

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

MINUTES

July 20, 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 June 8, 2017, MTS Board of Directors meeting. Ms. Cole seconded the motion, and the vote was 13 to 0 in favor with Mr. Cunningham and Ms. Zapf absent.

3. Public Comments

Martha Welch – Ms. Welch stated that there are no bathrooms available to the public at transit stations. She commented that there should be benches at every bus stop with trash cans and shade.

Clive Richard – Mr. Richard stated that MTS's CEO should be given credit for the improvements to the bus routes ten years ago and the recent Trolley Renewal Project.

Sharlene Ornelas – Ms. Ornelas discussed alternative options for wrapping trolleys to help people who are visually impaired. She asked for the front of the trolleys not to be wrapped in order for visually impaired people to see the trolley easier. She asked for trolley line icons to be reinstated so people who are visually impaired or color blind can see which trolley line they are riding based on an icon instead of the color of the line. Ms. Ornelas also asked for additional decals around the trolley door button so it is easier to see and locate.

Lucas Kurlan – Mr. Kurlan asked if it would be possible to extend bus service to the Carmel Valley area. He stated that there used to be bus service in that area about ten years ago, but was discontinued due to low ridership. He asked for staff to look into reinstating bus service in the area since a lot has changed in the past ten years and more people may ride that service now.

Mary Lytle – Ms. Lytle commented that the recent change to the Orange Line ending at American Plaza instead of Santa Fe Depot is not user friendly for people with mobility issues. She stated that she would like to have both trolley lines end at the same terminal so people with mobility issues do not have to walk between the two stations.

CONSENT ITEMS

6. Increased Authorization for Legal Services Contracts to Pay Projected Expenses in Fiscal Year 2018
Action would: (1) Approve increasing the dollar amount of eleven (11) legal services contracts to cover anticipated fiscal year 2018 (FY18) expenses; and (2) Ratify one legal services contract amendment with approved firm.
7. Fiscal Year 2018 Transportation Development Act Claim
Action would adopt Resolution Nos. 17-10, 17-11, and 17-12 approving fiscal year 2018 Transportation Development Act Article 4.0, 4.5, and 8.0 claims.
8. Semiannual Uniform Report of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Awards and Payments
9. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Task Order Contract Amendment Approval for Old Town Transit Center West Improvements Project
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to approve Amendment No. 2 to Work Order 13.18 for MTS Doc. No. G1493.0-13 with Kimley-Horn & Associates Inc. to perform Design-Engineering Services for the Old Town Transit Center West (OTTC West) Improvements Project ("Project").
10. San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway Company Quarterly Reports and Ratification of Actions Taken by the SD&AE Board of Directors at its Meetings on July 11, 2017
Action would: (1) receive the San Diego and Imperial Valley Railroad (SD&IV), Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association (Museum), and Desert Line quarterly reports for information; and (2) ratify actions taken by the SD&AE Board at its quarterly meeting on July 11, 2017.
11. This number not used.
12. Euclid Drainage Cleanup - Award Work Order Under a Job Order Contract
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order No. MTSJOC7501-01, under MTS Doc. No. PWL182.0-16 with Herzog Construction, Inc. (Herzog), for the provision of services, materials, and equipment for the removal and disposal of debris within the channel near the Euclid Avenue Trolley Station.
13. Banking Services and Purchasing Card Program - Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. G1982.0-17, with JP Morgan Chase Bank (JP Morgan), to provide banking services and a purchasing card program for a five (5) year term with four (4) one year options.
14. On-Call Communications and Low Voltage Systems Wiring Services - Contract Amendment
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. PWG170.1-15 with Communication Wiring Specialists, Inc. (CWS) for \$289,224.78.
15. On-Call Card Access Reader Installation, Maintenance and Repair Services - Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. PWG168.1-15 with Electro Specialty Systems (ESS) for \$171,312.64.

