

JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE  
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS),  
SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORPORATION (SDTC), AND  
SAN DIEGO TROLLEY, INC. (SDTI)

December 14, 2006

MTS  
1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000, San Diego

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Chairman Harry Mathis called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Board member attendance is attached.

Recognition of Employees

Chairman Mathis recognized and presented a plaque to Rich (Pete) Warren, MTS's longest-standing employee, who started working for the system in 1961. He also recognized Kevin Behan, who was recently promoted to Transportation Division Manager at the Imperial Avenue Division.

Recognition of Board Member Jerry Rindone

Chairman Mathis congratulated Mr. Rindone on being reappointed as Chula Vista's representative on the MTS Board and on being appointed Deputy Mayor of Chula Vista.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. McLean moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2006, and November 16, 2006, Board of Directors meetings. Mr. Emery seconded the motion, and the vote was 9 to 0 in favor.

3. Public Comment

*Don Stillwell:* Mr. Stillwell was asked to speak during Agenda Item 30 because his comments pertained to that item.

*Chuck Lungerhausen:* Mr. Lungerhausen reported that his experiences have been good while riding buses since the implementation of recent service changes as a result of the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). He stated that he hoped that these changes have helped increase ridership. He also encouraged the Board to authorize the purchase of low-floor trolley cars, even if it is only a couple of car sets each year.

*Michelle Krug:* Ms. Krug reported that the bus stop at Reo Drive and Cumberland Street has been moved to another location, yet passengers continue to wait there. She added that Telephone Information personnel are not aware that this stop has been moved. She also expressed dissatisfaction with the frequency and routing of buses serving Camino Del Rio South as well as those from Bonita to I-805 and east on E Street. Mr. Conan Cheung, MTS

Director of Planning and Performance Monitoring, reported that staff will make sure that the problem with the discontinued bus stop is resolved.

#### CONSENT ITEMS

6. MTS: Adoption of Amended 2006 Conflict of Interest Code (ADM 110, PC 50101)

Recommend that the Board of Directors (1) adopt Resolution No. 06-15 Amending the MTS Conflict of Interest Code pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974; (2) adopt the Amended 2006 MTS Conflict of Interest Code (in substantially the same format as Attachment A of the agenda item); and (3) forward the Amended 2006 MTS Conflict of Interest Code to the County of San Diego – the designated code reviewing body.

7. MTS: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 13, an Ordinance Regarding Prohibited Conduct Onboard Transit Vehicles and Prohibited Actions on or About a Transit Facility or a Bus Stop (ADM 110.3, PC 50451)

Recommend that the Board of Directors (1) read the title of Ordinance No. 13, An Ordinance Regarding Prohibited Conduct Onboard Transit Vehicles and Prohibited Actions On or About a Transit Facility or a Bus Stop; (2) waive further readings of the ordinance; (3) introduce the ordinance for further consideration at the next Board meeting on January 18, 2007; and (4) direct publication of an ordinance summary.

8. MTS: The Ticket Factory – Contract Amendment (FIN 330.3, PC 50451)

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to exercise a fourth and final option year with The Ticket Factory to print 13,845,750 Universal Daily-Dated Transfer Slips at a cost not to exceed \$68,813.38, including tax and delivery (in substantially the same form as Attachment A of the agenda item). This price represents a cost of \$4.97 per 1,000 slips, which is a 2 percent increase per unit over the previous year as determined by the current contract.

9. MTS: Audit Report on The Transit Store (LEG 492, PC 50121)

Recommend that the Board of Directors receive the internal audit report on The Transit Store.

10. MTS: Investment Report (FIN 300, PC 50601)

Recommend that the Board of Directors receive a report for information.

11. MTS: Insurance Brokerage and Consultation Services (LEG 491, PC 50633)

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to award a contract to John Burnham Insurance Services (in substantially the same format as Attachment A of the agenda item) contingent upon successful negotiations. In the event that the CEO is unable to reach an agreement with John Burnham Insurance Services, the CEO would be authorized to begin negotiations with the next-ranked proposer(s) and award a contract contingent upon successful negotiations.

