Division (IAD) and Kearny Mesa Division (KMD).
9. Printing and Delivery of Take One Notices - Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. G1987.0-17 with Neyenesch Printers, Inc., for printing and delivery of Take One notices for five (5) base years with two (2) 1-year options, exercisable at MTS's sole discretion.
10. San Diego Trolley, Inc. (SDTI) Wheel Truing Pit - Construction Changes
Action would: (1) Ratify Construction Changes for Change Order 001 to MTS Doc. No. PWL209.0-16, with Western Rim Constructors, Inc. (WRC) for \$98,584.76, which was previously issued under the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) authority, for the Wheel Truing Pit construction; and (2) Authorize the CEO to execute Construction Change Order 002 to MTS Doc. No. PWL209.0-16, with WRC for \$95,433.26, for work associated with dewatering the wheel truing pit, adding concrete and other miscellaneous changes.
11. On-Call General Civil Construction Services - Contract Amendment
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. PWL204.1-16 with ABC Construction Company, for an increase to the contract value.
12. Bus Tires for Contract Services - Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. B0670.0-17 with Daniels Tire Service for the purchase of 216 tires for 40ft Standard Low Floor Buses and 270 tires for 60ft Articulated Buses.
13. Green Line Traction Power Substation Rehabilitation Services: Mass Electric Construction Contract Change Orders
Action would: (1) Ratify Change Order Nos. 2 - 5 to MTS Doc. No. PWL183.0-16 which were previously approved under the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) approval authority; and (2) Authorize the CEO to execute change orders as necessary for the Mass Electric Construction contract (MTS Doc. No. PWL183.0-16) up to \$495,411.00 with Mass Electric Construction (MEC) Company to modify transformer to rectifier bus bar connection, add negative pullboxes for conduit reroute, replace feeder cables, and adjust for feeder cables variant.
14. Job Order Contract (JOC) On-Call Railroad Signals, Overhead Catenary Systems and Track Work Construction Services - Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. PWL235.0-17 (SANDAG Doc. No. 5007506) with HMS Construction, Inc. (HMS), for the provision of on-call job order railroad signals, overhead catenary systems and track work construction services for a three-year agreement.
15. Microsoft Licensing and Software Assurance Upgrade - Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. G2008.0-17 with Crayon Software Experts, LLC for Microsoft Licensing and Software Assurance Upgrade for three years.

16. Regional Transit Management System (RTMS) Expansion Hardware for Copley Park Division - Sole Source Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. B0672.0-17 with Conduent Transport Solutions, Inc. (Conduent) for the purchase of RTMS related hardware and spare equipment for the Copley Park Division (Copley) RTMS expansion project.
17. Sole Source Award to Drake Integrations for San Diego State University (SDSU) Tunnel Fire, Life, Safety and Smoke Control System
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. PWL237.0-17, a sole source agreement with Drake Integrations to procure, install, integrate and program a Distech Control Fire, Life, Safety and Smoke Control System at the SDSU station and tunnel.
18. Contract Ratifications and Amendments for Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Mandated 800 MHz Rebanding Services
Action would: (1) Ratify previous contract amendment G1738.1-15 with Ross & Baruzzini of \$82,282, previously issued under the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) authority; (2) Authorize the CEO to execute amendment G1738.2-15 for Ross & Baruzzini to increase the total contract value by \$58,981, for a revised total contract value of \$291,193; and (3) Ratify previous contract amendment G1739.1-15 with Day Wireless Systems of \$53,810, previously issued under the CEO's authority.

Action on Recommended Consent Items

Mr. McWhirter moved to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6 – 18. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, and the vote was 13 to 0 in favor with Mr. Cunningham and Mr. McClellan absent.

CLOSED SESSION – PUBLIC COMMENT

Mitchel Beauchamp – Mr. Beauchamp commented on the Desert Line. He stated that present contractor has failed to meet milestones however the agreement has generated several million dollars, but no freight line is currently operating on the Desert Line. He commented that Baja Railroad lacks the stability that is needed to get the Desert Line back into operation. Mr. Beauchamp stated that the Mexican portion of the line continues to decrease in freight volume. He listed recent construction projects on the Mexican portion of the line that continue to waste money and slow down freight volume. He commented that at the western end of the line in San Ysidro, the trains are not crossing with US-certified operators and the maintenance standards are lacking. Mr. Beauchamp stated that he recommends the Board to continue researching Baja Railroad finances and their performance before making any decisions. He said to also consider the reality of international line operating under the onerous up front financial burden that has been placed on the line. He stated that he wants the record to show that he warned the Board about individuals associated with the illegal takeover of the Desert Line and this matter is just a continuation of poor decision making by the present administration and the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

24. Closed Session Items

The Board convened to Closed Session at 9:15 a.m.

a. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8

Property: The San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway Company (SD&AE) Desert Line from approximate Mile Post 60 to approximate Mile Post 130 (Division to Plaster City) in San Diego and Imperial Counties

Agency Negotiators: Paul Jablonski, Chief Executive Officer; Karen Landers, General Counsel; and Tim Allison, Manager of Real Estate Assets

Negotiating Parties: Baja California Railroad, Inc. (BJRR)

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment under Desert Line Lease and Operating Agreement

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 10:10 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 and gave instructions.

NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

25. None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

30. None.

REPORT ITEMS

45. Operations Budget Status Report for April 2017 (Mike Thompson)

Mr. Jablonski noted that MTS received the Government Finance Officers Association Award for Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the eleventh year in a row. Mike Thompson, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, provided a presentation on the operations budget status for April 2017. He reviewed the total operating revenues, total operating expenses and total operating variance. Lastly, Mr. Thompson discussed ongoing concerns including sales tax subsidy revenue, State of California budget, passenger levels and energy prices.

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

46. Transit Optimization Plan (TOP) Update (Denis Desmond)

Sharon Cooney, Chief of Staff, stated that staff has been conducting the TOP for the past year. She noted that there will be a public hearing during the July Board meeting to discuss some of the proposed service implementation plans. She stated that the public hearing will have more detail on each proposal however the presentation today is only an update on the planning and

schedule of the TOP. Ms. Cooney reviewed the reasons as to why MTS is conducting a TOP at this time. She noted that the last significant update to the transit operating system was 2005-2007 with the Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA). Since then, we had recession and service cuts; a weekend service COA; Rapid service implementation; and new travel options such as Uber and Lyft and lower gas prices. There are also new developments that will impact the system including the opening of South Bay Rapid in 2019; Mid-Coast Trolley Line in 2021; failure of Measure A; and SB 1 funds. Ms. Cooney stated that staff is tracking the repeal effort that is underway against SB 1 which would risk new funding. She also noted that system performance metrics are now trending downward and the transit industry standards generally look into updating their service plans every 10 years.

Denis Desmond, Manager of Planning, continued the presentation and reviewed the goals and strategies of the TOP. He discussed the details and results of the community survey and public outreach events. Mr. Desmond reviewed the market analysis for current housing and employment density; Regional Plan 2050 countywide projections; population and employment; high job to population ratios; low jobs to population ratios; intercity commute trends; senior density; youth density; college age density; minority density; low income density; zero vehicle households; population growth projections; and northbound pedestrian border crossings. He listed the key findings from the market analysis results. Mr. Desmond reviewed the service analysis results including historical service trends; ridership by time of day; weekday ridership; Saturday ridership; Sunday ridership; productivity; farebox recovery; and subsidy per passenger. He reviewed some of the key findings from the service analysis results. Mr. Desmond discussed the service implementation plan approach and concept development. Ms. Cooney noted that staff has also begun to research enhancing other services if the Board decides to do so. She stated that staff has been looking at the TOP as a zero expense plan. Mr. Desmond presented maps detailing the current frequent network versus the draft proposed frequent network. Lastly, he reviewed the vehicle assignment options and the TOP project schedule going forward.

Mr. Alvarez asked for clarification on dovetailed routes on the map. Mr. Desmond replied that dovetailed routes are when two or more routes are scheduled evenly in order to create a frequency.

Mr. Diaz inquired if we have market analysis results regarding tourists. Mr. Desmond replied that we generally have seasonal fluctuation from tourists and schools. He stated that there are certain routes that are used more frequently by tourists. Mr. Diaz asked if there is a way to promote service to tourists. Rob Schupp, Director of Marketing and Communication, noted that MTS provides service brochures to various places such as hotels, information centers, Balboa Park and Convention Center. He noted that there is an extensive effort to communicate with the tourist industry.

Mr. Donovan asked about Route 904 being included on the service frequency map. Mr. Desmond responded that Route 904 is a seasonal route and is on a year by year agreement with the City of Coronado.

Ms. Gomez inquired about the results of the low jobs to population ratios. Mr. Desmond replied that SANDAG recently completed an onboard survey and staff is currently reviewing the data which will contain origin addresses and job addresses for riders. Ms. Gomez asked if the Board

can be provided a detailed map of how routes are connected to different employment centers. Mr. Desmond replied that staff will provide more detail to show the overlay of the various routes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jacqueline Brown – Ms. Brown commented on the proposed closure of Route 83. She provided a detailed description of the typical commute a housekeeper would have to take from the border without the Route 83 bus. She requested for the Route 83 to stay in service. A full transcript of Ms. Brown's statement is attached.

Louis Parmigiani – Mr. Parmigiani commented that he is disabled and relies on the Route 83 bus for his transit needs. He stated that there are a lot of people that ride this route. He asked for the Board to keep the Route 83 in service.

