

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

MINUTES

September 20, 2018

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

1. Roll Call

Chair Gomez called the Board meeting to order at 9:05 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 July 26, 2018, MTS Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Sandke seconded the motion, and the vote was 15 to 0 in favor.

3. Public Comments

Valerie Hightower – Ms. Hightower commented that there are new bus drivers that do not show respect or consideration to the riders. She stated that on September 25th she had an allergic reaction to medication and was not able to breathe well. She told the driver and the driver showed no sense of urgency in stopping the bus or asking if she needed an ambulance. Ms. Hightower also commented on a recent asthma attack she had at a transit station. She stated that a driver of the Route 4 bus pulled up and came off the bus and did not help in assisting her to call an ambulance. Ms. Hightower commented that the new drivers have no consideration. She also requested for the windows to be unlocked on the buses so riders can have fresh air.

Sara Blodgett – Ms. Blodgett commented on behalf of the San Diego Dance Theater. She thanked MTS for providing them the opportunity to bring Trolley Dances to San Diego for the past twenty years. Ms. Blodgett stated that Trolley Dances brings public dancing to the public and underserved areas at transit stations. She said that their program stimulates positive economic impacts to the neighborhoods they serve.

Lisa Fair – Ms. Fair commented on behalf of the ATU Local 1309. She stated that they have been in negotiations for almost a year now and they will not concede to anymore items without getting something back in return. Ms. Fair reminded the Board that in 2012, the ATU Local 1309 made several concessions and they are no longer going to concede to any items now or in the future. She stated that they are meeting in negotiations this afternoon.

Martha Welch – Ms. Welch commented about the changes to the trolley lines in downtown. She commented about Route 11, Route 929, and Route 966.

Stead Burton – Mr. Burton commented on behalf of the ATU Local 1309. He stated that he has been a driver for 11 years and has seen contract negotiations take away from the ATU. Mr. Burton commented that the drivers do a lot for the system and that seems to be forgotten. He stated that the proposed raise over the next three years should be given to the drivers all at one time. He commented that he is at top pay and that is still not enough to support his family. Mr.

Burton stated that he would like to see the pension brought back for the new drivers. He also stated that the contracted drivers are understaffed, underpaid and overworked.

Erik Madsen – Mr. Madsen commented on behalf of the ATU Local 1309. He commented on Congressional bill, HR-6016, which addresses safety concerns with buses. He stated that the bill also addresses safety issues for bus operators.

Larry Emerson – Mr. Emerson commented on improving customer service capabilities and responses to customers on complaints and feedback. He stated that he would also like to see increased veterans' access to transit.

Anabel Arayz – Ms. Arayz commented on behalf of IBEW Local 465. She stated that they are in support of ATU Local 1309.

Michelle Krug – Ms. Krug commented that she is support of ATU Local 1309. She also commented on Route 963 and the recent changes. She stated that the changes to Route 963 have been detrimental to many riders. Ms. Krug asked if staff ever follows up with riders that are affected by changes to the bus routes.

CONSENT ITEMS

6. Adoption of Amended 2018 Conflict of Interest Code
Action would: (1) adopt Resolution No. 18-11 amending the MTS Conflict of Interest Code pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974; (2) adopt the amended 2018 MTS Conflict of Interest Code; and (3) forward the amended 2018 MTS Conflict of Interest Code to the County of San Diego (the designated code-reviewing body).
7. Amendment of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 State Transit Assistance (STA) Claim and Approval of FY 2018-2019 STA Claim and Submission of Proposed Project List for California State of Good Repair (SGR) Program
Action would adopt Resolution No. 18-10 amending the FY 2017-2018 STA claim, approving the FY 2018-2019 STA claim and approving the submission of a proposed project list to Caltrans for the FY 2018-2019 SGR program.
8. Title VI Monitoring Report for Service Policies
Action would review and approve the 2018 Title VI Monitoring Report for Service Policies.
9. Contract with the City of Chula Vista for Taxicab Administration
Action would: (1) authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to enter into an agreement for Taxicab Administration with the City of Chula Vista; (2) adopt the proposed amendments to MTS Ordinance No. 11, an Ordinance Providing for the Licensing and the Regulating of Transportation Services within the City by the adoption of a Uniform Paratransit Ordinance; and (3) direct publication of a summary of the amendments to MTS Ordinance No. 11; and (4) upon adoption of the proposed amendments, authorize the CEO the discretion to enforce MTS Ordinance No. 11 in its amended form.
10. Investment Report - June 2018
11. Investment Report - July 2018

12. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Task Order Contract Approval for Design Services for James R. Mills Building HVAC/Central Plant Engineering Study
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order WOA1949-AE-19 for MTS Doc. No. G1949.1-17 with Jacobs Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$119,609.31 for design services for a James R. Mills Building Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC)/Central Plant Engineering Study.
13. Special Trackwork Materials - Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. L1463.0-19, with Progress Rail Services Corporation, for special trackwork materials.
14. Trash Disposal, Green Waste and Recycling Services - Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to: (1) Execute MTS Doc. No. G2151.0-18, with EDCO Disposal for the provision of trash and green waste disposal, and recycling services for a five (5) year base period with five (5) year option terms (for a total of ten years); and (2) Exercise the option years at the CEO's discretion.
15. Industrial General Permit & Storm Water Management Services - Sole Source Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute a contract for a two-year (2) and nine (9) month period in response to MTS Doc. No. PWG263.0-19, to Whitson Contracting & Management, Inc., for Industrial General Permit (IGP) and Storm Water Management Services in an amount not to exceed \$273,412.20.
16. San Diego Trolley On-Call Tree Trimming and Removal Services - Amendment No. 4
Action would: (1) Ratify contract amendments one (1) and two (2) as MTS Doc. No. PWL199.1-16 and PWL199.2-16 for a total of \$42,180.00, which were previously issued to Singh Group, Inc. under the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) authority, for On-Call Tree Trimming Services; (2) Ratify MTS Doc. No. PWL199.3-16 (Amendment three (3)) with Singh Group, Inc. for \$40,000.00, which was previously issued under the CEO authority, for services for On-Call Tree Trimming Services at Chollas Creek; and (3) Authorize the CEO to execute MTS Document No. PWL199.4-16 with Singh Group, Inc., for \$103,856.00.
17. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Job Order Contract (JOC) Work Order for 8th Street Bridge Repair
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order No. MTSJOC7501-25 with Herzog Contracting Corporation to perform work under MTS Doc. No. PWL182.0-16 for the repair of the bridge at 8th Street on the Blue Line.
18. MTS Job Order Contract (JOC) Work Order for Turnout S37 Replacement
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order No. MTSJOC7501-27 with Herzog Contracting Corporation to perform work under MTS Doc. No. PWL182.0-16 for the replacement of Turnout S37 on the Blue Line.
19. AC Switchgear Replacement for Orange Line Substations - Engineering Design Services - Work Order
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order No. WOA1951-AE-20 to MTS Doc. No. G1951.0-17 with Mott MacDonald, LLC for the AC Switchgear Replacement on Orange Line TPSS - Engineering Design Services.

20. Light Rail Vehicle Pantograph Parts - Purchase Order
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute an outline agreement in a form of a Purchase Order with Siemens Mobility Inc. for the purchase of Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Pantograph parts.
21. Douglas Fir Railroad Ties - Contract Award
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. L1467.0-19, with B&B Diversified Materials (B&B), for Douglas Fir Railroad Ties.
22. MTS Building C - Security Office Renovation - Change Orders
Action would: (1) ratify Construction Change Order (CCO) 1 to MTS Doc. No. PWL234.0-17; and (2) authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute CCO 2 to MTS Doc. No. PWL234.0-17, Work Order No. MTSJOC7503-07 with ABC for asbestos abatement and office furniture.
23. Transit Asset Management Policy
Action would: (1) Adopt MTS Board Policy No. 65, "Transit Asset Management Policy" to establish guidelines for the management of the agency's organizational assets; and (2) Receive and approve the fiscal year 2019 (FY 19) Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan.

Action on Recommended Consent Items

Mr. Hall moved to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6 – 23. Mr. McWhirter seconded the motion, and the vote was 15 to 0 in favor.

