

MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000
San Diego, CA 92101

MINUTES

June 13, 2019

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Rios called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. A roll call sheet listing the committee members in attendance is attached.

3. Public Comment (Taken Out of Order)

Alicia Walsh – Ms. Alicia Walsh, Clinical Director at Deaf Community Services noted that many of her client utilize MTS services. She oversees the therapy counseling department for drug and alcohol recovery and stated recently, many clients have moved to the area and come to the Transit Store to get their pictures taken for the S.D.M card. She said that due to the area, many clients relapse and it's hard to get them back into the program. Ms. Walsh noted that she is worried that the location of the Transit Store is not safe and is asking there be consideration for another Transit Store in a different location or have more security present.

2. Approval of the March 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Chair Rios entertained a motion to approve the March 13, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Doogan moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion, and the vote was 13 to 0 in favor with Mr. Clark and Mr. Rivas absent and Ms. Vera abstaining.

4. Accessibility Working Group/Elevate SD 2020 (Mark Olson)

Chair Rios gave a brief overview of what the workshop will entail. She noted that MTS will be considering a potential funding measure in 2020. She explained that this is a great opportunity for the public to provide their input and shape the ballot measure. Chair Rios thanked the public for attending and participating in this important workshop.

Mr. Mark Olson, Manager of Public Relations, provided a brief overview on the potential ballot measure and the importance of these workshops. He went over the agenda and provided tips for participation. Mr. Olson asked the public several questions regarding transit. Next, Mr. Olson discussed some of the challenges and opportunities and why MTS is doing all of this outreach. He then provided some statistics regarding annual ridership, where passengers travel and how the service operates as a whole. He then discussed the challenges that San Diego faces in regards to transit. In addition, he discussed the opportunity we have to build a more robust transit system that works better for the people and communities who currently ride MTS. Mr. Olson provided the key principals for this ballot measure. He discussed providing better connections for disadvantaged neighborhoods, improving access for seniors and being time-competitive with the auto industry. Mr. Olson asked the public to participate in a values exercise which showed 11 different value choices for transit. Each participant was instructed to identify their top 5 priorities and place a sticker next to their choice.

Ms. Sharon Cooney, Chief of Staff, discussed transit network planning. Ms. Cooney explained that as we approach potential projects through this ballot measure, we want to find the connections that make the most sense. She went over a map that showed the major residential and employment areas as well as key corridors where MTS believes there are opportunities to provide better, more direct and faster transit service. Ms. Cooney then went over the modes of transit that MTS currently has and discussed improvements that could be done with the ballot measure. She also went over future concepts for modes of transit as well as additional ideas. This included Skyways, Bay Ferry Service, mobility hubs and mobility-on-demand/service for seniors.

Mr. Olson then asked the public to participate in the last group discussion. The discussions consisted of looking at what the public would want to prioritize and what solutions they think would best suit the community needs.

Mr. Olson gave a brief overview on what was discussed during the group exercise. He explained that the groups discussed challenges and priorities in transit and also discussed transit network planning. Additionally, he noted that there were small group discussion based on what was provided earlier in the presentation. Lastly, Mr. Olson noted there would be a possible presentation at the next ASAC meetings regarding the findings from today's workshop.

Chair Rios noted that the workshop was great for ASAC.

5. Reasonable Modifications (Samantha Leslie)
This item was deferred to the next ASAC meeting

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

6. Access and Mobility Partnership Grant (Jay Washburn)
This item was deferred to the next ASAC meeting

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

7. ADA Paratransit Reports
MTS Access and MTM monthly reports attached.

8. Fixed-Route Reports
Fixed route monthly reports attached.

9. Committee Member Communications/Comments
No Committee Member Communications/Comments

10. Adjourn
Chair Rios adjourned the meeting at 2:10pm.

/s/ Mona Rios
Chairperson
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

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Approved as to form:

/s/ Vassilena Lerinska
Clerk of ASAC
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

/s/ Jay Washburn
Manager of Paratransit and Minibus
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Attachments:
Roll Call Sheet
MTS ADA Paratransit Report
MTM Certification Report
MTS Bus
MTS Contract Services
MTS San Diego Trolley, Inc.

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC) MEETING
ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE): 6/13/2019

CALL TO ORDER (TIME): 1:05PM

ADJOURN (TIME): 2:10PM

COMMITTEE MEMBER	(Alternate)	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
Mona Rios	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	ASAC Chair	1:05PM	2:10PM
Nancy Vera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Kalivas <input type="checkbox"/>	Access to Independence	1:05PM	2:10PM
Arun Prem	<input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Albarran <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FACT (CTSA)	1:05PM	2:10PM
Debbie Marshall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	State Council on Developmental Disabilities	1:05PM	2:10PM
Bill Lewis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rene Alvarez <input type="checkbox"/>	Transdev - Contracted Bus Routes	1:05PM	2:10PM
Callie Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heriberto Gaytan <input type="checkbox"/>	MTM, Inc	1:05PM	2:10PM
Anthony Ferguson	<input type="checkbox"/> Jorge Malone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	San Diego Regional Center	1:05PM	2:10PM
Elsa Caballero	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	San Diego Center for the Blind	1:05PM	2:10PM
DeRees Clark	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafael Villegas <input type="checkbox"/>	First Transit, Inc. (MTS Access)		
Jack Christensen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Lane <input type="checkbox"/>	SANDAG	1:05PM	2:10PM
Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	County of San Diego AIS		
Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Caltrans		
Kim Rucker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tanya Azevedo <input type="checkbox"/>	Paratransit Consumer	1:05PM	2:10PM
Jorge Rivas	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Fixed Route Consumer		
Tom Doogan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	MTS Trolley	1:05PM	2:10PM
Belinda Fragger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	MTS Bus	1:05PM	2:10PM
Allie Rice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Deaf Community Services	1:05PM	2:10PM
Betsy Knight	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Benson <input type="checkbox"/>	Count of San Diego Behavioral Health Services	1:05PM	2:10PM
Vassy Lerinska	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-voting	MTS Contracted Services	1:05PM	2:10PM
Jay Washburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-voting	MTS Contracted Services	1:05PM	2:10PM
Samantha Leslie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-voting	MTS Legal	1:05PM	2:10PM

CLERK OF ASAC: Wassilona Contreras PARATRANSIT AND MINIBUS MANAGER: [Signature]