

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

MINUTES

October 15, 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 Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Board member attendance is attached.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Fletcher moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2020 MTS Board of Directors meeting. Board Member Hall seconded the motion, and the vote was 13 to 0 in favor with Board Member McClellan and Board Member Arambula absent.

3. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

CONSENT ITEMS

6. Approve Fiscal Year 2020-21 State Transit Assistance (STA) Claim

Action would adopt Resolution No. 20-19 approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 STA claim.

7. Adoption of the 2021 San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Action would adopt the 2021 Executive Committee and Board of Directors meeting schedule.

8. Traction Power Substations Buildings Repair – Work Order Under A Job Order Contract (JOC) Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order MTSJOC312-01 under MTS Doc. No. PWL312.0-20 with HMS Construction, Inc. (HMS) for the repair of exteriors and roofs of seven (7) traction power substations (TPSS) along the Green and Orange Trolley lines in the amount of \$134,992.78 plus the payment of applicable JOC administrative fees, for a total cost of \$137,368.65.

9. Supply of Rail Noise Suppression Lubricant – Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. L1544.0-20, with Synco Chemical Corporation (Synco) for the supply of rail noise suppression lubricant in the amount of \$869,330.45.

10. Regional Transit Management System (RTMS) Radio Post-Warranty Maintenance Services Contract Amendment

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. G1887.3-16 (Amendment 3) with Motorola Solutions Inc. to extend the RTMS post-warranty radio system maintenance agreement from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$419,984.75.

11. Transit Bus Driver Barriers – Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. B0720.0-21 with The Aftermarket Parts Company, LLC (Aftermarket Parts) for the purchase of up to 508 driver protection barriers with options for installation in the amount of \$2,750,515.25

12. Fare Validator Infrastructure Construction – Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to: 1) Execute MTS Doc. No. PWG316.0-20, with Chula Vista Electric Co., a Small Business (SB), for the construction of new fare validator infrastructure at various trolley stations for the Fare System Upgrade Project in the amount of \$1,354,714.00; and 2) Approve a 15% contingency for change orders in the amount of \$203,207.10.

13. Beech Street Double Crossover Construction – Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to: 1) Execute MTS Doc. No. PWL315.0-20, with Herzog Technologies, Inc. for the Beech Street Double Crossover Construction in the amount of \$3,935,686.84; and 2) Approve a 15% contingency for change orders in the amount of \$590,353.03.

14. El Cajon Third Track Project– Award Work Order Contract

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order WOA1951-AE-61 under MTS Doc No. G1951.0-17, with Mott MacDonald, Inc. (MM) totaling \$719,944.69 for design services for the construction of an additional track and platform for the El Cajon Third Track Project.

15. Iris Rapid – Charging Infrastructure At South Bay Maintenance Facility (SBMF) - Additional Engineering Services - Work Order Amendment

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order Amendment WOA2075-AE-50.01 under MTS Doc No. G2075.0-18 with Dokken Engineering (Dokken) in the amount of \$663,346.87 to provide additional engineering services for Phase I of the SBFM electric bus charging infrastructure project.

16. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Internet Website Upgrade – Sole Source Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. G2431.0-21 (in substantially the same format as Attachment A) with The Steer Group, in the amount of \$159,000.

17. Beyer Blvd Track and Slope – Fund Transfer

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Addendum 17, Scope of Work 98 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and MTS for the Beyer Blvd Track and Slope Repair project in the amount of \$590,200.00.

18. Point Loma Telecommunications Site Sublease with the State of California

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute the sublease agreement G2433.0-21, with the State of California for 8 years and 8 months in the amount of \$125,647.57.

19. Sycuan Casino Green Line Naming Rights - Contract Amendment

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to amend the Sycuan Green Line Naming Rights agreement, MTS Doc. No. G2066.0-18, modifying the term and the compensation owed to MTS.

Action on Recommended Consent Items

Chair Fletcher moved to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6 – 19. Board Member Sandke seconded the motion, and the vote was 13 to 0 in favor with Board Member Sandke and Board Member Arambula absent.

NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

25. None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (TAKEN PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION)

30. Fiscal Year 2020 Final Budget Comparison (Gordon Meyer)

Gordon Meyer, MTS Operating Budget Supervisor, presented on the Fiscal Year 2020 Final Budget Comparison. He outlined the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) CARES Act funding; total operating revenues; total operating expenses; total operating variance; subsidy revenue category descriptions; total non-operating revenue; total revenues less expenses; contingency reserve balance; and the staff recommendation.

Action Taken

Vice Chair Sotelo-Solis moved to approve the allocation of \$4.1M in FY 2020 excess net operating subsidy as follows: (a) allocate \$1.5M to Contingency Reserve balance to remain at 12.5% target; and (b) transfer \$2.6M to CIP to reflect Board's decision to accelerate Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) purchases in FY 2022. Board Member Sandke seconded the motion, and the vote was 14 to 0 in favor with Board Member Arambula absent.

REPORT ITEMS (TAKEN PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION)

45. SANDAG 2021 Regional Plan (Hasan Ikhata, Ray Major, Jennifer Williamson and Coleen Clementson)

Hasan Ikhata, Ray Major, Jennifer Williamson and Coleen Clementson with SANDAG presented on the 2021 Regional Plan. They discussed the following items: the vision for the 2021 Regional Plan; three challenges; congestion in the San Diego region; state and federal legislative mandates; data-driven planning; making critical connections; 5 Big Moves; initial commuter rail routes; refining proposed commuter rail routes; initial transit leap network; proposed transit leap network; mobility hub network; flexible fleet services; and next steps.