30. Revisions to Board Policy 18 (Sharon Cooney) TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

Sharon Cooney, Chief of Staff, provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Board Policy 18. She reviewed the list of available developable properties owned by MTS. She discussed the details of the current version of Policy 18. Ms. Cooney reviewed the approaches and goals of other agencies including the Bay Area (BART), Los Angeles (LA Metro), Dallas (DART), Washington D.C. (WMATA), Atlanta (MARTA), and Denver (RTD). She stated that the Executive Committee discussed this policy at its last meeting and provided the following comments: need for a public process when we receive unsolicited proposals; do not want to be overly prescriptive; encourage affordable units for veterans; prefer a hybrid approach: active competitive solicitation, but accept unsolicited proposals in certain circumstances; and encourage free transit passes and bathrooms. Ms. Cooney reviewed a list of possible policy discussion points for the Board to discuss including: amount of replacement parking; physical improvements or amenities to be required, such as restrooms and free transit passes; affordable housing requirement; consideration of unsolicited development proposals and formal competitive bidding; proposal of including a procedural manual to accompany the policy document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Colin Parent – Mr. Parent commented on behalf of Circulate San Diego. He stated that they recently came out with a report titled "Real Opportunity", which identified underutilized real estate owned by MTS and made recommendations as to how MTS can make better use of those properties. Mr. Parent provided recommendations on how to approach joint development opportunities including having affordable housing requirements per site; limiting replacement

parking; and include Request for Proposals (RFPs) as well as unsolicited proposals for the property.

Ginger Hitzke – Ms. Hitzke stated that she is the President of Hitzke Development, an affordable housing developer, and is also on the Board of Circulate San Diego. She commented on the RFP process and recommended setting a goal of putting out an RFP at least once per year.

Stephen Russell – Mr. Russell commented on behalf of the San Diego Housing Federation. He stated that their mission is to see that every person in San Diego has a safe place to call home. Mr. Russell commented that they strongly support MTS in their effort in moving forward as a public agency partner to help address the housing crisis in this region. He stated that they agree with the recommendations put forth by Circulate San Diego to make this policy even better. Mr. Russell stated that there should be a minimum requirement of 20% affordable housing at each site and have incentives to go beyond that number.

Gretchen Newsom – Ms. Newsom commented on behalf of IBEW 569. She stated that they are in support of making changes to Policy 18. She commented that policies should create good, local jobs and where possible, affordable housing that is transit oriented. Ms. Newsom stated that they hope the job quality standards will be adopted and incorporated into this policy.

John Seymour – Mr. Seymour commented on behalf of National CORE. He provided a letter to the Board regarding Policy 18 changes and recommendations. Mr. Seymour stated that they are in support of changes to Policy 18. A full copy of Mr. Seymour's letter is included in the final Board meeting packet.

Filiberto Gonzalez – Mr. Gonzalez commented on behalf of Grapevine Development. He stated that they are in support of revisions to Policy 18. Mr. Gonzalez commented that they are the developers of a 60 acre transit oriented development project. He noted that the first phase of their project included 132 affordable housing units. Mr. Gonzalez commented that they have learned that their project has spurred further use of the bus depot and transit system, and has also decreased the need for vehicles. He stated that revisions to Policy 18 will help encourage further use of the transit system, and recommended including an 80/20 housing program. Mr. Gonzalez also recommended using free transit passes and restrooms as incentives for developers.

Daniel Smith – Mr. Smith stated that he is a long time property owner at the Grantville site. He stated that he believes we should try to have the maximum amount of units at the site. He commented that parking should stay as is at the site due to the future expansion of the Qualcomm site and the potential need for extra parking. Mr. Smith stated that a goal of 10% affordable housing seems to be a better standard and more flexible.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Salas commented that she agrees that we need a public process for any unsolicited proposals. She agrees we should do a hybrid process of using both solicited and unsolicited proposals. Ms. Salas stated there should be an affordable housing component included in the policy. She also stated that there should be public restrooms at these facilities.

Mr. Hall commented that he believes there should be some form of replacement parking. He said that he's not in favor of free transit passes. Mr. Hall agrees that affordable housing is a good component, and he stated that he likes the idea of mixed used developments. He commented that he would like to see a possibility of HOA agreements with these projects. He also stated that the applicable cities should be involved in the development process.

Mr. Diaz commented that there should be sufficient parking located at these stations. He commented that local control is important and the applicable cities should be involved in the development process. He stated that he believes there should be more housing options for veterans.

