

JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT
DEVELOPMENT BOARD, SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORPORATION,
AND SAN DIEGO TROLLEY, INC.

October 7, 2004

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ROOM, 10TH FLOOR
1255 IMPERIAL AVENUE, SAN DIEGO

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Board member attendance is attached.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Clabby moved to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2004, Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Emery seconded the motion and the vote was 8 to 0 in favor.

3. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

4. Presentation of Employee Awards

Steve St. Pierre, Manager of Compensation and Benefits, presented the following awards to San Diego Transit Corporation (SDTC) employees who have a combined service of 275 years: 20 years of service: Linda Proctor (Operator). 25 years of service: Myers Lesane (Operator), Myles Mitchell (Mechanic), and Craig Tinson (Field Supervisor). 30 years of service: Catarino Silva (Operator), Hassan Ahamed (Storeroom Supervisor), Joe O'Sullivan (Operator), and John Reed (Operator). 35 years of service: Chuck Buehler (Operator).

5. Closed Session Items (ADM 122)

The Board convened to Closed Session at 9:24 a.m. for SDTI Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (c) Section 54956.9: One Potential Case.

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:33 a.m.

Oral Report of Final Actions Taken in Closed Session

Ms. Tiffany Lorenzen, MTDB General Counsel, reported that the Board received a report and gave direction to staff.

CONSENT ITEMS

6. MTDB: March 2004 and June 2004 Quarterly Investment Reports
(FIN 310, PC 30100)

That the Board of Directors receive the quarterly investment reports for information.

7. MTDB: Transportation Development Act Claim Amendment (FIN 340.3, PC 30100)

That the MTD Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 04-12 (Attachment A of the agenda item), amending FY 2003 Transportation Development Act Article 4.0, Claim No. 253, for the City of El Cajon.

8. MTDB: Receive SD&IV, PSRMA, and CZRY Quarterly Reports, and Ratify Actions Taken by the SD&AE Railway Company Board of Directors (SDAE 710, PC 40099)

That the Board of Directors (1) receive the San Diego & Imperial Valley (SD&IV) Railroad, Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association (PSRMA), and Carrizo Gorge Railway (CZRY) Quarterly Reports; and (2) ratify actions taken by the San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway Company Board of Directors at its meeting on July 27, 2004.

9. MTDB: Transportation Development Act/State Transit Assistance Claims
(FIN 340.2, PC 20201)

That the Board of Directors adopt Resolution Nos. 04-7, 04-8, 04-9, and 04-10 (Attachments A through D of the agenda item) approving Fiscal Year 05 Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance claims.

10. MTDB: Increased Authorization for Legal Services (LEG 491, PC 30100))

That the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to enter into contract amendment with Robert Heft of the law firm Daley & Heft, LLP (MTDB Doc. No. G0726.5-02, Attachment A of the agenda item), and Richard Castillo of the law firm Morris, Polich & Purdy, LLP (MTDB Doc. No. G0838.5-03, Attachment B of the agenda item) for general liability services, in substantially the same form as attached, and ratify prior amendments entered into under the CEO's and/or previous General Manager's authority(ies).

11. SDTI: Parts Procurement for Accident Damage Repair on Light Rail Vehicles
(OPS 970.6, PC 30102)

That the MTD Board of Directors authorize the President-General Manager to issue Work Order No. 04-03 (Attachment A of the agenda item), under Contract No. C.O.007.0-04, to Siemens Transportation Systems, Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$64,442.80, including freight and sales tax, for parts necessary to repair light rail vehicle Nos. 1010, 1026, and 1040.

12. MTDB/SDTC: State of California Treasurer's Office Local Agency Investment Fund
(FIN 360, PC 30100)

That the Board of Directors adopt Resolution Nos. 04-13 and 04-14 (Attachments A and B of the agenda item) approving the authorization of MTDB and San Diego Transit Corporation Finance staff to make deposits or withdrawals from the Local Agency Investment Fund.

Motion on Recommended Consent Items

Mr. Rindone moved to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Mr. Emery seconded the motion and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor.

NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Noticed Public Hearings.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

30. SDTI: 2004 Street Scene Summary Report (OPS 970.2, PC 30102)

Mr. Tereshuck, SDTI President-General Manager, advised the Board that San Diego Trolley, Inc. (SDTI) has interacted with the Street Scene event for 20 years, but there were significant challenges this year because of the change in the location. Mr. Tom Doogan, SDTI Event Coordinator, provided the Board with a post-event summary, which included information about the service that was provided, a summary of the ticket sales, attendance and ridership statistics, and follow-up actions that will be taken. Mr. Doogan reported that difficulties were encountered on Saturday night when Street Scene participants starting tearing down and climbing over fencing erected to control the flow of people across the trolley tracks. He stated that mounted police had to be called in to restore order. He also reported that staff members who were providing services ancillary to the event were abused by the crowds, and there were several reports of vandalism on the trains. Mr. Doogan then provided the Board with details of the revenue received by SDTI as well as SDTI's incremental operating costs. He added that SDTI will aggressively support efforts to change the venue or secure assurances of substantial improvements in the venue access as it relates to the 12th Avenue corridor. He also advised the Board that a representative of the San Diego Police Department has assured him that they will not approve future venues for this event without approval by the MTD Board.

In response to a question from Mr. Ryan, Mr. Doogan stated that the number of people needed to ensure effective crowd control at next year's event will depend on where the event is held and how the event is set up. He added that the event promoter needs to provide actual police coverage as the contracted security they had on-site was not equipped to handle the situation that developed. Mr. Monroe complimented trolley operators who were attentive to safety issues during this event. In response to a question from Mr. Monroe about sweeper trains, Mr. Doogan stated that SDTI provides these operators with advance notice, and they are able to adjust their schedules accordingly. He stated that the impact of special events on these operators is minimal

and only occurs five to six days per year. In response to a question from Mr. Mathis, Mr. Doogan stated that the city will be encouraging the promoter to move the event to a new venue for 2005. Mr. Tereschuck stated that the city has already contacting the promoter to discuss the possibility of staging this event at Qualcomm Stadium in future years. Mr. Williams stated that these types of issues should be discussed as part of a permit process. Mr. Monroe suggested that staff give its presentation to the San Diego city council. Mr. Zucchet stated that there are many people now aware that the venue for this event must be changed, and the police and SDTI have formed a partnership that will help this event in the future. Mr. Roberts suggested that some version of the presentation be given to the SANDAG Transportation Committee, and that special events need to be closely overseen and directed in positive directions. He suggested that Mr. Monroe take these comments back to SANDAG. Mr. Clabby observed that the most substantial part of SDTI's cost related to providing security and stated that the promoter should bear the expense for these services. Mr. Tereschuck stated that he agreed that the promoter should be required to cover the expense of sworn officers placed at critical locations. Mr. Jablonski stated that employees who worked during this event worked under very stressful conditions, and some fairly serious things happened to some of these employees.

Action Taken

Mr. Monroe moved to receive this report for information. Mr. Emery seconded the motion and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor.

31. MTS: Operations Status Reports (OPS 920.1, 960.5, 970.5/PC 30103, 30101, 30102)

Claire Spielberg, Chief Operating Officer – Bus, reviewed the SDTC portion of this report. She reviewed performance of the system with regard to schedule adherence, customer service, safety, ridership, and miles between road calls. In response to a question from Ms. Kaltenborn, Ms. Spielberg stated that SDTC is in the process of looking into why Routes 23 and 29, routes that serve downtown, are showing declining ridership and will present that information in the next report. She added that the Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) will also be investigating these types of issues.

Mr. Roberts asked questions regarding the impact to passengers when a bus experiences a mechanical failure while in service. He was concerned that failures that require the use of a replacement bus are happening at a rate of about 60 buses per month. Ms. Spielberg stated that one of the factors that contributes to the rate of mechanical failure is the age of the bus and the number of miles each bus is driven every day. She stated that buses typically operate 15 hours each day and, given that level of use, it is not unusual for mechanical defects to occur. Mr. Roberts suggested that a more aggressive policy on bus replacements may be needed. In response to a suggestion by Mr. Roberts, Ms. Spielberg stated that staff is in the process of analyzing mileage and age factors of SDTC's fleet with Mr. Monroe's assistance. Mr. Monroe stated that Ms. Spielberg has demonstrated wonderful leadership in this area. He provided the Board with information on activities that are currently underway at SDTC to improve maintenance of its fleet. He stated that the work currently underway will result in customized inspection procedures by bus type, bus age, etc. Mr. Rindone suggested

that staff also analyze the impact of mechanical failures on customers – length of service delay, what can be done to mitigate delays, etc. Ms. Spielberg stated that the next operations status report to the Board will address these issues.

Mr. Wayne Terry, SDTI Vice President of Operations, reviewed performance of the trolley system in terms of ridership, special-event service, safety, lift service, and maintenance of trolley cars and waysides. He reported that the “buffing” process that is being used to refurbish the exterior paint on the trolley cars (52 SD-100 cars) should be completed by the end of the year.

