

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

MINUTES

September 10, 2020

[Clerk's note: Except where noted, public, staff and board member comments are paraphrased. Note that the meeting was conducted via webinar to comply with public health orders].

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Fletcher called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Executive Committee member attendance is attached.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Fletcher moved to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2020, MTS Executive Committee meeting. Board Member Ward seconded the motion, and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor with Board Member Salas and Board Member Arambula absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Zero Emission Bus Draft Transition Plan (Mike Wygant, Mark Olson, Denis Desmond & Larry Marinesi)

Sharon Cooney, Chief Executive Officer; Mark Olson, MTS Manager of Public Relations; Denis Desmond, MTS Director of Planning; Michael Wygant, MTS Chief Operating Officer – Transit Services; and Larry Marinesi, MTS Chief Financial Officer, presented on the Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Draft Transition Plan. They outlined the following aspects of the project: public engagement, deployment plan, alternative fleet transitions, greenhouse gas analysis, cost analysis and next steps.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gretchen Newsom – with IBEW 569, provided a verbal statement to the Committee during the meeting. Newsom supported MTS's prioritization of ZEBs in environmental justice communities; acknowledged working with MTS staff to incorporate work force safety and retention language; and encouraged the committee to adopt the accelerated transition option and return this item to the Board no later than February 2021. Newsom voiced appreciation for the updated transition plan and supported MTS's recommendation.

Noah Harris – with Climate Action Campaign provided a verbal statement to the Committee during the meeting. Harris stated that transitioning off of fossil fuels was crucial to the impacts of the climate crisis. Harris cited the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (UNIPCC) special report noted a zero carbon push by mid-century to stop climate change. Harris urged MTS to transition the fleet to a shorter timeline for the purchase of ZEB buses, and encouraged halting the purchase of CNG buses. Harris thanked staff for prioritizing the implementation in San Diego's disadvantage communities.

Carolina Martinez – with Environmental Health Coalition provided a verbal statement to the Committee during the meeting. Martinez voiced support for the incorporation of environmental justice communities as priority areas to the ZEB implementation plan. Martinez asked the

committee to support the alternative scenario 1 option as well as cover the item once more during the February 2021 Board meeting. Martinez noted that the agency was not meeting the region's frequency needs and referenced the GHG graph noting concerns that the agency continues to buy CNG buses.

Haney Hong – with San Diego County Taxpayers Association provided a verbal statement to the Committee during the meeting. Hong stated that acceleration could lead to an increase in fares, therefore affect low income ridership as well as create service reductions. Hong questioned the funding source identified for transition and noted there could be a future sales tax, which would hurt low income residents the most. Hong urged a longer transition plan so MTS can take advantage of having better technology and improved costs.

Nahomi Sanchez – a resident from Barrio Logan provided a verbal statement to the Committee during the meeting. Sanchez voiced support for MTS's transition plan. Sanchez focused on environmental factors such as air quality as a main reason for the transition.

Alicia Sanchez – with Environmental Health Coalition provided a verbal statement to the Committee during the meeting in Spanish and Marcial Gutierrez, MTS Marketing Specialist, translated Sanchez's statement. Sanchez commented on the heat wave and lack of access for air conditioning in low income communities. Sanchez expressed support for MTS's recommendation.

Esperanza Gonzalez – with Environmental Health Coalition provided a verbal statement to the Committee during the meeting in Spanish and Marcial Gutierrez, MTS Marketing Specialist, translated Gonzalez's statement. Gonzalez highlighted the effects of climate change and urged MTS to accelerate the transition to electric buses.

J.G. Lonjaret – Provided a verbal statement to the Committee during the meeting. Lonjaret asked if the 240km range was for the bus battery or fuel cells. Lonjaret also asked if night time charging would be converted from natural gas. Lastly, Lonjaret asked about the type of fuel used currently for natural gas buses.

Silvia Calzada – a resident from National City provided a verbal statement to the Committee during the meeting. Calzada urged the committee to prioritize and expedite ZEB implementation in low income communities such as National City.

Priscilla Dioquino – Provided a written statement to the Committee prior to the meeting. The full written statement is included in the final meeting packet and posted on the MTS website.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Ms. Cooney responded to the questions posed by J.G. Lonjaret. She clarified all current natural gas being used is renewable. The electricity that would be supplied for ZEB buses would be the mode of production provided by San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E). The 240km range references the hydrogen fuel cell bus.

Chair Fletcher stated he wants MTS to reach zero emission as fast as possible while avoiding fare increases or reductions in service levels. Chair Fletcher noted the challenge to quickly and aggressively reach the goals while balancing funding and seeking technology advances. He noted a significant need for policy change within the federal government and also acknowledged restrictions with state funding. Chair Fletcher noted support of cancelling the five CNG buses

and replacing those with electric buses. He also voiced support in adopting the 25% accelerated plan and holding annual reviews of the plan beginning in February 2021.

Vice Chair Sotelo-Solis agreed with Chair Fletcher. She supported the recommendation and the workforce partnership language.

Board Member Ward appreciated the critical analysis staff put into the report and supported the recommendation. Board Member Ward asked for more information on the cutaways vehicles. Mr. Wygant answered that the fuel cell cutaway vehicles are the smaller buses and have a range extender component which uses hydrogen to charge the battery on board the bus. Board Member Ward supported the plan right now given the current limitations, but would like to reevaluate the plan each year to make any changes and potentially speed up the transition plan, if possible.

Action Taken

Vice Chair Sotelo-Solis moved to forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors to include the following considerations in the draft Rollout Plan and Transition Plan:

- 1) Prioritize the deployment of ZEB's in disadvantaged communities;
- 2) Include the workforce development and certification language;
- 3) Approve the accelerated transition option #1 (25% purchase requirements 2020-2022), transitioning to 100% ZEB by 2040 (this option includes the purchase of five battery electric buses (BEBs) instead of five CNG buses in 2021, for a 13% total annual purchase, as well as the purchase of 12 articulated BEBs in 2022, for a 25% total annual purchase); and
- 4) Conduct an annual review of the Transition Plan by the Board of Directors beginning in February 2021.

Chair Fletcher seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

OTHER ITEMS

5. REVIEW OF DRAFT September 17, 2020 BOARD AGENDA

Recommended Consent Items

6. 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 Meeting on July 28, 2020

Action would receive the San Diego and Imperial Valley Railroad (SD&IV), Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association (Museum), and Desert Line quarterly reports for information and ratify any actions taken.

7. Adoption of Amended 2020 Conflict of Interest Code

Action would: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 20-17 amending the MTS Conflict of Interest Code pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974; 2) Adopt the amended 2020 MTS Conflict of Interest Code; and 3) Forward the amended 2020 MTS Conflict of Interest Code to the County of San Diego (the designated code-reviewing body).

8. Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 And FY 2020-2021 California Senate Bill (SB) 1 State of Good Repair (SGR) Funding

Action would; approve Resolution No. 20-18 (in substantially the same format as Attachment A), in order to: 1) Authorize the use of, and application for, \$4,955,508.00 in FY 2020-21 State of Good Repair funding to be used for the 40-foot Bus Replacement Project in FY 2021-22; and 2) Approve the acceptance of an additional \$54,235.03 in FY 2019-20 SB1-SGR funding to bring the total FY 2019-20 allocation to \$4,643,615.03

9. Occupational Health Services - Contract Amendments

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to reallocate contract capacity between contracts G1944.2-17 with Kaiser Permanente and G2069.2-18 with Concentra. The amended amounts for each contract are based on actual usage during the base period of these contracts, and will not exceed the original total contract dollar amount of \$762,204.00.

10. Investment Report – Quarter Ending June 30, 2020

11. Printing Timetables – Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. G2381.0-20, with Southwest Offset Printing Co., Inc. (SOP), for printing services, in the amount of \$1,440,751.59, for seven (7) years effective December 1, 2020.

12. Engineering and Right of Way Services - Work Order Amendment

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute WOA1947-AE-16.03 under MTS Doc. No. G1947.0-17 with HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) in the amount of \$618,232.64 to increase the Work Order budget for the continued provision of engineering and right-of-way support services for the MTS Capital Projects Department.

