

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

March 13, 2014

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

Chairman Mathis called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Executive Committee member attendance is attached.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ovrom moved for approval of the minutes of the February 13, 2014, MTS Executive Committee meeting. Ms. Lightner seconded the motion, and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor with Messrs. Cunningham and Roberts absent.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Trolley Renewal Project Update

Bruce Schmith of SANDAG discussed Blue Line Stations and rail construction. He reviewed the construction status of the Barrio Logan, Harborside, Pacific Fleet, 8th Street, 24th Street and E Street stations. He provided status on additional Blue Line projects. He reviewed the trackway reconstruction on 12th Street. He gave a traction power substation (TPSS) update. Paul Jablonski, Chief Executive Officer provided further details regarding the TPSS. Wayne Terry, Chief Operating Officer of Rail discussed the light rail procurement process and provided status.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

2. Update on Contract Services Fixed-Route Procurement

Mr. Jablonski introduced the agenda item and provided background regarding the procurement. Bill Spraul, Chief Operating Officer, Transit introduced Jeff Codling, Manager of South Bay Operations and manager in charge of the proposal. Mr. Spraul provided a fixed-route bus service overview and discussed the particulars of the fixed-route RFP. He reviewed fixed-route RFP highlights. He reviewed the fixed-route independent cost estimate (ICE) and provided the RFP timeline. Mr. Jablonski provided further specifics with regard to the procurement and information with regard to revenue miles.

Mr. Roberts asked about the bidding process. Mr. Jablonski reviewed the extensive and thorough procurement process.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

3. Taxicab Contract Renewal

Sharon Cooney, Chief of Staff, introduced Bill Kellerman, Taxicab Manager. Karen Landers, General Counsel advised there was no conflict of interest with those Executive Committee members who also sit on The City of San Diego's City Council.

Ms. Cooney stated the names of those MTS Board members who sit on MTS's Ad Hoc Taxicab Contract Negotiating Committee. She provided a handout outlining the principles for negotiation of the Taxicab Administration Contract and reviewed each principle. She handed the discussion over to Ron Roberts. Mr. Roberts discussed current taxi arrangements with cities across the County in addition to the City of San Diego. He conveyed MTS's interest in continuing to administer taxicabs. He discussed particulars with regard to taxi administration. Ms. Lightner asked with regard to length of the contract. Ms. Landers answered that historically the contracts were typically five years in length. Mr. Jablonski discussed possible policy issues. Ms. Landers reviewed the approval process. Ms. Cooney discussed research on taxi vehicle age limits.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sarah Saez – Ms. Saez of United Taxi Workers of San Diego stated that she did not believe these current principles would change the current state of Taxi which would continue exploitation of drivers. She stated she is opposed to the five year contract extension. Mr. Mathis responded that there is nothing in the contract which gives MTS authority with regard to Ms. Saez's grievances, and MTS is a transit agency and she should bring her grievances to the City of San Diego.

Margo Tanguay – Ms. Tanguay discussed historical taxicab issues. She discussed the working habits of taxi drivers including the rationale for working long hours. She discussed the business relationship between taxicab and MTS stating it has built business for drivers and owners. She stated the safety issues were not an issue under the City of San Diego, but as a whole it is a better arrangement for taxicab administration to stay with MTS.

Michel Anderson – Mr. Anderson said he approved the contract extension. He discussed the hours of the taxicab drivers whom are independent contractors and the fact is that the drivers as a whole want to remain independent contractors. He stated the five year contract will provide much needed security in the industry.

Action Taken

Mr. Roberts moved to forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors to adopt the principles for renewal of the taxicab administration contract with the City of San Diego as recommended by the Ad Hoc Taxicab Contract Renewal Committee. Mr. Ovrom seconded and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor with Mr. Cunningham absent and Ms. Lightner abstaining.