Patricia Paylor – Ms. Paylor commented on the Route 83 bus. She provided the Board with a full transcript of her comments. She stated that the discontinuation of Route 83 targets many low income people, seniors, disabled, and domestic workers. Ms. Paylor asked the Board to please read her letter. She said that bus service needs to be improved and not cancelled. She asked for this route to be re-examined to ensure it is not cancelled.

BOARD COMMENTS – Continued

Ms. Gomez asked if staff is evaluating the system mainly on frequency. Mr. Desmond replied that many factors are looked at in the market study. He said that increasing frequency and reducing travel time is an effective way of building ridership. Ms. Gomez commented on last mile solutions and stated that many people use their bikes to ride the last mile of their trip. She asked if it's possible to explore adding more bike racks on buses. Mr. Desmond replied that specific matter is not included in the TOP however this is an area where frequency really helps. He said that if frequency is higher, then there are more buses to carry more bikes.

Ms. Zapf commented on the proposed elimination of Route 84 in Point Loma. She asked for staff to continue evaluating this route and to consider modifying instead of eliminating the route.

Ms. Rios commented on the community survey and stated that it looked as if the south bay community was not as well represented. Mr. Desmond replied that there was fairly even representation around the county for the community survey. She also requested for additional information to be provided to her regarding the proposed changes in National City before the next Board meeting.

Ms. Cole commented that her district is actively working on adding more employment opportunities. She said that they will continue needing frequent service to accommodate her district and riders.

Ms. Bragg asked when the articulated buses would arrive in South Bay and which routes they will service. She also commented on Route 18 and the service it provides to various pain management centers and employment centers. She has requested for this route to be slightly modified in order to still serve the community. Mr. Desmond replied that the articulated buses will arrive in the fall over this year and they will serve routes 709 and 950.

Mr. Alvarez inquired about SB 1 funding and how that is being factored in to the TOP. Ms. Cooney replied that the TOP was originally a cost neutral project however staff is looking at potential service additions if funding becomes available and SB 1 is not repealed. Mr. Jablonski commented that we originally were going to proceed on a cost neutral basis. He said this process also helps identify our best options for increasing service. Staff is preparing information to see how we can apply additional funding in the future. He noted that these discussions will begin with the Budget Development Committee and then to the Board. Mr. Alvarez asked if the new funding will go towards new services or service enhancements in the TOP. Mr. Jablonski replied that the funding will likely go towards both new services and service enhancements recommended by the TOP.

Ms. Gomez inquired about the potential SB 1 repeal and what efforts are being made to lobby in favor of SB 1. Mr. Jablonski replied that this is the top priority of the California Transit Association which MTS is integrally involved in the effort.

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

47. Compass Cash (Stored Value) Update (Sharon Cooney)

Sharon Cooney, Chief of Staff, provided a brief update on Compass Cash, the stored value component of the fare collection system. She commented that we are planning to launch at the end of this month. She noted that depending on unforeseen challenges, there may be adjustments to the schedule however the target to launch will be the end of this month. Mr. Jablonski noted that there will be more field testing and final testing next week which will help determine the launch date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Colin Parent – Mr. Parent commented on behalf of Circulate San Diego. He stated that they appreciate the effort of implementing stored value and are looking forward to the launch. He stated that they will be very public and encouraging once the product goes live to help promote Compass Cash.

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

60. Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's report.

61. Chief Executive Officer's Report

There was no Chief Executive Officer's report.

62. Board Member Communications

There were no Board Member communications.

63. Additional Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

Gordon Rayner – Mr. Rayner commented on Route 10. He recommended adding another bus to the route to help with congestion issues. He also commented on advertising on buses and trolleys. He stated that the advertising is not pleasing to look at and people are not able to see out to enjoy the views. He recommended removing the advertising because they are likely not helping to increase ridership especially with tourists.

Janice Goldman – Ms. Goldman commented that she had an accident five years ago involving the trolley. She said that she wanted to speak to the Board to ask them to settle her claim directly. She stated that in 2012, a malfunction with the trolley door and negligence of the driver caused the accident. She stated that she did not receive requested footage and pictures of the accident. Ms. Goldman said that when she did request the footage, she was told by General Counsel that too much time had gone by and the footage was no longer available on the system. She stated that she is asking for \$300,000 and that she had originally asked for \$100,000.

64. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is July 20, 2017.