12. MTS: Mission Valley East Landscape Maintenance Project Contract Award (CIP 10426.6)

Recommend that the Board of Directors (1) authorize the CEO to execute a contract (MTS Document No. M6651.0-07) with Aztec Landscaping, Inc. to perform the Mission Valley East

Landscape Maintenance Project (LRT-10426), in substantially the same form as shown in Attachment A of the agenda item, in an amount not to exceed \$579,980; and (2) approve a 10 percent contingency totaling \$57,998.

13. MTS: Transportation Development Act Claim Revision (FIN 340.3, PC 50601)

Recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 06-14 (Attachment A of the agenda item) revising a Transportation Development Act claim of the County of San Diego.

14. MTS: Creative Bus Sales Contract – Airport Shuttles (CIP 11417)

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to exercise options available and award a contract amendment to Creative Bus Sales (in substantially the same format as Attachment A of the agenda item—MTS Doc. No. B0389.4-03) to purchase seven midsize compressed natural gas-powered airport shuttle transit buses.

Recommended Consent Items

Ms. Tiffany Lorenzen, MTS General Counsel, read the title of the ordinance being recommended for amendment under Agenda Item No. 7. Chairman Mathis pulled that agenda item for discussion as there were a number of individuals requesting to speak on that subject.

Mr. Rindone moved to approve Consent Agenda Items No. 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14. Mr. Emery seconded the motion, and the vote was 11 to 0 in favor.

*Discussion of Item Number 7:* Ms. Lorenzen reported that the revision of Ordinance 13 would enact a prohibition on smoking with 25 feet of any bus stop, trolley station, or transit facility. She reported that other changes being recommended for the ordinance were nonsubstantive. She read paragraph 13.10, which contains the language about the smoking prohibition.

Public Comment

*Kristin Harms, Tobacco-Free Communities:* Ms. Harms expressed her support of the ordinance amendment citing health benefits, unsavory litter, and improved conditions for riders. She suggested that staff consider affixing a label to the new signage providing a phone number for a smoking cessation program (1-800-no-smoke). She stated that her organization has such decals in six different languages.

*Debra Kelley, Vice President of the American Lung Association:* Ms. Kelley expressed her support of the ordinance amendment. She offered \$1,000 to help defray the cost for signage and offered to provide people to assist with putting up that signage. She also offered to develop partnerships that would assist with this task. She stated that this would make a wonderful project for high school students who need to do community service projects. She added that this would also present a great opportunity to garner media attention and suggested involving Board members. She stated that the American Lung Association was willing to participate in other activities that will increase public awareness as well.

*Alex Sachs:* Mr. Sachs expressed his support of the ordinance amendment and briefly discussed the perils of second-hand smoke. He also discussed the problems created, especially for people with lung-related afflictions, by cigarette smokers who make no effort to separate themselves from the general public while on transit. He asked if enforcement of this prohibition would be done through signage.

*Clive Richard:* Mr. Richard expressed his support of the ordinance amendment. He stated that he did not feel that strongly about this issue until he heard a report by the Surgeon General on the effects of second-hand smoke. He stated that there is no safe amount of second-hand smoke. He also stated that 25 feet from transit facilities is a fair distance to impose. He stated that MTS should muster all its resources to enforce the smoking prohibition.

*Terri Pinnell, American Lung Association Volunteer:* Ms. Pinnell expressed her support of the ordinance and her thanks to the Board and the City of San Diego for the gift of no-smoking regulations. She stated the ordinance will reduce a number of problems including the contamination of air, reduced problems with individuals with lung-related problems, reduced litter at stations, etc. She thanked the Board for listening to people who were being subjected to second-hand smoke.