Ms. Susan Hafner, Director of Multimodal, reviewed performance of Contract Services in terms of ridership, on-time performance, miles between mechanical failures, safety, customer service/complaints, and completed trips.

Action Taken

Mr. Emery moved to receive the July 2004 operations status reports for San Diego Transit Corporation (Attachment A of the agenda item), San Diego Trolley, Inc. (Attachment B of the agenda item), and Metropolitan Transit System Contract Services (Attachment C of the agenda item). Mr. Rindone seconded the motion and the vote was 13 to 0 in favor.

32. SDTI: Semiannual MTS Security Report (January through June 2004)
(OPS 970.11, PC 30102)

Mr. Bill Burke, SDTI Director of Transit Security, provided the Board with details regarding security events and activities from January to June 2004. He provided the Board with details regarding the recent multiagency emergency preparedness drill and showed a film clip of this event. He stated that the Federal Transit Administration was very complimentary of this exercise. He added that the media was invited to participate, which gave them an appreciation of emergency services. He reviewed details of inspection efforts at the Civic Center Station and 5th Avenue Station and reviewed activities of the Special Enforcement Unit. He also reviewed Transportation Security Administration directives and how they impact SDTI and the system. He stated that extra security is added during heightened alerts. He also reviewed statistics for passenger inspections and explained to the Board the factors used to rank stations in terms of need for closed-circuit television (CCTV) surveillance equipment.

Mr. Monroe stated that subway patrons in New York during the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center all exited the subway safely, and the success of this effort was attributed by authorities to real-life drills. Mr. Rindone stated that MTS is not getting the message out to trolley patrons about the safety of parking their cars at trolley stations given the fact that only about one car per month is being stolen from trolley parking lots. He also suggested that trolley inspectors begin more intensive checking of the dates on trolley tickets. Mr. Burke stated that he will report back on Mr. Rindone’s suggestion about checking dates more closely. Mr. Rindone requested that this information be included in the next security report. Mr. Zucchet expressed his thanks for security efforts being made in the C Street corridor. Mr. Williams made a comment regarding

reporters who make negative editorial comments during their newscasts. He suggested that MTS start emphasizing the safety of the system in order to defeat these negative comments. Ms. Sterling stated that La Mesa would be willing to share the cost for the installation of CCTV at the trolley stations in their community. She also stated that the windows in many trolley cars are exceedingly dirty and make a bad impression.

Action Taken

Mr. Monroe moved to receive this report for information. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor.

33. MTDB: Mission Valley East Light Rail Transit Project Interim Community Outreach and Marketing Plan (CIP 10426.13)

Mr. Gonzalo Lopez, Director of Marketing & Community Relations, advised the Board that the marketing plan presented in this agenda item is designed to make the community aware of the opening of MVE and place the opening in the best possible marketing position. Ms. Judy Leitner, SANDAG Business Development Manager, reviewed elements of the plan as outlined in the agenda item. She reviewed the tentative timetable and the elements of the proposed plan. She reviewed the plan objectives, identified key markets, and discussed community outreach, public information, and media outreach.

Mr. Clive Richard, who signed a Speaker Slip to make public comment on this agenda item, declined to speak.

Mr. Jablonski advised the Board that this is a preliminary partial plan to present information on marketing activities that are scheduled to occur this fall. He added that the entire plan is almost complete and should be presented within the next month or two. He added that the \$400,000 budget for marketing is part of the budget for the entire project. Mr. Emery stated that the safety education portion of the plan is important.

Action Taken

Mr. Monroe moved to approve the Interim Community Outreach and Marketing Plan for Mission Valley East start-up communications and marketing activities. Mr. Emery seconded the motion and the vote was 11 to 0 in favor.

44. Chairman's Report (ADM 121.7, PC 30100)

There were no comments from the Chairman.

45. Chief Executive Officer's Report (ADM 121.7, PC 30100)

There were no comments from the Chief Executive Officer.

46. Board Member Communications

The Alliance: Mr. Monroe advised Board members that he, Ms. Atkins, and staff members attended The Alliance's October 3 event at the Town & Country Resort and Convention Center. He explained the nature of the event and thanked staff members

who attended for their time. He added that MTDB's speakers did a great job. Mr. Jablonski thanked the Board for its support in this matter.

47. Additional Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no additional public comments.

50. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Thursday, October 7, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in the same location.

60. Adjournment

Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Chairman
San Diego Metropolitan Transit
Development Board

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Attachments: A. Roll Call Sheet

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