

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

MINUTES

June 10, 2021

[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 9:18 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Executive Committee member attendance is attached.

2. Approval of Minutes

Board Member Gastil moved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2021, MTS Executive Committee meeting. Board Member Salas seconded the motion, and the vote was 7 to 0 in favor.

3. Public Comments

*Michelle Krug* – Provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Krug urged the Board to extend the transition period from Compass to PRONTO to three months. Krug noted this prolonged transition period would be particularly important for folks with disabilities and older demographics. This would allow them to fully use the funds of the Compass card as well as transition over to the new system.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Quarterly Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Update (Ramon Ruelas of SANDAG)

Ramon Ruelas, SANDAG Director of Mid-Coast Transit Projects, presented on the quarterly Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project update. He outlined: the project overview, construction schedule, construction progress and Mid-Coast corridor concurrent efforts.

Sharon Cooney, MTS Chief Executive Officer, noted the Mid-Coast Transit Constructors (MCTC) is also working on the Old Town Transit Center Rehabilitation Expansion.

Wayne Terry, MTS Chief Operating Officer for Rail, noted the Mid-Coast Corridor as the agency's 10<sup>th</sup> service start up since 1981. On June 28<sup>th</sup>, MTS will take control over the alignment to begin integrated testing and run VIP trains through the system.

Ms. Cooney added that a letter of invitation was sent to President Joe Biden, for the opening of Mid-Coast on November 21, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Michelle Krug* – Provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Krug commended the agency for allowing the community to participate in choosing the design for the stations. Krug hopes for the same public input for the stations in the South Bay.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Chair Fletcher thanked the SANDAG team for the work done at the VA Medical Center transit station. In previous design proposals, the station did not have a theme or colors. He appreciated the receptiveness from staff to re-design the station to give tribute to veterans.

Board Member Salas noted the full capacity of the trolleys and is excited the line will be extended to support commuters up to the La Jolla region and hopefully attract more riders. She recommended grade separations to speed up the commute time between San Ysidro and La Jolla. She urged the agency to prioritize this suggestion.

Chair Fletcher supported the comment and added that doing so would ease the impacts to communities and increase the frequency of service. He is in favor of proactively seeking out funding to integrate the infrastructure.

Board Member Sandke supported the request for grade separations. He commended MCTC's work on Mid-Coast for being on time and on budget. He also commended the Del Mar bluffs emergency repairs along the coast.

Board Member Montgomery Steppe asked about bus route 60 and asked staff about possible increased levels of service to complement the improvements.

Denis Desmond, MTS Director of Planning, noted the agency received approval of service changes for Mid-Coast. He replied there were no specific changes for route 60, but staff would continue to monitor the route for any potential future changes.

Ms. Cooney added that traffic patterns are constantly being monitored and the need for service additions can be revisited depending on the data gathered.

#### Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

#### 5. Riverwalk Station Agreement (Karen Landers)

Karen Landers, MTS General Counsel, along with Pete Shearer of Hines, presented on the Riverwalk Station Agreement. They outlined: the site plan, land use map, trolley and town square, an estimated timeline, MTS proposed action plan, CEQA findings, recommendation number 1, Riverwalk station agreement, site plan, Riverwalk Station Agreement, Surplus Land Act Findings, and staff recommendations.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Michelle Krug* – Provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Krug asked about the type of low-income housing categorization and urged housing to be very low income.

#### COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Board Member Gastil noted his excitement for the completion of the project. He asked about the connection to the South side of Interstate 8. He suggested the area would be enriched if this improvement was incorporated with the connection point as it would link Presidio Park and Old Town. He also commented on the historical significance of the area and asked that its history be taken into consideration of the development.

Board Member Elo-Rivera acknowledged opportunities to engage with the indigenous community to incorporate their vision. He continued, this engagement could be a step toward partial reparations.

Ms. Cooney agreed with Board Member Elo-Rivera's request and clarified that type of project development is part of the City of San Diego's jurisdiction. However, this suggestion could be included in the development of the transit station.