13. Design Services for America Plaza and Kettner Blvd Track Replacement – Award Work Order Contract

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order WOA1947-AE-59 under MTS Doc. No. G1947.0-17 with HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR), in the amount of \$154,736.16 for design services for America Plaza and Kettner Blvd. Track Replacement.

14. Kearny Mesa Division (KMD) Bay Rollup Door Replacement Construction – Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. PWB314.0-20, with Noble E&C Inc., a Small Business (SB), for procuring and installing KMD rollup doors in the amount of \$98,400 plus a 30% contingency for change orders.

15. Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) System Installation for the Mid-Coast Trolley Extension Project – Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. PWL320.0-21, with Electro Specialty Systems (ESS) Corp., for procuring and installing a CCTV (video surveillance) system for the Mid-Coast Trolley Extension Project in the amount of \$623,616.00 plus a 25% contingency.

16. Monitoring Well at Imperial Avenue Division (IAD) Project – Additional Design Services – Work Order Amendment

Action would; 1) Ratify Work Order WOA1951-AE-52 under MTS Doc No. G1951.0-17 with Mott MacDonald, LLC (MM) totaling \$76,666.24, for environmental services; 2) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order amendment WOA1951-AE-52.01 under MTS Doc No. G1951.0-17, with MM totaling \$30,959.53, for additional environmental services to abandon the temporary and permanent groundwater monitoring wells at IAD.

17. Managed Print Services and Canon Multi-Function Device (MFD) Purchase - Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. G2354.0-20 with Signa Digital Solutions, a Small Business, for four (4) years in the amount of \$635,937.00.

18. Fare Collection (Rail Validator Masts Change Order) – Ratification and Approval of Amendments

Action would ratify Amendment 3 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Amendment 4 to MTS Doc. No. G2091.0-18 with Innovations in Transportation, Inc. (INIT), for a total contract increase of \$964,948.08.

19. Las Chollas Creek Bridge Repair Design - Work Order Amendment

Action would; 1) Ratify Work Order WOA1951-AE-58 under MTS Doc. No. G1951.0-17 with Mott MacDonald, LLC (MM) totaling \$67,607.46, for Las Chollas Creek Bridge assessment services; and; 2) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order amendment WOA1951-AE-58.01 under MTS Doc. No. G1951.0-17, with MM totaling \$80,187.49, for preparation of final construction documents for most immediate portions of the bridge repair work.

20. Old Town Transit Center (OTTC) West – Fund Transfer

Action authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Addendum 17, Scope of Work 90.1 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between San Diego Associations of Governments (SANDAG) and MTS for the Construction of the Old Town Transit Center West Improvements project for an additional amount of \$888,130 for a total not to exceed \$5,492,130.

21. New Transit Facility – Fund Transfer for Initial Environmental Review

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Addendum 17, Scope of Work 91 (in substantially the same format as Attachment A) to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between San Diego Associations of Governments (SANDAG) and MTS to conduct initial environmental review to support acquisition of real property, for a total not to exceed \$265,000.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Committee Member Communications and Other Business discussion.

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7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. [Clerk's note: the October 1, 2020 Executive Committee meeting was subsequently cancelled.]

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

/S/ Nathan Fletcher

Chairperson

San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Attachment: Roll Call Sheet

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM

ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE) September 10, 2020

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

RECESS _____

RECONVENE _____

CLOSED SESSION _____

RECONVENE _____

ADJOURN 10:25 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER (Alternate)				PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
ARAMBULA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Hall)	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:05 a.m.	10:25 a.m.
FLETCHER (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Cox)	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:25 a.m.
SALAS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Sandke)	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:03 a.m.	10:25 a.m.
SOTELO-SOLIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Vice Chair – no alternate)		9:00 a.m.	10:25 a.m.
WARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Montgomery)	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	10:25 a.m.

SIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD: /s/ Dalia Gonzalez

CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL COUNSEL: /s/ Karen Landers