16. Job Order Contract (JOC) On-Call General Electrical, Traffic Signal and Communications Construction Services - Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. PWG238.0-17 (SANDAG Doc. No. 5007502) with Select Electric, Inc., for the provision of on-call job order general electrical contracting services such as communications, traffic lights, traffic signalization and synchronization systems, and related civil construction improvements work for a three-year agreement.
17. Investment Report - May 2017
18. Approval of Appointment to Fill Vacant Budget Development Committee Seat for 2017
Action would approve the appointment of Board Member Mary Salas to the Budget Development Committee for the remainder of 2017.
19. On-Call Construction Management and Engineering/Inspection Services - Master Agreements Award/Ratification
Action would ratify the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) execution of: (1) Partial Assignment of San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Solicitation Capacity for On-Call Professional and Technical Construction Management and Engineering Services to MTS (MTS Doc. No. G2023.0-17); and (2) On-Call Construction Management and Engineering/Inspection Services (CM) Master Agreements with seven (7) prime consulting firms.
20. Courthouse Station Construction Management Services - Work Order Agreement
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order 1 MTS Doc. G2019.0-17 with Simon Wong Engineering, Inc. for the Courthouse Station Construction Management Services, contingent upon the approval of Agenda Item No. 19 (On-Call Construction Management and Engineering/Inspection Services – Master Agreements Award/Ratification).

Action on Recommended Consent Items

Mr. Roberts moved to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6 – 20. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion, and the vote was 14 to 0 in favor with Mr. Cunningham absent.

NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

25. Public Hearing for Transit Optimization Plan Major Service Changes (Denis Desmond)
Mr. Jablonski stated that it has been ten years since MTS conducted the Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) which made dramatic changes to the system. He stated that the Transit Optimization Plan (TOP) is a refinement to the COA. Mr. Jablonski noted that this has been a yearlong process of MTS staff working with Transit Management & Design (TMD). He stated that MTS's ridership has declined, which has created a \$5 million budget hole, and there have been changes to the service area over the last ten years. There are various options when these situations arise including cutting service, raising fares or try to optimize the system by reallocating resources and increasing ridership organically to help cut the budget deficit. The TOP looks to optimize the service rather than looking to cutting mass service and increasing fares. He stated that the plan presented today makes changes to over 65 routes. Mr. Jablonski stated that the key to keeping people on transit is not only to have transit go where they need to

go, but to do it faster and more frequently, which the TOP aims to do. He stated that there are two alternatives including a cost neutral alternative or an investment of \$2 million in the service. Mr. Jablonski noted that the fare study is still being conducted by SANDAG and will be brought to the Board in the fall for review.

Sharon Cooney, Chief of Staff, provided a brief overview of what was included in the Board packets related to the TOP. Ms. Cooney stated that the final TOP approval date is anticipated to be at the September Board meeting. She noted that the proposals heard today may not necessarily be the same proposals recommended in September. Ms. Cooney said they are not asking for a decision today and that they are looking for feedback and additional public comments. She introduced Russ Chisholm and Katie Persons from TMD. Mr. Chisholm provided a background on the process of the TOP. He stated that many transit agencies go through this process about every ten years. He said TMD wanted to address MTS service challenges experienced by riders and non-riders. He stated that they looked at changing the service to become more attractive and easier to use for riders. Mr. Chisholm said that increasing frequencies and reducing transfers make transit more attractive to riders. He stated that the TOP was a chance to refresh the system from a market service standpoint. Ms. Cooney stated that today's presentation will show subsidy neutral alternatives and full TOP alternatives.

Denis Desmond, Manager of Planning, continued the presentation and reviewed the overall recommendations for the proposals which have one or more of the following: reinvestment of resource from low-ridership routes/segments to higher ridership/demand services; streamlining of routes for faster passenger travel times; improving network connectivity; and reducing very long routes for better reliability. He stated that he will go through two packages where some proposals are interdependent, proposed and presented as a package, and other proposals standalone, but have an impact on overall TOP cost and ridership. He reviewed the frequent service network as it currently stands and the proposed network. Mr. Desmond reviewed proposals for Routes 1, 7, 52 (La Mesa/Mid-City); Routes 701, 703, 704, 707, 709 (Chula Vista); Routes 204, 235, 237 (I-15/University City); Routes 815, 816 (El Cajon); Routes 962, 963, 967, 968 (National City/Paradise Hills); Routes 27, 44, 50, 105, 120 (Clairemont/Kearny Mesa); Routes 14, 854 (Grantville, La Mesa); Routes 35, 923 (Ocean Beach, Point Loma); Routes 905, 950 (Otay Mesa); Routes 856, 936 (Rancho SD Village, College Grove); other changes with frequency improvements including Routes 3, 5, 13, 906/907, 955, 992; other changes with route streamlining including Routes 20, 25, 832, 851, 874/875; other changes with route splits including Routes 11, 864; other changes with route reductions including Routes 8, 9, 894, 901, 929, 944; and other changes with route discontinuations including Routes 18, 83, 84, 834, 870, 871/872, 945A.