Mr. Rindone stated that he enthusiastically supports this amendment. Mr. Monroe also stated his support. Both Board members referenced no-smoking regulations implemented by their respective cities. Mr. Roberts stated that the Board wants to make conditions on public transportation more acceptable to existing as well as potential riders. Mr. Ewin requested that staff come back to the Board with a report on how enforcement will be carried out and providing a timetable for getting this information out to the public. He indicated that La Mesa also has no-smoking regulations.

In response to a question from Ms. Atkins regarding the ordinance's reference to bicycle limits on the trolley, staff reported that two bicycles are allowed per trolley car. Ms. Atkins stated that, while she understood that there had to be limitations, staff should always be looking for ways to encourage people to use transit over their cars.

Mr. Roberts moved to approve Consent Agenda Item No. 7. Mr. Rindone seconded the motion, and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor.

#### CLOSED SESSION:

#### 24. Closed Session Items (ADM 122)

The Board convened to Closed Session at 9:37 a.m.

- a. MTS: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6: Agency Designated Representative – Jeff Stumbo  
Employee Organization: Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1309
- b. MTS: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a) Tonantzin LeGrette v. SDTC, Gonzalez Jurado (GIC 857654)
- c. MTS: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 808 West Cedar Street, San Diego, California  
Agency Negotiators: Tiffany Lorenzen, Tim Allison  
Negotiating Parties: Monarch School Project  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
- d. MTS: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a) Wooten v. San Diego Trolley, Inc. Et Al. (Superior Court Case No. GIC 853080)

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 10:39 a.m.

Oral Report of Final Actions Taken in Closed Session

Ms. Tiffany Lorenzen, MTS General Counsel, reported the following:

- a. The Board received a report and gave direction to agency negotiators.
- b. The Board received a report and gave direction to outside counsel.
- c. The Board received a report and gave direction to staff. Mr. Maienschein was not present for the discussion of this item. Other City representatives were present for the discussion but did not take action.
- d. The Board received a report and gave direction to outside counsel.

NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

25. MTS: Public Hearing on the Proposed Replacement of Route 31 Service on Weekends with Route 921 Service (S RTP 805.1, PC 50451)

Mr. Devin Braun, MTS Associate Transportation Planner, provided the Board with details regarding the proposed changes for Route Nos. 31 and 921. He pointed out that these routes had been reviewed by staff as part of MTS's commitment to review changes made as part of the COA and make adjustments as deemed appropriate. He displayed maps showing the recommended changes.

Chairman Mathis convened a public hearing on this matter at 10:40 a.m.

There were no public comments. Mr. Maienschein stated that Mr. Cheung and his staff had done a good job of listening to transit riders in his district. He pointed out that these changes will not result in any additional operating cost. Mr. Roberts stated that these routes also serve his district and stated that these changes seem like a substantial improvement.

Chairman Mathis closed the public hearing at 10:44 a.m.

Action Taken

Mr. Maienschein moved to (1) conduct a public hearing on the proposed changes to Routes 31 and 921 bus service; and (2) approve the proposed changes for implementation on January 28, 2007. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

30. MTS: Report on Discussions with City of National City Regarding Transferring Operational Responsibility for National City Transit Service (OPS 930)

Mr. Paul Jablonski, MTS Chief Executive Officer, reminded the Board that it had directed staff, at its November 9, 2006 meeting, to have further discussions regarding this item with National City and with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1309. He stated that the Board

asked staff to discuss options for implementation of the COA with the ATU. Mr. Jablonski reported that a meeting was held that included National City Mayor Ron Morrison as well as the city attorney and Assistant Manager representing National City, Mr. Steve Alcove representing the ATU, and three representatives from McDonald Transit. He reported that Chairman Mathis, Mr. Emery, and Mr. Monroe as well as various staff members represented MTS. Mr. Jablonski reported that Mr. Alcove stated during this meeting that a change in shake-up dates, which would drive options for the implementation of the COA, could not take place without a vote by the Union membership. The earliest that vote could take place was December 13 or 14. He stated that it was decided, therefore, to delay the National City portion of the changes until March 4, 2007. He stated that there was no opposition expressed during the meeting when this decision was made.