Mr. Shearer clarified that trails are crucial for mobility and acknowledged there were two existing golf cart bridges that would be repurposed as pedestrian walkways that would allow access to the north and south. He continued that while abiding by the AB 52 process, the company contacted local tribal representatives to include signage as well as naming streets in honor of the indigenous Kumeyaay tribe, along with native vegetation. He continued that the company would explore native elements that could be incorporated into the transit stop.

Board Member Elo-Rivera offered to be the liaison on behalf of the City in order to incorporate these efforts.

Chair Fletcher noted the collaboration done in the River Park trail in an effort towards reparations. He was in support of the advancement of the input towards the design layout.

Board Member Montgomery Steppe asked Mr. Shearer to clarify that the affordable housing portion of the project was at a 65% AMI.

Mr. Shearer noted the inception of the project originally began in 2017, before the inclusionary project ordinance was updated. The housing units will have 10% on site with 65% AMI.

Board Member Montgomery Steppe acknowledged the contractor's engagement with the community when working with the City. She asked about the transit pass subsidies outlined in the environmental impact report (EIR). She asked the contractor to confirm the 25% subsidy for residential tenants that will reside at this location.

Mr. Shearer confirmed it was captured and codified and that it was a transportation demand management program as part of EIR requirements.

Vice Chair Sotelo-Solis acknowledged the work and reflection with the indigenous community particularly with affordable housing. She commended the developer for moving forward with the member's request to incorporate the suggestions.

#### Action Taken

Chair Fletcher moved to forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors to 1) Declare the Triangle Parcel and the Fashion Valley Road Section to be "exempt surplus land" pursuant to Government Code section 54211, subdivision (f)(1)(C), (D), and (E):(C) Surplus land that a local agency is exchanging for another property necessary for the agency's use.(D) Surplus land that a local agency is transferring to another local, state, or federal agency for the agency's use.(E) Surplus land that is a former street, right of way, or easement, and is conveyed to an owner of an adjacent property.2) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute the Riverwalk Station Agreement, in substantially the same format as Attachment A (Agreement), and effectuate the property rights transfers set forth therein.3) Declare the Triangle Parcel (Exhibit I to the Agreement) and the Fashion Valley Road Dedication Parcel (Exhibit H to the Agreement) to be "Exempt Surplus Land" pursuant to Government Code section 54221(f)(1)(C), (D), and (E). Board Member Gastil seconded the motion, and the vote was 7 to 0 in favor.

OTHER ITEMS (ITEM TAKEN PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION)

7. REVIEW OF DRAFT June 17, 2021 BOARD AGENDA

Recommended Consent Items

6. Stormwater Management Services - Contract Award  
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. PWG332.0-21, with SoCal Stormwater Runoff Solution Services, Inc. (SoCal), for the provision of stormwater management services for a period of five (5) years, and one (1) optional five-year extension for a total contract value of \$1,177,200.18.
7. Traction Power Substations (TPSS) Buildings Repair – Construction Change Orders (CCO)  
Action would 1) Ratify CCO 01 to Work Order MTSJOC312-01, under Job Order Contract (JOC) MTS Doc No. PWL312.0-20 with HMS Construction, Inc. (HMS), totaling \$11,042.92 for sealing, caulking, and painting of the siding panels of the substations; and 2) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute CCO 02 to Work Order MTSJOC312-02, under JOC MTS Doc No. PWL312.0-20 with HMS, totaling \$146,341.65 for the repair of an additional seven (7) TPSS locations on the Green Line.
8. Design Services For South Bay Maintenance Facility (SBMF) Electric Bus Charging Project – Work Order Amendment  
Action would 1) Ratify Work Order WOA2075-AE-50.02 under MTS Doc No. G2075.0-18 with Dokken Engineering (Dokken) totaling \$88,412.96, to support Phase 2 battery electric bus (BEB) improvements, charging to dispenser ratio changes, as well as the application and processing of a Building Permit package through the City of Chula Vista Development Services Department; and 2) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order WOA2075-AE-50.03 under MTS Doc. No. G2075.0-18 with Dokken in the amount of \$36,896.94 for additional design services to add a permanent natural gas generator to the project.
9. Rail Replacement - America Plaza and Kettner Grade Crossing - Work Order Agreement  
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order No. MTSJOC269-11, under Job Order Contract (JOC) to MTS Doc. No. PWG269.0-19, with Herzog Contracting Corp. (Herzog), in the amount of \$698,473.76 for the replacement of the rail at America Plaza Trolley Station and the replacement of the adjacent grade crossing located at Kettner Boulevard.
10. On-Call Plumbing Repair Services - Contract Award  
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. PWG331.0-21, with Drain Medic, Inc., (Drain Medic), a Woman Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) and Small Business (SB), for on-call plumbing repair services for a period of one (1) base year and an additional two (2) option years for a total contract value of \$341,849.61.
11. Amendment to Codified San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Fare Ordinance No.4