Board Member Sandke asked why the jobs at the Navy base in Coronado are classified as activity centers. Board Member Sandke noted the Navy had introduced an intra-base shuttle and asked to get better rapid service to the mobility hub located at the base gate on North Island. Board Member Sandke voiced his enthusiasm for the ferry boat initiative. He also commented that the trolley to the airport project was missing from the presentation. Board Member Sandke noted he liked the planning hubs throughout the region and asked that the smaller hubs be instituted first to have the projects be active sooner.

Mr. Ikhata responded that the trolley to the airport project is one of the four alternatives. He also noted there are 31 mobility hubs throughout the region all with various sizes and they are

open to looking into phasing alternatives. Mr. Ikhata noted that Assembly Bill 2731 was signed into law last week and the region will not have to wait 30 years to see the projects implemented.

Vice Chair Sotelo-Solis commented about ensuring there is significant public engagement during this process. Mr. Ikhata noted that the goal is to engage the public and community stakeholders in various ways. He noted that MTS did not go forward with a ballot measure, but MTS made big strides with community engagement efforts. Mr. Ikhata stated that they will work collaboratively with MTS on continuing public engagement efforts.

Chair Fletcher commented that is important to have a collaborative effort between SANDAG and MTS and looks forward to successfully advancing the whole region forward.

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

46. Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Performance Monitoring Report (Denis Desmond, Mike Wygant, Wayne Terry)

Denis Desmond, MTS Director of Planning; Michael Wygant, MTS Chief Operating Officer – Transit Services; and Wayne Terry, MTS Chief Operating Officer – Rail, presented on the FY 2020 Performance Monitoring Report. Mr. Desmond outlined Policy 42 evaluation criteria, and discussed results for annual total passengers; ridership; passengers per revenue hour; on-time performance; other various metrics; farebox recovery; and performance monitoring.

Mr. Wygant discussed the following items related to transit services: COVID-19; FY 2020 highlights; safety camera system highlights; pedestrian detection beta testing; Support Services highlights; fleet highlights; MTS Access Service highlights; South Bay Rapid 225; passenger amenities; and the ZEB Pilot Program.

Mr. Terry discussed the following items related to rail operations: master concessionaire services; FY 2020 event statistics; LRV maintenance facility flash flood damages; annual capital program – state-of-good-repair; operations control center (OCC) refresh; Euclid Avenue parking lot; Euclid Avenue channel; Dairy Mart Road fencing project; Sampson Street fencing project; Cleveland Avenue freight track removal; F Street freight track removal; Eighth Avenue crossing replacement; 65th Street crossing replacement; High Street crossing replacement; Taylor Street crossing replacement; Washington Street crossing replacement; Palm Avenue crossing replacement; I-8 bridge tie and rail replacement in La Mesa; Amaya Station track replacement; Grossmont Station track replacement; Hill Street retaining wall construction in El Cajon; San Ysidro/Beyer track replacement; rail grinding program; new traction power substations; SD 9 procurement; new vehicle upholstery; SD-10 procurement and replacement of the SD-100 high floor LRVs; INIT ticket vending machine test lab; 62nd Street Station mural restoration; LRV 1001 restoration; early warning device for track worker safety; Old Town signal cutover; MTS response to COVID-19; and COVID-19 Impacts.

Board Member Montgomery thanked staff for the presentation and the work that has been done over the past year. She acknowledged that there are still needed repairs and upgrades in areas of her jurisdiction and looks forward to addressing those in the future.

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

47. Summary of Senior/Disabled/Medicare (SDM) Discount Fare Program and Recent Updates to Eligibility Forms (Sharon Cooney)

Sharon Cooney, MTS Chief Executive Officer, presented on the SDM discount fare program and recent updates to the eligibility forms. She provided information related to regional fares; ridership and fare revenue significance; rider dependency rates; discounted fares; boardings and fare revenue shares; reduced fare IDs on Compass Cards; methods for obtaining a Compass ID Card; and recent changes to the form and program.

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

48. Semi-Annual Security Report (January 1, 2020 Through June 30, 2020) (Tim Curran)

The Board waived the staff report for this item.

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

OTHER ITEMS (TAKEN PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION)

60. Chair Report

There was no Chair report.

61. Chief Executive Officer's Report

There was no Chief Executive Officer's Report.

62. Board Member Communications

There were no Board Member communications.

63. Additional Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

Janelle Sisting – A local business owner from Pacific Beach provided a written and verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Sisting provided a written statement of her comments, which are included in the final meeting packet and posted on the MTS website.

64. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is November 12, 2020.

CLOSED SESSION – TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

24. Closed Session Items

The Board convened to Closed Session at 11:05 a.m.

- a. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 384-041-07; 8733 Cuyamaca Street, Santee, California
Agency Negotiators: Sharon Cooney, Chief Executive Officer; Karen Landers, General Counsel; and Tim Allison, Manager of Real Estate Assets
Negotiating Parties: Alfred Smith and Adeline Woodward
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

- b. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 549-181-05; 6645 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, California
Agency Negotiators: Sharon Cooney, Chief Executive Officer; Karen Landers, General Counsel; and Tim Allison, Manager of Real Estate Assets
Negotiating Parties: CRP Affordable Housing and Community Development
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 11:14 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 negotiators.
- b. The Board received a report from staff and gave instructions to real property negotiators.

65. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

/S/ Nathan Fletcher

Chairperson

San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

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Attachment: Roll Call Sheet

CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL COUNSEL: