MINUTES

MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 6, 2022

[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 9:01 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Executive Committee member attendance is attached. Chair Fletcher noted there was not a quorum at the start of the meeting. All items requiring a vote would be postponed until later in the meeting once a quorum is established.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

4. Clean Transit Advancement Campus Update (Denis Desmond)

Denis Desmond, MTS Director of Planning presented on Clean Transit Advancement Campus Update. He provided details on: site selection, site 7, mitigated negative declaration, workforce development plan resolution and proposed Board recommendations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Corinna Contreras – Representing Climate Action Campaign made a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Contreras commended the project as a benefit for the community.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

Chair Fletcher acknowledged the longstanding work put into this project. He asked staff to predict a timeline for the project. Mr. Desmond predicted a 5 to 7-year timeline for the project. Sharon Cooney, MTS Chief Executive Officer added that the agency was beginning to receive cost estimates and acknowledged the high price range due to the market volatility.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

5. <u>2022 Special Events Update (Brent Boyd)</u>

Brent Boyd, MTS Manager of Service Quality and Special Operations presented on the 2022 Special Events Update. He provided updates for: Padres Season, Petco Concerts, Big Bay Boom July 4th Special Event, Comic-Con, Snapdragon Stadium opening, special operations and upcoming events.

Ms. Cooney stated that the agency is the mode of choice for several special events. She noted that on September 22nd the agency reached 91% of pre-pandemic ridership levels because the special events are attracting new riders.

Chair Fletcher stated that given the right incentive, people will find a way to find access to venues with limited parking capacity. He suggested providing free transportation to Padres ticket holders as a promotion. He believed that by exposing new riders to the convenience of the trolley with a free incentive, MTS could attract new riders. He also asked staff how receptive venues were to including transportation material in the registration materials. Mr. Boyd

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acknowledged the existing relationships with several venue holders that do advertise MTS as a transportation option and deferred additional details to Mark Olson, Director of Marketing and Communications. Mr. Olson noted the existing relationships and PRONTO's ability to distribute the passes ahead of an event. Chair Fletcher acknowledged that tourism would not sustain ridership but would help ridership. He added that the agency may want to advertise trolley chartering and asked the cost of renting a trolley. Mr. Boyd replied that the rental cost depends on the request complexity, staff and vehicle availability. He added that an agreement between SDSU and MTS allows SDSU football game ticket holders to park at the campus and ride with MTS. The first 1,000 students to purchase football tickets have built-in PRONTO passes. Ms. Cooney added that the PRONTO system will be introducing promotional PRONTO cards in the spring.

Board Member Salas commended MTS trolley and security staff for their professional work ethic. She spoke from firsthand experience about a trip along the lines and acknowledged a positive encounter with the security officers.

Chair Fletcher encouraged staff to partner with the County park staff for Waterfront events in order to advertise transit accessibility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Corinna Contreras – Representing Climate Action Campaign made a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Contreras asked that the agency expanded the method of payments and suggested that would help staff with farebox recovery.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

*Clerk's Note: A quorum was established and allowed for action items to be taken.

2. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>

Chair Fletcher moved to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2022, MTS Executive Committee meeting. Vice Chair Sotelo-Solis seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 to 0 in favor with Board Member Elo-Rivera, Board Member Moreno and Board Member Sandke absent.

3. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

OTHER ITEMS

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT October 20, 2022 BOARD AGENDA

Recommended Consent Items

6. <u>Authorization of Remote Teleconferenced Meetings</u>

Action would authorize remote teleconferenced meetings for any public meetings held by MTS, including all Brown Act committees, for the next thirty (30) days pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 361 and make the following findings: 1) The MTS Board has considered the current circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact in San Diego County; and 2) State or local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing. On September 23, 2021, County of San Diego Public

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Health Officer, Wilma J. Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., issued a recommendation supporting the use of teleconferencing for attendance at public meetings as "a social distancing measure that may help control transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus."