Mr. Jablonski advised the Board that the following items were discussed during the meeting: (1) proposals from McDonald Transit to operate National City transit service at a reduced rate; (2) the handling of National City Transit employees; and (3) the 8<sup>th</sup> Street operations facility/property. He reported that National City Transit employees transferring to either San Diego Transit or Veolia would do so at the same wage level and for better benefits at San Diego Transit. He stated that both MTS and National City representatives agreed that the 8<sup>th</sup> Street property should be used for a transit center and rail station, which would be a \$6 million to \$8 million project. He added that Mr. Morrison agreed during the meeting that MTS had the authority to take the recommended action regarding National City transit service. He stated that National City requested that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be developed to codify the agreements reached during the meeting.

Mr. Jablonski advised the Board that McDonald Transit's proposals offered savings of \$337,000 and \$427,000 compared to MTS's projected savings of \$560,000. He added that McDonald Transit also submitted a letter stating that they would match Veolia's proposal rate. Mr. Jablonski stated that none of these proposals eliminate MTS's expense of \$130,000 for overhead and \$130,000 for rental of the 8<sup>th</sup> Street property. He also reported that McDonald Transit proposals achieve cost savings by reducing nondriver staff levels by 7½ out of 16½. He stated that included in these reductions is all but one mechanic for 14 buses while industry standard is to have one mechanic per three to four buses. As a result, he didn't feel that McDonald Transit's proposal was practical. He stated that a memo was sent to National City stating these conclusions, and the requested MOU was also prepared and sent to National City. He reported that subsequent to that action, National City sent an e-mail requesting that the MOU be modified to include (1) that MTS not pay rent on the 8<sup>th</sup> Street property until July 1, 2007, with rent then continuing until MTS and National City enter into a long-term lease and purchase agreement for the property with an escalator to become effective in 2009; (2) that MTS conduct an appraisal of the property; and (3) that MTS indemnify National City against any claim by McDonald Transit for the termination of its contract with National City or make McDonald Transit a party to the MOU.

Mr. Jablonski referred Board members to the printed recommendation provided by staff to (1) approve the transfer of operational responsibility for National City transit services to MTS effective March 4, 2006, and discontinue payment to National City/McDonald Transit for that service; and (2) appoint a transition team to work with National City to assist with the transfer of the transit services. He added that the MOU included the continued payment by MTS of the rent, management fee, and overhead until March 31, 2007. He stated that MTS will need continued access to the property during the transition period.

At the request of Mr. Roberts, staff displayed a visual of the 8<sup>th</sup> Street property, and Mr. Jablonski advised Mr. Roberts that this property was purchased with state Transportation

Development Act (TDA) funds. He added that the property was subsequently improved also using TDA funds. Mr. Jablonski then advised the Board that MTS is currently undergoing a TDA audit, and he felt that audit would include a finding regarding the fact that MTS is paying rent for a property paid for using TDA funding funneled through MTS to National City. Mr. Jablonski advised Mr. Roberts that the buses that are being operated out of the 8<sup>th</sup> Street facility can be absorbed by the South Bay facility, which is just a few miles away. He added that this would also eliminate certain redundancies. Mr. Jablonski reminded the Board that, under the COA, National City transit services would be increased by 40 percent.