Ms. Cooney discussed the SB 1 potential which would provide up to \$6 million in additional annual operating funds. The potential of SB 1 would be considered in conjunction with recommendations of the upcoming fare study. SB 1 would provide potential service improvements including trolley frequency improvements; expansion of the Rapid network; and pilots for new bus routes. She noted that there is a risk of SB 1 being repealed in 2018 jeopardizing any service increases. Ms. Cooney provided the recommendation for today which is to receive a report on proposed major service changes; receive public testimony; and provide direction to staff for any changes prior to approval at a later Board of Directors meeting planned for September 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clive Richard – Mr. Richard commented that he likes the proposals for Routes 1, 11, 14 and 235.

Jacqueline Brown – Ms. Brown commented on route 83 and asked for the continuation of the route. She said that The Meeting Place members and employees utilize this bus route as well as other community members in the neighborhood. She said that if this route was discontinued, it would be difficult for people to walk the distance to the Middletown Trolley Station.

Martha Welch – Ms. Welch commented on route 967 and said she is concerned about service to the senior buildings. She stated that she likes the proposals for routes 3 and 12.

Paul Williams – Mr. Williams commented that he is opposed to cutting route 83. He stated that he uses it to get to routes 10 and 11.

Debra McCann – Ms. McCann stated that she support the proposals for route 3. She commented that the older buses have issues with the ramps and would like to see those updated if possible.

Monique Bernard – Ms. Bernard commented on routes 18 and 14. She stated that she takes the route 18 to get to work and without the route, it would be a very long walk for her to get to work.

Gerrie Trussell – Ms. Trussell commented on behalf of the Uptown Parking District. She stated that they are opposed to cutting service on route 83. She stated that cutting service would have a negative and isolating impact on Mission Hills residents. Ms. Trussell stated that they are currently conducting parking studies in the area to invest in the community and promote public transit. She encouraged the Board to keep route 83 and implement the full TOP option, which would also save route 84 too.

Linda Artiaga – This speaker was not present.

Sidney Michael – Mr. Michael commented the he supports the proposals for routes 7, 52 and 955.

Esperanza Gonzalez – Ms. Gonzalez commented that City Heights is central area of the city and needs more frequent bus service. She said that residents will feel safer and less rushed having a more frequent bus schedule and more buses at night.

Maria Cortez – Ms. Cortez commented the she supports the proposals for routes 13, 235 and 955. She asked to please increase the route 13 service to 12 minutes all day. She stated that she is happy to see City Heights getting more service.

Caleigh McLaughlin – This speaker was not present.

Judith Mandel – Ms. Mandel commented that she wants to see the route 10 stop at University and Alabama stay in place because there is a shelter and a safe crosswalk. She recommended providing riders a coupon to transfer between routes 7 and 52. Ms. Mandel stated that TeleInfo staff are great.

Robert Grijalva – Mr. Grijalva stated that he has concerns with the connections between routes 44, 105 and 120. He stated that there are maintenance issues on the 300-series buses and drivers need additional training in applying the brakes. He also stated that there are some security issues at Kearny Mesa Transit Center.

Phillip Bellen – Mr. Bellen commented that he is pleased with the implementation of Compass Cash. He also commented on route 83 and asked if there were studies done on the riders and their use of the route. Mr. Bellen stated that the First Transit buses are uncomfortable and are harder for disabled people to get in and out of the buses.

Sharon Gehl – Ms. Gehl commented on route 83 and stated that it is the only bus that serves both north and south Mission Hills. She stated that she is opposed to cutting route 83. She stated that on the website it says that MTS's cost per passenger is lower than other cities and those cities don't cut as much service.

Steven Ferguson – Mr. Ferguson stated that he wants route 871/872 to be maintained.

Lorraine Leighton – Ms. Leighton stated that she wants route 871/872 to be maintained. She said for route 816, consider an 816A route going up Main Street and an 816B route going up Washington. She said she is opposed to cutting routes 83 and 84.

Suzanne Gegna – Ms. Gegna commented that she supports route 854. She stated that she uses routes 14 and 854 frequently and so do other residents. She said that the walk from Baltimore to Jackson is a long walk and many people cannot walk that far. Ms. Gegna recommended considering a loop for route 14 via Lake Murray and Jackson.

James Anderson – Mr. Anderson commented on routes 832 and 834. He stated that he agrees with cutting off the Los Ranchitos loop, however he suggested moving the 2nd Street stop to Magnolia so the disabled students at Santana High School can use that route. Mr. Anderson asked for route 834 to not be discontinued, but cutting out a lot of the stops along Prospect and moving the stops coming back down Mission Gorge instead of Prospect. He stated that if route 834 was cut, there would be problems with MTS Access buses servicing the area due to the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile pick up rule.

Martina Valencia – Ms. Valencia commented on behalf of over 300 residents and commuters regarding route 894. She asked for MTS to please keep the route 894 service to Parkway Plaza in El Cajon. She stated that it is a severe inconvenience without that bus stop.

Joe Sabala – Mr. Sabala stated that he is a disabled veteran and rides route 851. He said that he lives on Kenwood with a stop right outside of his house. He asked to please keep the service on Kenwood.

Cynthia Eckenroth – Ms. Eckenroth commented on route 864. She stated that route 838 must make a scheduled connection with route 864 at East County Square. She said that if route 864 is late, the route 838 could take off and leave riders waiting for an hour until the next bus arrives.

Elizabeth Williams – Ms. Williams commented on route 854. She stated that she uses the route 854 at Lake Murray Blvd. and Cowles Mountain Blvd. along with senior citizens and college students in the area. She asked that route 854 not be discontinued.

John Coffee – Mr. Coffee stated that he lives on Lake Murray and Baltimore and uses the route 854 several times per week. He asked that route 854 stay in service.

Aaron Seavey – Mr. Seavey proposed to combine routes 14 and 18 and run it seven days per week. He also asked to keep routes 856 and 936 going into College Grove Drive.

Jaime Garcia – Mr. Garcia commented on the route 14 proposal. He said that he bought a condo at the top of Rancho Mission Road because of the bus service in front of the condo. He stated that he cannot walk up the hill and would be stranded without that service.

Julie Zimmerman – Ms. Zimmerman commented on route 874/875. She asked for the route 874/875 to be kept as is in Granite Hills. She said that route serves a day program for people with physical and developmental disabilities. She stated that it would be very difficult for them to cross the intersection at Lexington and Jamacha if the service is changed, because it is not a pedestrian friendly intersection. Ms. Zimmerman also said the route services Granite Hills High School special education students.

Robin Washington – Mr. Washington commented on route 832 and asked for the route to have extended hours. He stated that he has to walk three miles to his house after route 832 stops running service for the day. He asked for MTS to extend the hours for route 832. He also said that he knows people with disabilities on the Los Ranchitos loop and asked for that service to continue.

Sharlene Ornelas – Ms. Ornelas stated that she would like to keep route 1 and 7 as is. She said that the proposal requires new transfers between El Cajon Blvd. and Grossmont, and since transfers are no longer available people would end up paying more to ride. She also said that transferring at Allison and Spring Street is difficult for people who are blind.

Paul Holloway – Mr. Holloway commented on route 870. He stated that the route 870 connects East County with route 235. He stated that the commutes from Santee would increase by 45 minutes if people wanted to use route 235. He proposed keeping route 870 or in-lieu of that, create a shuttle service from Mission San Diego on the Green Line to the route 235 in Kearny Mesa.

Debbie Cook – Ms. Cook stated that she teaches at Grossmont College and often takes route 854. She said that if that route is eliminated, she would have to walk 30 minutes to the route 115 stop. She stated that there is low ridership because route 854 departs Grossmont College three minutes after class ends, so students don't have enough time to catch the bus.

Elaine Root – Ms. Root commented that she is opposed to route 14 bypassing the 70th Street trolley. She said route 854 problems are compounded by the proposal. She said that the route 854 is very important for her and for other residents in the area.

Judith Mandel – Ms. Mandel stated that she believes it's important for the public to have a chance to comment on the notes from this meeting, so that staff would have additional input and clarification from the public.

Yolanda Maldonado – This speaker was not present.

Joe Barry – Mr. Barry commented that he rides route 832. He said that he would like to keep the route 832 in service at Woodglen Vista and Magnolia.

Lynn Parrish – Ms. Parrish stated that MTS has an Accessible Services Advisory Committee that meets quarterly and invited the public to attend. She stated that she serves as an alternate on the Committee. She commented that she does not support the proposal for routes 50 and 105. She stated that if they have to make these changes, to please have route 50 run at least every hour.

Josephine Wise – Ms. Wise stated that she is a Bay Park resident and is opposed to the proposal for route 105. She stated that she has a disabled son that uses the route 105 every day to get to work.

Trina Tauer – Ms. Tauer commented on routes 8, 9, 25, 41, 44 and 120. She said to consider the impact on the disabled community with the changes, especially route 44. She said that many of the riders on route 44 are wheelchair bound and transferring buses are very difficult. She also stated that she has issues with connections at the Old Town Transit Center.

Joann Pangalos – Neil Wise spoke on behalf of Joanne Pangalos. He said that he rides route 105 every day and asked to please keep the service on Milton Street.

Brad Vogt – Mr. Vogt commented that he is opposed to the route 44 proposal. He also stated that there needs to be a bus shelter at Clairemont Mesa Blvd. and Shawline.

Michael Crosby – Mr. Crosby commented on routes 35 and 923. He stated that he is opposed to the Ocean Beach changes because the route 923 service would end early at 7:00pm. He stated that he is also opposed to cutting the route 923 service on weekends too. Mr. Crosby commented that 15 minutes frequency on route 35 will cause too many buses to pile up at Cable and Newport.

Greta Pahamel – Ms. Pahamel commented on route 854. She said that she is opposed to cutting route 854, because a lot of people use it to get to work and grocery shopping.

Lori Kearns – Ms. Kearns commented on route 44. She said that she is opposed to route 44 changes and that the impacts would be to a large number of senior residents. She asked for each Board Member to try riding the bus every day to see what it's like for frequent riders.

Amy Eppert – Ms. Eppert stated that she is a student at Pt. Loma Nazarene University and commented on route 84. She stated that proposed express trips should have a stop at the University for the students, staff and community workers to utilize.

Rick Ivkovich – Mr. Ivkovich commented on route 84. He stated that he takes route 84 to the Cabrillo National Monument. He said that route 84 would discontinue access to the Monument

for anyone that doesn't have a car or is a tourist. He asked for staff to consider alternatives for the route including running it every 2 hours or only running it on weekends.

Jose Medina – Mr. Medina commented on route 963. He said that he uses a wheelchair and is okay to access a bus stop on Euclid, but going home is harder because it is too steep.

Beda Cruz – Ms. Cruz asked for route 967 to stay in service and go to the top of Mariposa Place. She stated that hill is very steep and service is already difficult due to low frequency.

Marc Marconi – This person did not speak.

Randy Van Vleck – This person did not speak.

Patricia Winchester – Ms. Winchester commented on route 832 and asked for the service to not be discontinued. She stated that she is disabled and needs the service for transportation.

Denise Samuels – Ms. Samuels commented on routes 1 and 7. She said that route 7 should not be divided because transfers are difficult in San Diego, which doesn't make riding transit attractive to the public.

Patricia Paylor – Chairman Mathis read Ms. Paylor's comments from her public comment sheet on her behalf: "It is important that the 83 bus morning schedule remains at its original times. Many get to work in an otherwise unserved area in those morning hours. Thank you."

Jill Monroe – Ms. Monroe commented on route 84 on behalf of Pt. Loma Nazarene University. She asked for route 84 to be maintained. She also requested to at least have a stop at the University for the express trips.

Kathleen Evans-Calderwood – Ms. Evans-Calderwood commented that MTS did not do their due diligence in planning or in announcing the public hearing. She said that MTS needs to hold another public hearing. She stated that she opposes cuts to route 84. She also stated the route 13 has been problematic in servicing City Heights residents traveling to National City and back. She said that these cuts are going to prevent people from getting to Kaiser Hospital and Paradise Valley Hospital.

Gwendolyn McNeal – This person did not speak.

Linda Artiaga – This person did not speak.

Mary Christensen – This person did not speak.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Zapf commented on bus routes 83 and 84. She stated that she and Councilmember Chris Ward do not want route 83 to be discontinued. She also stated that she would take her concerns related to route 84 offline to discuss possible alternatives with staff. Ms. Zapf stated that she wants Pt. Loma Nazarene University to have transit options. She said that she would like service to continue to Cabrillo National Monument on holidays. Ms. Zapf said she is

concerned about the discontinuation of Saturday service on route 923. She asked for staff to consider other options for route 105 instead of making cuts to the service.