- 7. <u>Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim</u>
 Action would adopt Resolution Nos. 22-09, 22-10, and 22-11 approving FY 2023 TDA Article 4.0, 4.5, and 8.0 claims.
- 8. Innovations in Transportation, Inc. (INIT) Automated Passenger Counting (APC)
 Software Sole Source
 Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No.
 G2685.0-23 with INIT, in the amount of \$143,533.76 for 5 years of APC software and maintenance support.
- 9. Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) Server Equipment Purchase and Maintenance
 Support—Contract Award
 Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No.
 G2641.0-22 with Nth Generation Computing, Inc., in the amount of \$603,967.01, for a period of five (5) years for the provision of HPE server equipment and maintenance support.
- 10. Traction Power Substation (TPSS) Yard #2 And Yard #4 Engineering Design Services Work Order

 Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order No. WOA354-AE-04 under MTS Doc. No. PWL354.0-22 with Mott MacDonald (MM) in the amount of \$224,069.22 to provide design services for electrical load capacity analysis to address the underlying causes, and prevent future recurrences of thermal overload failures to the TPSS Yard # 2 and Yard # 4.
- 11. Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Client Certification Services Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to: 1) Execute MTS Doc. No. B0742.0-22 with Medical Transportation Management, Inc. (MTM), a Woman Owned Business Enterprise (WBE), for the provision of ADA paratransit client certification services for eight (8) years, for a total of \$5,124,750.47; and 2) Authorize the CEO to exercise at their discretion the option for an additional Customer Care Representative (CCR) position during the term of the contract at a cost of \$430,043.67, for an overall contract total not-to-exceed \$5,554,794.14.

12. <u>2022 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Grant Award: Zero-Emission</u> Transit Enhancement Project

Action would adopt Resolution No. 22-12 authorizing the following: 1) Acceptance of the 2022 Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant Award for the Zero Emission Transit Enhancement Project, which includes the Orange Line Improvement Project, the 12th and Imperial Transit Center Rehabilitation Project, and the Electrification of the Imperial Avenue Division Project; 2) Determining each of the three projects is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); and 3) Approving the Orange Line Improvement Project, the 12th and Imperial Transit Center Rehabilitation Project, and the Electrification of the Imperial Avenue Division Project.

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13. <u>Approve Fiscal Year 2021-22 State Transit Assistance (STA) Claim Amendment</u>
Action would adopt Resolution No. 22-13 approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 STA claim amendment.

Ms. Cooney added that the following consent items would be added to the consent slate for the October 20, 2022 Board of Director's Meeting: Federal Lobbying Services – Contract Award along with Additional Staffing for one Capital Projects - Project Engineer and two Procurement Department - Procurement Specialists.

7. Other Staff Communications and Business

Ms. Cooney added that the agency saw an additional 20,000 riders on the trolley system due to the Free Ride Day promotional event.

8. <u>Committee Member Communications and Other Business</u>

There was no Committee Member Communications and Other Business discussion.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

/S/ Alejandra Sotelo-Solis /S/ Dalia
For Chairperson Clerk of
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System San Diego

/S/ Dalia Gonzalez
Clerk of the Board
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Attachment: Roll Call Sheet

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE):					CALL TO ORDER (TIME):				
RECESS:	October 6, 2022			RECONVENE:			9:01am		
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CLOSED SESSION				RECONVENE:					
PUBLIC HEARING:				RECONVENE:					
ORDINANCES ADO				ADJOURN:			9:50am		
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REPRESENTING	BOARD MEMBER			(Alternate)			PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)		ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
County Chair	FLETCHER		\boxtimes	(Varg	as)		9	:01am	9:50am
Vice Chair	SOTELO- SOLIS		\boxtimes	(no alternate)			9:03am		9:50am
City of San Diego	ELO-RIVERA			(Montgomery Steppe)			ABSENT		ABSENT
East County	HALL		\boxtimes	(Frank)			9:01am		9:50am
SANDAG Transportation Committee	MORENO			(Aguirre)			ABSENT		ABSENT
Chair Pro Tem	SALAS		\boxtimes	(no alternate)			9:16am		9:50am
South Bay	SANDKE			(Aguirre)			ABSENT		ABSENT
SIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD: /S/ Dalia Gonzalez									