Action would approve the revisions to MTS Fare Ordinance No.4 to comply with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) recently adopted Regional Comprehensive Fare Ordinance revisions (as described in Attachment A) generated by the Fare Study, and other non-substantive changes.

12. Supply 115RE Head Hardened Steel Rail – Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. L1575.0-21 (in substantially the same format as Attachment A), with Progress Rail Services Corporation, for the one-time supply of 106 tons of 115RE head hardened steel rail, in the amount of \$132,375.19.

13. Fare Collection Change Orders – Amendment

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Amendment No. 7 to MTS Doc. No. G2091.0-18, with Innovations in Transportation, Inc. (INIT), for a total contract increase of \$270,050.09.

14. Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) System Installation for The Mid-Coast Trolley Extension Project – Change Orders

Action would 1) Ratify Construction Change Order (CCO) 1 under MTS Doc No. PWL320.0-21 with Electro Specialty Systems (ESS) totaling \$52,939.53; and 2) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute CCO 2 under MTS Doc No. PWL320.2-21 with ESS in the amount of \$92,252.16 for additional camera coverage at all Mid-Coast Stations and Parking Lots/Structures.

15. Kearny Mesa Division (KMD) Hoists Construction – Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. PWB317.0-20, with Western Pump Inc., a Small Business (SB), for KMD Hoists Construction in the amount of \$4,213,648 plus 10% contingency, for a total of \$4,635,012.80.

16. Printed Circuit Boards (PCBs) and Electronic Components for Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) – SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT AWARD

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. L1572.0-21, a Sole Source award to Siemens Mobility Inc., to provide PCBs and Electronic Components for LRVs as further described in the attached list, in the amount of \$14,600,000 for a seven (7) year period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2028.

17. Semiannual Uniform Report of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Awards and Payments

18. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Overall Goal for Federal Fiscal Years 2022-2024

Action would adopt a 6.3% Overall DBE Goal for DBE-participation in federally funded contracts for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2022 to 2024.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

In reviewing the proposed discussion and report items on the June 17, 2021 Board meeting agenda, Ms. Cooney clarified that Item 30 reflected the Regional Fare Ordinance changes made by SANDAG on behalf of the agency. She clarified the changes were already vetted by the Board and included items for the PRONTO system. She continued, item 32 was mislabeled and the focus of the topic will be the ridership recovery plan. Item 46 will be relabeled to the Non-Fare Revenue Report and will include details related to concessions, advertising and other non-fare revenue items.

8. Committee Member Communications and Other Business

There was no Committee Member Communications and Other Business discussion.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

6. Closed Session Items

The Committee convened to Closed Session at 10:15 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION/ CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957 and 54957.6;

The Committee reconvened to Open Session at 11:40 a.m.

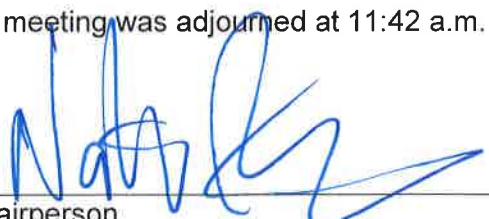
Oral Report of Final Actions Taken in Closed Session

Karen Landers, General Counsel, reported the following:

The Executive Committee met and conducted a performance evaluation and gave instructions to negotiators.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.



Chairperson  
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System