#### Public Comment

*Ron Morrison, Mayor, National City:* Mr. Morrison stated that the meeting between National City and MTS was very productive. He stated that National City had some concerns regarding details within the MOU and that was why an e-mail was sent to MTS requesting the additional items. He talked about the importance of a trolley station and bus terminal in National City, the most heavily used transit and bus corridors in the region. He stated that National City could use this property for a more profitable venture rather than holding it until a transit center can be developed; therefore, National City felt that continued payment of rent by MTS was justified. He pointed out that these projects can take a considerable amount of time to come to fruition; therefore, the continuation of rent would serve as an incentive for MTS to more vigorously pursue the development of National City's transit center. He felt that anticipated bond funding could be used for this project and that it should be an Early Action Project under TransNet II. He added that since the absorption of National City transit services is MTS's decision, MTS should indemnify National City against any claims by McDonald Transit or McDonald should be a signatory on the MOU. Mr. Morrison also expressed concern about transferring employees being treated as new hires, which would have a negative impact on their seniority position. Mr. Monroe reminded the Board that seniority issues are negotiated and have to be handled by the Union. He added that the Board could encourage the Union to consider this. Mr. Morrison stated that National City is willing to work with MTS toward a regional solution as long as it's out in the open and includes all the involved parties.

Mr. Morrison did not feel that it was pertinent that the 8<sup>th</sup> Street property was purchased using TDA funds. He stated that many projects come from different sources of funding. He stressed that the title to the property is in National City's name, and that the City has an opportunity for investment as a result. Chairman Mathis pointed out that this property is surplus to MTS's needs. He suggested that National City consider a short-term lease for this property while waiting for the transit facility to be developed.

Mr. Roberts questioned why MTS would indemnify National City for a relationship to which it is not a party. He also questioned the nature of National City's potential liability. Mr. Ewin suggested that this issue be bifurcated into two – the issue related to the bus service and the issue related to the property. Mr. Ewin suggested that MTS then explore the strategic need for all or a portion of this property. Chairman Mathis stated that there was nothing that would preclude MTS from that option.

In response to questions regarding TDA funding, Mr. Jablonski reviewed federal rules that require that any income generated as a result of something paid for using federal funding must be put back into the operation or returned to the Federal Transit Administration. He stated that if property that is purchased using federal funding and held it for ten years, the increased value must be returned to the FTA.

*Robert Babbitt, President, McDonald Transit:* Mr. Babbitt advised the Board that McDonald Transit can do everything it is doing today for the cost it proposed to MTS. He stated that McDonald provides quality service in National City, even compared to its own services elsewhere in the country. He didn't feel that MTS could increase service levels by 40 percent and save \$560,000.

*Don Stillwell:* Mr. Stillwell questioned who made notice to National City as a result of Ms. Zarate's comments at the SANDAG Board meeting on October 27. Mr. Stillwell then requested copies of documents that were distributed regarding this matter at the December 7, 2006, MTS Executive Committee meeting.

*Michelle Krug:* Ms. Krug talked about the excellent drivers on Route No. 602. She felt that National City had not been given adequate opportunity to match MTS cost savings. Chairman Mathis pointed out that all information had been presented at a previous meeting and then reiterated today. Ms. Krug requested that later service be provided from the 8<sup>th</sup> Street stop into Paradise Hills. She also requested that Route No. 962 be extended to 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### Action Taken

Mr. Roberts moved to (1) approve the transfer of operational responsibility for National City transit services to MTS effective March 4, 2007, and discontinue payment to National City/McDonald Transit for that service; (2) appoint a transition team to work with National City to assist with the transfer of the transit services; and (3) direct staff to continue to meet with National City representatives to discuss resolution of matters related to the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Property. Monroe seconded the motion, and the vote was 11 to 0 in favor.

#### 31. MTS: Legislative Update and Proposal Federal and State Legislative Goals (LEG 410, PC 50121)

There was no staff presentation or Board discussion of this item.

#### Action Taken

Mr. Emery moved to (1) receive a report on 2006 legislative and intergovernmental activities; (2) accept the proposed MTS 2007 Federal Legislative Program; (3) accept the proposed MTS 2007 State Legislative Program; and (4) authorize the CEO to direct MTS's Sacramento and Washington representatives to advocate the state and federal legislative programs. Mr. Rindone seconded the motion, and the vote was 11 to 0 in favor.

#### 32. MTS: TransNet Early Action Program and Blue and Orange Line Trolley Improvements (CIP 11200)

There was no staff presentation or Board discussion of this item.