Mr. Alvarez commented on the rerouting of Route 11. He stated that he wants to follow up on community requests to consider moving the route from Logan to National. He commented on possibly adding shelters and benches to help increase ridership. Mr. Alvarez inquired if staff could share the monitoring efforts of the proposed changes at future meetings to see how the changes are doing after implementation. Mr. Jablonski stated that staff will include TOP monitoring reports as a quarterly report to the Board after implementation.

Mr. Hall stated that he has concerns with the proposals for routes 832 and 834. He asked if staff had spoken with the City of Santee about these proposals. Mr. Desmond stated that staff spoke with the City of Santee Traffic Engineer and Director of Planning. Mr. Hall suggested that MTS schedule a meeting to meet with him and the City Manager about the proposals.

Ms. Cole asked for more explanation on reducing long routes. Mr. Desmond replied that reducing long routes means shortening the length of the route, and not the frequency or span of service. Ms. Cole also stated that she would like to see sufficient time taken to ensure the project is done right and that the many public comments and suggestions are taken into consideration.

Ms. Gomez commented that in her district she has heard positive things about the proposed changes. She stated that she would like to see an effort to keep route 84. She commented on route 854 and asked that other options be considered to keep the route. She also stated that she would like to see more benches, shelters and trash cans at bus stops. Ms. Gomez commented that she is leaning towards supporting the full TOP alternative option.

Mr. Goble inquired about route 874/875. He stated that he is concerned about the special education students and adult education students at Granite Hills High School which rely on this route for transportation. He also asked how cutting a segment of that route would net in an increase in ridership. Ms. Cooney said that the route will become more streamlined and more efficient for other passengers which net an increase of ridership. She stated that routes which deviate, or are too long, result in passengers deciding to no longer use transit due to travel time and unreliability. Mr. Desmond also stated that the revised route will also stop at a main street and is expected to attract more riders.

Mr. Cunningham commented on route 944. He stated that he appreciated the increased service in the midtown area, he opposes cutting the service down Garden Road. He suggested limiting the loop on Garden Road and making an alternative stop to help provide access to people in that area. Mr. Cunningham also commented on route 945A. He stated that he wants to see data specific to the discontinuation of route 945A. Mr. Cunningham said that route has many riders who are developmentally disabled trying to get to school and they do not have alternative modes of transportation.

Mr. Sandke suggested that mobility issues be taken into consideration when making decisions for the proposed changes. He stated that he is leaning towards supporting the full TOP alternative option. Mr. Sandke said he will email specific comments on routes to staff. He asked for staff to consider other senior transportation service options. He also stated that he supports maintaining service on route 83.

Ms. Rios commented on routes 44 and 854. She stated that she would like to see alternative options for these routes and to consider seniors and disabled riders. She commented on route 963 and said that she is concerned about wheelchair users on Granger Avenue. She noted that the City of National City is proposing to make Granger Avenue a one-way street. Ms. Rios stated that she wants to keep route 967 service on Mariposa Place. She also noted that she is leaning towards supporting the full TOP alternative option.

Ms. Bragg commented that she has concerns about routes 14, 44, 84, 832, 854, 870, 963, and 967. She stated that she is leaning toward supporting the full TOP alternative option. Ms. Bragg asked for staff to please consider the comments provided by the disabled community. She said to look into the scheduling and connection issues that were raised. Ms. Bragg also commented that she has received requests for a route 901 express.

Mr. Diaz commented that he agrees with adding more shelters and benches, and said that comfort on buses is also important for the riders. He stated that he has concerns with route 854 proposals. Mr. Diaz recommended staff looking into which resources are available after the cuts are implemented and to consider the implication to the riders and communities. He asked for staff to look into expanding service hours in certain areas. He commented on route 963 and the challenges people will have having to walk up the hill. Mr. Diaz also asked staff to look at route 704. He said he likes realigning the route to 3rd Avenue, but would like to see the route maintained on E Street.

Action Taken

No action taken.

CLOSED SESSION

24. Closed Session Items

The Board convened to Closed Session at 12:02 p.m.

a. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6

Agency: San Diego Trolley, Inc. ("SDTI")

Agency-Designated Representative: Jeff Stumbo

Employee Organization: Public Transit Employees Association (Representing Train Operators, Mechanics, Servicepersons and Clerical Staff at SDTI)

b. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6

Agency: San Diego Transit Corporation ("SDTC")

Agency-Designated Representative: Jeff Stumbo

Employee Organization: Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1309 (Representing Bus Operators and Clerical Staff at SDTC)

- c. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6
Agency: San Diego Trolley, Inc. ("SDTI")
Agency-Designated Representative: Jeff Stumbo
Employee Organization: Transit Enforcement Officers Association (Representing Code Compliance Inspectors)

- d. 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 12:22 p.m.