65. Adjournment

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

/s/ Harry Mathis
Chairperson
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

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/s/ Julia Tuer
Clerk of the Board
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

/s/ Karen Landers
General Counsel
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Attachments: Roll Call Sheet

Email copy of public comment testimony re: Route 83 (provided after meeting)

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE): June 8, 2017

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

RECESS: _____

RECONVENE: _____

CLOSED SESSION: 9:15 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:10 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: _____

RECONVENE: _____

ORDINANCES ADOPTED: _____

ADJOURN: 11:28 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER	(Alternate)	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
ALVAREZ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cate) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:28 a.m.
ARAMBULA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Mendoza) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:28 a.m.
BRAGG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Spriggs) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:28 a.m.
COLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cate) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:28 a.m.
CUNNINGHAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Mullin) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:30 a.m.	11:05 a.m.
GOMEZ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cate) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:28 a.m.
HALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (TBD) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:28 a.m.
MATHIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:28 a.m.
MCCLELLAN	<input type="checkbox"/> (Goble) <input type="checkbox"/>		
MCWHIRTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Arapostathis) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:28 a.m.
RIOS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Sotelo-Solis) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:28 a.m.
ROBERTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cox) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
SALAS	<input type="checkbox"/> (Diaz) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:28 a.m.
SANDKE	<input type="checkbox"/> (Donovan) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:28 a.m.
ZAPF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cate) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:08 a.m.	11:28 a.m.

SIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD: Julia Turner

CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL COUNSEL: Sam Cord

Julia Tuer

From: Jaki Brown <jaki_moviegirl@live.com>
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 6:09 AM
To: Julia Tuer
Cc: ppaylor@klinedinstlaw.com
Subject: The proposed closure of the #83 Bus

9 June 2017

Dear Julia,

I was the first speaker during the Public's forum at the MTS Board Meeting. I arrived at 8am to make sure I *was* first. I spoke about the #83 bus and wanted to have copies of my speech to leave at the desk near the enter/exit door for you, the Chairman, and the other Board members *after* I gave my speech.

My printer decided to break down the day before, thus I am sending it via email to you. In hindsight I think sending an email will make it easier for you to distribute to the Chairman, and your fellow Board members.

I am also able to add several points that were not in my speech. I was concerned about whether I was speaking within the 3 minute time frame. (I was at the podium about one minute and 30 seconds...I timed myself using what I remembered from my condensed version.)

***Good morning Mr. Chairman and Board members.* My name is Jacqueline Brown and I am a #83 bus rider that commutes to The Meeting Place Clubhouse.**

One of my colleagues was here several weeks ago, or whenever the last Public forum was held. She spoke about the members that commuted to The Meeting Place on the #83 bus and how it would affect them if it were discontinued. I am here to talk about the commute to work *without* the

number #83 bus.

I would also like for each of you to suspend looking at me as I am and allow me to be Maria Torres from Tijuana.

4:30am

I am at the Border check point in Tijuana. I am waiting in a very, very long line of people that need to cross into the United States.

5:45am

I am now waiting for the Blue line trolley to America Plaza. The wait for the trolley that I now know the schedule is on time as this the end and start of that line. Time is crucial to my getting to work by 8am. (By the way, it took me 10 - 15 minutes to walk from the Tijuana side of the border to the Blue line trolley to America Plaza.)

6:50 am

I have reached America Plaza. I cross the street and walk through the tunnel at Santa Fe Depot that leads to the trolleys. I wait for the Green line trolley to Santee. It is running 10 minutes late. My heart is starting to race because it looks like I will probably be late for work.

7:20am

I exit the trolley at the Old town Metro station. I sprint off the trolley to get to the Eastbound #10 bus. Before getting to that side of the station I must first navigate with a crowd going down stairs. (A good number of them.) I walk as fast as I can through a tunnel and now climb stairs going up. The one thing I know about the #10 bus is that it is on time as this is the beginning and end of all the buses here and the rest stop. The big *if* is will I be on time to get the bus I need to Mission Hills where I work.

7:35am

I have now exited the #10 at the Goldfinch stop. I must walk at a brisk pace as I have a 15 - 20 minute walk with a hill ahead of me.

7:55am

I arrive at my employers home where I work as a housekeeper.

The MTS Express bus is another alternative, but the \$4.50 each way or \$9 a day is a big chunk out of my paycheck.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and Board members.

Julia, I timed this speech and it came in under 3 minutes.

Best Regards,

Jacqueline "Jaki" Brown

p.s. There are numerous housekeepers that work in Mission Hills that my new commute will be the same for them. (There are a few of the ladies that live in Chula Vista or another community not far from the Tijuana border.) Most of them are in their 40's and 50's and have worked for their employers sometimes less or more than 25 years and are like family members.

What they will not be able to do is walk as *briskly* to the trolley or bus as I do each day. And frankly, I don't know that a few years from now whether or not the commute will be a challenge for me. The workday for the majority of the ladies begins at 8am with the rest starting at 9am. Why am I advocating for them, they've *all* become friends of mine. I think going to the Public forums and standing before the Chairman and Board members, if they could, might be intimidating for them.