#### Action Taken

Ms. Atkins moved to (1) authorize the CEO to gain SANDAG approval to include Blue Line and Orange Line trolley improvements in the TransNet Early Action Program at its December Board meeting; and (2) authorize the CEO to initiate a contract for consulting services for a study of Blue and Orange Line trolley rehabilitation. Mr. Rindone seconded the motion, and the vote was 11 to 0 in favor.



## REPORT ITEMS

45. MTS: C Street Master Plan Update (ADM 124, PC 50451)  
(Taken Out of Order)

Brandon Farley, MTS Senior Transportation Planner, provided the Board with a C Street Master Plan Update. He stated that this plan is being developed to create an overall vision for the revitalization of C Street from India Street to Park Boulevard. He reported that 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of all trolley trips are linked to C Street stations. He displayed visuals of this portion of the downtown area and explained how trolleys are operated within this area. He reviewed MTS's interests in this corridor and explained that the Downtown Community Plan Update Master EIR indicates that ridership downtown is expected to triple. He stated that one of MTS's goals is to operate low-floor cars throughout the entire system and advised the Board that a three-car consist of these cars is longer in length than a three-car consist of other cars and cannot be accommodated on C Street. He showed a slide showing how Trolley's current cars slightly protrude into crosswalk areas. He also discussed alignment options and station-relocation issues.

Mr. Farley advised the Board that MTS's overriding concern is with station lengths. He stated that three-car S70 consists are 272 feet long, three-car trains currently operating on the Blue and Orange Lines are 243 to 245 feet long, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Civic Center Stations, which are the most constrained in the system, are 244 feet long.

### Public Comment

*Sachin Kalbah, Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC):* Mr. Kalbah stated that he is the project lead for this project and that he appreciated MTS's partnership. He also complimented Mr. Farley's work on the project. He stated that he would like to come back to the Board to address the issue on low-floor trolley cars. He stated that decisions that are made on this project must fit with the long-range vision, of which trolley is an important component. He talked about the number of endorsements CCDC has received in favor of the northern alignment option. Mr. Faulconer pointed out that this whole project started with the Downtown Partnership, which is really the leader on this project. He stated that he co-chairs their group.

*Barbara Warden, President, Downtown Partnership:* Ms. Warden distributed a letter expressing the Downtown Partnership's endorsement of the North Alignment Alternative. She discussed the origins of her organization. She added that she did not have a solution for accommodating the longer trolley consists. She stated that her organization was not in favor of closing streets in the heart of the downtown financial district. She also stated that she would like to find a way to accommodate the longer cars but not at the expense of the other goals of the project. She requested that the Board docket a discussion of the northern alignment as soon as possible.

*Justin Glasser, Downtown Partnership – American National Investments:* Mr. Glasser expressed his support of the northern alignment.

*Mike O. Ryan, Westgate Hotel:* Mr. Ryan stated that his hotel supports the northern alignment. He added that the Civic Center Station contributes to a very confusing intersection. He stated that the northern alignment will clarify the boundaries for both trolleys and cars. He added that the current configuration makes it hard for Westgate customers to find the hotel.

*Ruben Andrews:* Mr. Andrews stated that the trolley should not impose itself on the urban fabric and stated that it was a source of blight for downtown. He stated that there are now vacancies in storefronts and crime is up. He stated that a new vision is needed using a multimodal system

and using trolley cars that are the right size. He suggested terminating the Orange Line at 12<sup>th</sup> & Imperial and using a multimodal system for downtown travel.

*Bill Sauls:* Mr. Sauls stated that his office is on the southwest corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and C Street. He requested that, while efforts are underway to resolve the issue of the longer train consists, the Board embrace the Northern Alignment Alternative. He stated that there are safety hazards that need to be given consideration.

*Sonia Hyncik, Hines:* Ms. Hyncik expressed her company's support of the Northern Alignment Alternative citing safety, lack of access, and overall decline as reasons for this choice. She stated that the city's design should be given priority over the operation of the longer trolley cars.