Oral Report of Final Actions Taken in Closed Session

Karen Landers, General Counsel, reported the following:

- a. The Board received a report and gave instructions to negotiators.
- b. The Board received a report and gave instructions to negotiators.
- c. The Board received a report and gave instructions to negotiators.
- d. The Board received a report and gave instructions to negotiators.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 30. None.

REPORT ITEMS

- 46. Operations Budget Status Report for May 2017 (Mike Thompson) (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

This report was waived.

Action Taken

Mr. Cunningham moved to waive the Operations Budget Status Report for May 2017. Ms. Cole seconded the motion, and the vote was 10 to 0 in favor with Mr. Alvarez, Mr. Arambula, Mr. Arapostathis, Mr. Hall, and Ms. Gomez absent.

45. Fare Collection Update (Sharon Cooney)

Sharon Cooney, Chief of Staff, provided an update related to the Fare Collection system. She introduced Israel Maldonado, the new Fare System Administrator for MTS. Rob Schupp, Director of Marketing and Communications, continued the presentation. He discussed the launches of Compass Cloud and Compass Cash. He stated that Compass Cloud, the mobile ticketing application, launched on March 30th, and Compass Cash, or stored value, launch on June 28th. He presented a demonstration video of the Compass Cloud application. Mr. Schupp stated that MTS has had an aggressive marketing campaign for both Compass Cloud and Compass Cash. Lastly, he reviewed the transactions and revenue results since the launches.

Ms. Cooney discussed the Next Generation Fare Collection System. She stated that the current fare collection system is out of date and at the end of its useful life. Ms. Cooney stated that the future fare collection system will be an account based system; have integrated mobile ticketing; be nonproprietary with open architecture; have the ability to integrate with multiple hardware options; have better financial and data tools; and have greater flexibility in the fare policy. Ms. Cooney discussed the planning process for system modernization. She stated that MTS staff launched a process for deciding what to do next with the fare collection system in 2014. Ms. Cooney noted that we hired CH2M, a leading fare collection consulting expert in the nation, in 2016. She reviewed the Concept of Operations document and development process. She noted that the Concept of Operations document is a living document and will be updated continuously. She reviewed the various systems that will need to be procured for the new system. Ms. Cooney discussed details of the two step strategy core procurement process. Lastly, she reviewed the project's next steps going forward.

Mr. Diaz commented that he has had issues in the past trying to obtain and use compass cards from the ticket vending machines. He recommended to staff to ensure that the new machines are easy to use and intuitive for riders.

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational 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

Mr. Diaz commented that he was pleased to see the great results reported on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) item in the Board packet.

63. Additional Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no additional public comments.

64. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is September 21, 2017.

65. Adjournment

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

/s/ Harry Mathis
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): July 20, 2017

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

RECESS: _____

RECONVENE: _____

CLOSED SESSION: 12:02 p.m.

RECONVENE: 12:22 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: 9:14 a.m.

RECONVENE: 11:30 a.m.

ORDINANCES ADOPTED: _____

ADJOURN: 12:44 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER	(Alternate)	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
ALVAREZ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cate) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:03 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
ARAMBULA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Mendoza) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:46 a.m.
BRAGG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Spriggs) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:44 p.m.
COLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cate) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:44 p.m.
CUNNINGHAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Mullin) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:15 a.m.	12:44 p.m.
GOMEZ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cate) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:22 p.m.
HALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (TBD) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:22 p.m.
MATHIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:44 p.m.
MCCLELLAN	<input type="checkbox"/> (Goble) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:44 p.m.
MCWHIRTER	<input type="checkbox"/> (Arapostathis) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:22 p.m.
RIOS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Sotelo-Solis) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:44 p.m.
ROBERTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cox) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:44 p.m.
SALAS	<input type="checkbox"/> (Diaz) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:44 p.m.
SANDKE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Donovan) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:44 p.m.
ZAPF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cate) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:07 a.m.	12:44 p.m.

SIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD: Julia Tuer

CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL COUNSEL: Edmundo Cervantes