Ms. Zapf commented that she believes our focus should be on transit and not primarily on subsidized housing. She said she is not sure about including public restrooms at these sites. She commented that people who recommend percentages regarding affordable housing need to do more work on determining if it is even feasible. Ms. Zapf stated that we need to focus on encouraging people to ride transit that are currently located at transit oriented developments.

Mr. Alvarez commented about parking requirements and stated that the City of San Diego is currently doing a study on parking requirements and strongly encourages the MTS Board Members to submit comments to that study. He stated that any development located at a transit facility should have the flexibility in choosing to have a zero parking requirement in order to have more flexibility in providing free transit passes. Mr. Alvarez stated that we should look into the potential of an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD). He stated that he is supportive of incentives and affordability increases. He supports providing restrooms, which would be at the cost of the developer and not at the cost of the agency. Mr. Alvarez stated that he's interested in using an RFP for some sites and keeping unsolicited opportunities for other sites.

Ms. Rios commented that she prefers the hybrid approach of doing active competition proposals and unsolicited proposals. She stated that she is in support of free transit passes and public restrooms.

Mr. McWhirter commented that we need to look at each of the available properties individually and assess the appropriate needs and benefits for each of the sites.

Mr. Mullin commented that he would like the policy to have flexibility for the available sites. He commented that the local jurisdictions and the developers should work together related to parking. Mr. Mullin commented that our focus should be on transit and not as much on affordable housing.

Mr. Bragg commented that parking requirements should be taken on a case by case basis. She said there should be access to disabled parking spaces at these sites. Ms. Bragg stated that she could not support free transit passes or public restrooms because of the high costs to maintain.

Ms. Cole commented that she is an affordable housing advocate. She asked about the proposal process that is currently in place. Ms. Cooney replied that a lot of times we do receive unsolicited proposals as well as competing unsolicited proposals.

Mr. Sandke commented that we should approach this as a hybrid process and use RFPs and unsolicited proposals. He commented that public restrooms would be particularly onerous to the

homeowners association. Mr. Sandke stated that he is in support of free transit passes. He commented on replacement parking and stated that parking should be determined on a site by site basis. Mr. Sandke stated that he would like to have an affordable housing requirement that is open and not specific to one group of people over another.

Mr. Goble commented that the development needs to be in coordination to the local jurisdictions and that each project should be looked at independently.

Mr. Roberts commented that there is an incredible need for housing and affordable housing. He commented that we should be very cautious in relation to building public restrooms, because they are extremely expensive and difficult to manage.

Chair Gomez noted that this item will be brought back next month to take official action on approving a new and updated policy. She stated that we have an opportunity to maximize our land and improve our ridership as well as address the needs of the housing crisis. Chair Gomez stated that she wants to ensure lower parking requirements are addressed. She commented that she would like to see free transit passes provided as incentives. Chair Gomez stated that she supports public restrooms however she is mindful that it is a big obstacle. She also stated that she is in support of the hybrid approach for the proposals.

Action Taken

No action taken.

CLOSED SESSION

24. Closed Session Items

The Board convened to Closed Session at 10:18 a.m.

- a. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) Graciela Leon v. San Diego Transit Corporation, Metropolitan Transit System; San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2017-00029850-CU-WT-CTL
- b. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency: San Diego Trolley, Inc. (SDTI)
Employee Organization: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 465
(Representing SDTI Flagpersons)
Agency-Designated Representative: Jeff Stumbo
- c. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
(One Potential Case)
- d. CLOSED SESSION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 11:03 a.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 counsel.
- b. The Board received a report and gave instructions to negotiators.
- c. The Board received a report and gave instructions to counsel.
- d. The Board received a report.

NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

25. None.

61. Chief Executive Officer's Report TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

Mr. Jablonski announced that Mr. Roberts will receive a major award at this year's American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Annual Conference. He will be receiving the Distinguished Local Service Award. This award is for his career long commitment and 30 years serving on the MTS Board. The award is given to individuals who have made significant contributions to local transportation through policy, legislative initiative, and leadership.

Mr. Jablonski reminded the Board that next Friday, September 28th at 1:00pm at Old Town Transit Center, MTS would be holding a press conference in anticipation of Free Ride Day the following Tuesday, October 2nd.