Mr. Roberts provided the Board with an overview of unworkable concepts that were approved in past years that created the current problem. He complimented the CCDC as well as the Downtown Partnership on their work on this project. He objected to the earlier remarks about blight in the downtown area. He stated that everyone must work toward finding a way to continue transit service levels to accommodate an increasing ridership into downtown in a way that is going to work. He pointed out that downtown is part of an entire system. He stated that everyone must commit to going to low-floor vehicles because they are convenient for customers. He stated that anything short of that would not be acceptable to him. He stated that downtown is not the only area of the city inconvenienced by public transportation, but it is an essential part of the entire system.

Chairman Mathis pointed out that many trolley riders work downtown. He added that the northern alignment is not MTS's issue – MTS's issue is how to accommodate the longer trolley cars. He also stated that he would find any plan that didn't take this into consideration unacceptable. Mr. Faulconer stated that everyone that is working on this project understands the importance of public transportation. He thanked MTS staff in particular for their participation. He stated that it is important that this project be done right and that it needs to be user friendly and attractive to people. He stated that any plan that closes streets would be unacceptable to him and stated that these problems need to be resolved sooner rather than later.

Mr. Jablonski pointed out that he has been authorized under Agenda Item No. 32 on today's agenda to initiate a contract for consulting services for a study of Blue and Orange Line trolley rehabilitation. He stated that part of that study will involve an evaluation of a low-floor system and the purchase of low-floor cars, which is a priority of TransNet II. He stated that what happens with the C Street Master Plan has an impact on the entire system. Mr. Roberts requested that this item be returned to the Board in January along with more detail on the suggested alternative and other options. Mr. Faulconer stated that CCDC would like to be part of that presentation. Mr. Jablonski stated that the item would be brought to both the Executive Committee meeting on January 11, 2007, and the Board meeting on January 18, 2007.

#### Action Taken

Mr. Monroe moved to receive an update regarding the Centre City Development Corporation's C Street Master Plan. Mr. Clabby seconded the motion, and the vote was 10 to 0 in favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Continued)

33. MTS: Policies and Procedures No. 18 (Joint Use and Development of Property) (LEG 461, PC 50791)

This item was continued.

Action Taken

Mr. Emery moved to continue this item. Mr. Ewin seconded the motion, and the vote was 10 to 0 in favor.

REPORT ITEMS (Continued)

46. MTS: Year-To-Date Operations Budget Status Report Through October 2006 (FIN 310, PC 50601)

This item was continued.

Action Taken

Mr. Emery moved to continue this item. Mr. Ewin seconded the motion, and the vote was 10 to 0 in favor.

47. MTS: January and March 2007 Service Changes (SRTP 805.1, PC 20484)

Ms. Lorenzen pointed out that the agenda materials were at each Board member's place for this item. There was no staff presentation and no Board discussion of this item.

Action Taken

Mr. Monroe moved to receive this report for information. Mr. Emery seconded the motion, and the vote was 9 to 0 in favor.

60. Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's Report.

61. Chief Executive Officer's Report

*Double-Decker Bus and Groundbreaking for Grossmont Trolley Station Joint Development Project:* Mr. Jablonski advised Board members that MTS is testing a double-decker bus, and he invited Board members to ride this bus to the groundbreaking for the Grossmont Trolley Station.

62. Board Member Communications

*SANDAG Board Member Joe Kellejian:* Mr. Monroe advised the Board that Mr. Kellejian will no longer be serving on the SANDAG Board of Directors or Transportation Committee. At his request, the Board agreed to honor Mr. Kellejian at an upcoming meeting.

*MTS Committee Assignments for 2007:* In response to a question from Mr. Clabby, Ms. Lorenzen explained that the Nominating Committee's recommendations for committee assignments for 2007 will be on the Board meeting agenda for January 18, 2007.

63. Additional Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no additional public comments.

64. Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in the same location.

65. Adjournment

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

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Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

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