D. REVIEW OF DRAFT MARCH 20, 2014, BOARD AGENDA (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

Recommended Consent Items

6. Investment Report - January 2014
Informational only.
7. Cubic Software Maintenance
Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Doc. No. G1695.0-14, with Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc., on a sole-source basis, for the provision of annual maintenance services for the proprietary Cubic Compass Card Back Office software.
8. Purchase and Installation of two Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Dispensers - Contract Award
Action would authorize the CEO to execute MTS Doc. No. PWB151.0-14, with Go Natural Gas, Inc., for the purchase and installation of two new CNG dispensers at the City of Chula Vista Public Works Center.
9. Legal Services Agreement with Wheatley, Bingham & Baker, LLP - Contract Amendment
Action would authorize the CEO to execute MTS Doc. No. PWB151.0-14, with Go Natural Gas, Inc., for the purchase and installation of two new CNG dispensers at the City of Chula Vista Public Works Center.
10. California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) California Transit Security Grant Program (CTSGP) Funding, Fiscal Year 2013-2014
Action would approve Resolution No.14-4, authorizing the use of, and application for, \$2,779,445 of California CTSGP for capital projects that provide increased protection against security and safety threats, and/or increases the capacity of transit operators to prepare for and provide disaster-response transportation systems.
11. Proposed Revisions to MTS Policy No. 41 - Signature Authority
Action would approve the proposed revisions to MTS Policy No. 41 - Signature Authority.
12. Property Insurance Renewal
Action would authorize the CEO to renew the property insurance coverage for the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), San Diego Transit Corporation (SDTC), and San Diego Trolley, Inc. (SDTI) with the California State Association of Counties – Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC-EIA) Property Insurance Program, effective March 31, 2014, through March 31, 2015, with various coverage deductibles of \$25,000 (real estate and personal contents property), \$100,000 (bus fleet), \$250,000 (light rail fleet) and \$1,500,000 (roads, bridges and tunnels).

13. Verizon Wireless Data Service for Mobile Data Terminal/Automatic Vehicle Locator - Contract Award
Action would authorize the CEO to execute MTS Doc. No. G1698.0-14 with Verizon Wireless for the provision of monthly cellular service and data usage for a contract base period of five (5) years with five (5) one year options to be exercised exclusively at the CEO's discretion.
14. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Program of Projects for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Funding, Federal Fiscal Year 2014
Action would approve Resolution No.14-5 authorizing the use of and application for \$432,356 of FTA Section 5311 funds: \$287,000 for operating assistance and \$145,356 for capital improvements in non-urbanized areas.
15. Trapeze Software License and Maintenance Agreement (Paratransit and Mini-bus Services)
Action would authorize the CEO to: 1) ratify Amendment Nos. 3 and 5 to MTS Document No. B0563.0-11 with Trapeze Software Group, Inc. (Trapeze) which were previously approved under the CEO's approval authority for a total cost of \$83,491.00; and 2) execute Amendment No. 6 to MTS Doc. No. B0563.0-11 with Trapeze Software License and Maintenance Agreement to consolidate all services under a single multi-year maintenance agreement totaling \$1,471,135.25.
16. Collaboration with Zizhu National Hi-Tech Industrial Development Zone (Minhang District of Shanghai, China)
Action would approve MTS Doc. No. G1700.0-14 to execute an agreement with the Zizhu National Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone for an exchange of expertise and reimbursement of travel expenses.

Mr. Jablonski provided background and discussed in further detail consent item 16 on the March 20, 2014 draft Board agenda. He discussed the reasoning behind the trip to China. Ms. Landers discussed her research of the Shanghai company and their qualifications along with the legal rules with regard to gifts of travel. She discussed the payment agreement. Mr. Roberts discussed the trip and discussed the group of those who would be in attendance.

E. REVIEW OF SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

No discussion for this agenda item.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no Committee member communications.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

The Executive Committee convened to Closed Session at 10:01 a.m.

4. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.8
Property: San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway Company Desert Line (Division to Plaster City)
Agency Negotiators: Karen Landers, General Counsel; Tim Allison, Manager of Real Estate Assets; and Paul Jablonski, Chief Executive Officer
Negotiating Parties: RD Griffin Partners LLC, David Rohal, Ernest Dahlman
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment.

The Executive Committee reconvened to Open Session at 11:20 a.m.

Oral Report of Final Actions Taken in Closed Session

Karen Landers, General Counsel, reported the following:


4. The Executive Committee received a report from negotiators and gave direction.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2014.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.


Chairman

Attachments: Roll Call Sheet
Handout – SDTA Letter 3/20/14 re: Taxi Contract Renewal
Handout – Principles for Negotiation of the Taxicab Administrative Contract
Handout – USDI Fish and Wildlife Letter 3/20/14 re: Wildlife Refuge

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM**

ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE) March 13, 2014

CALL TO ORDER (TIME) 9:07 a.m.

RECESS N/A

RECONVENE N/A

CLOSED SESSION 10:01 a.m.

RECONVENE 11:20 a.m.

ADJOURN 11:21 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER	(Alternate)	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
LIGHTNER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Emerald) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	
MATHIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	
OVROM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Bragg) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:00 a.m.	
ROBERTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cox) <input type="checkbox"/>	9:09 a.m.	
CUNNINGHAM	<input type="checkbox"/> (McClellan) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Transportation Committee Rep Slot (Mathis)			

SIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD: 

CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL COUNSEL: 