Mr. Jablonski also noted that the new 5001 rail car is available for viewing downstairs on the third track. He stated that the new rail cars will be the same cars that will be used for Mid-Coast operations. The rail cars include new vinyl seating instead of cloth and the middle seating is now peripheral seating.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

31. Political Consulting Services - Contract Award (Sharon Cooney)

Ms. Cooney provided a presentation on political consulting services. She stated that we have been seeking consultant services to provide comprehensive voter opinion research on the subject of public transportation within MTS's jurisdiction. Ms. Cooney commented that the research will be used to decide whether or not we pursue a ballot measure in 2020 and what the voters would prefer to include in the expenditure plan for such a measure. She stated that there will be two focus groups, two public opinion surveys, and political consulting services from October 1, 2018 through May 2019. Ms. Cooney reviewed the Smith, Watts, Hartmann qualifications and noted that Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz (FM3) would be the subcontractor to assist with polling and focus groups.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sophie Wolfram – Ms. Wolfram commented on behalf of the Climate Action Campaign. She stated that she is pleased to see MTS is moving forward with the ballot measure. Ms. Wolfram commented that she would like to see polling on no-cost transit passes for youth; gauging public support for solutions to air pollution and traffic congestion; asking opinions on links between good public transit and a healthy economy; and whether taking transit to work as an alternative to driving would be seen as a benefit of an improved transit system.

Action Taken

Mr. Alvarez moved to authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to award MTS Doc. No. G2159.0-18 to Smith, Watts & Hartmann (SWH) for political consulting services effective October 1, 2018. Mr. McWhirter seconded the motion, and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor, with Mr. Arambula, Ms. Rios and Ms. Salas absent.

REPORT ITEMS

45. Fare Study Update (Sharon Cooney and Israel Maldonado)

Ms. Cooney commented that Israel Maldonado, Fare Systems Administrator, would present this item and that they are also joined by Brian Lane from SANDAG. Ms. Cooney stated that they are not asking for action on this item today. She said the purpose of this presentation is to provide information, because SANDAG and MTS are going to the public with a campaign to receive input and feedback. She stated that the proposed recommendations would be brought back to the Board later this year. Ms. Cooney noted that SANDAG is the lead on the project and will enact any changes to the regional fare ordinance, but MTS will be heavily involved in the outreach.

Mr. Maldonado continued the presentation and provided an update on the fare study. He reviewed the direct goals, indirect goals, and methodology of the fare study. Mr. Maldonado presented the current fare catalog and compared it to the proposed fare catalog which is a much more simplified fare catalog. He reviewed the simplification and policy changes to the fare structure as well as the impacts from the proposed changes.

Ms. Cooney discussed next steps going forward and noted that the current enactment date may be pushed out to a later date based on how the study progresses over the next few months.

Mr. Jablonski commented that MTS will be conducting extensive public outreach for the fare study in addition to SANDAG. He stated that this study has been going on for some time and the process includes working with North County Transit District (NCTD). He noted that from a policymaking standpoint, both agencies will be in agreement on the updates to the ordinance. Mr. Jablonski stated that the Senior/Disabled/Medicare (SDM) and Senior pass fare changes will need to be approved at SANDAG by a 2/3 vote, because these fares were originally included in the TransNet Ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Horgan – Mr. Horgan made the following comments: he supports the ATU 1309; he likes the proposed fare changes; he likes the SDM day pass proposal; and he would like to see proper fare boxes on the minibuses.

Sophie Wolfram – Ms. Wolfram commented that she would like to see more than four public meetings and outreach events in the MTS service territory for the fare study. She stated that the proposed elimination of trolley transfers is unfortunate.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Bragg commented that this presentation will be presented to the Accessible Services Advisory Committee this afternoon.

Mr. Jablonski commented that we are putting this forward before the implementation of the new next generation fare system. He stated that a simplified fare structure will greatly help with the new fare system implementation. He commented that the new fare system will go to a transactional system and fare capping. He stated that if riders take a one way trip, they will be charged \$2.50, and the next one way trip will be \$2.50, and every subsequent trip for that day the rider will not be charged due to fare capping, which will start at \$5.00 per day. Mr. Jablonski noted that there will be a monthly fare cap amount set as well.

Mr. Sandke commented that our fare system needs to be as simple as possible for our riders. He asked how we will get our riders back after implementing these fare changes and increases. Mr. Jablonski responded that generally there will be a dip in ridership after instituting a fare increase and then the ridership will come back.

Mr. Alvarez asked where we will see the impact of the ridership decrease. Mr. Maldonado replied that it is difficult to identify specific groups since the estimates are based on an overall package. He stated that it's possible to see decreases in the fare categories that have the most changes to price. Mr. Alvarez commented on the issue of possibly raising additional fares if SB 1 is repealed. Ms. Cooney replied that staff has a proposal for doing a \$6 day pass. She stated that the outreach materials to the public would include all potential proposals. Mr. Alvarez asked what the other options would be for possible increased fare prices. Ms. Cooney replied that another option would be to increase the adult monthly pass as well as the other monthly passes.

Ms. Cole commented that her main concern is public outreach. She asked how many outreach events would be within the City of San Diego. Ms. Cooney replied that there will be two events in central San Diego, one in downtown and one in Mid-City. Ms. Cole requested for the possibility of having an outreach event take place in her district.

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

46. Comic-Con 2018 Recap (Rob Schupp and Tom Doogan)

This item was deferred to the next Board meeting.

Action Taken

No action taken.

47. Downtown Layover (Sharon Cooney)

Ms. Cooney provided a report on the downtown layover project. She reviewed the need for a layover facility and the project history. Ms. Cooney presented renderings of possible layover facilities. She discussed the current site ownership and the status of acquiring the full site. She provided details on a possible interim layover facility while the remaining areas of the site are acquired.

Mr. Mullin asked if there are contingency plans for the other sites if the current owners do not want to sell. Richard Chavez, with SANDAG, stated that SANDAG's position is to continue negotiations.

Mr. Jablonski commented that another reason we are bringing this item to the Board is to get everyone familiar with the project, because if SANDAG cannot proceed with acquiring the remaining sites, we will ask if this Board wants to proceed in acquiring the sites.

Chair Gomez stated that this project is very important. She noted that this item will come back next month as an action item to formally support this project.

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

59. Ad Hoc Ballot Measure Committee Update (David Alvarez)

Mr. Alvarez commented that the political consultant services contract was approved at today's meeting (Agenda Item 31). He stated that another meeting will be scheduled sometime in November before the public polling begins. Mr. Alvarez stated that he appreciates the participation from the Committee members and will keep the Board updated on the status of the upcoming meeting.

60. Chair Report

Chair Gomez commented that she will be attending the APTA Annual Conference. She also reminded everyone that Free Ride Day is October 2nd.

62. Board Member Communications

There were no Board Member communications.

63. Additional Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

Andrew Sang – Mr. Sang commented that he would like to see MTS utilize all of its assets to increase the quality of life for San Diego residents. He stated that he would like to see MTS utilizing its surplus land to build affordable housing. Mr. Sang said that he would like MTS to adopt policies to encourage the development of transit oriented developments.

64. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is October 11, 2018.

65. Adjournment

Chair Gomez adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

/s/ Georgette Gómez
Chairperson
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

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San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

/s/ Karen Landers
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San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Attachment: Roll Call Sheet

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE): September 20, 2018

CALL TO ORDER (TIME): 9:05 a.m.

RECESS: _____

RECONVENE: _____

CLOSED SESSION: 10:18 a.m.

RECONVENE: 11:03 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: _____

RECONVENE: _____

ORDINANCES ADOPTED: _____

ADJOURN: 12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER	(Alternate)	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
ALVAREZ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cate) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
ARAMBULA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Mendoza) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:03 a.m.
BRAGG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Spriggs) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
COLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Ward) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
DIAZ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Aguilar) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
FAULCONER	<input type="checkbox"/> (Zapf) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
GOMEZ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Bry) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
HALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Jones) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
MCCLELLAN	<input type="checkbox"/> (Goble) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
MCWHIRTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Arapostathis) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
MULLIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (TBD) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
RIOS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Sotelo-Solis) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:18 a.m.
ROBERTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cox) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:38 a.m.
SALAS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Aguilar) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	11:11 a.m.
SANDKE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Donovan) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.

SIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD: Julia Tuen

CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL COUNSEL: [Signature]