

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS),
SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORPORATION (SDTC),
AND SAN DIEGO TROLLEY, INC. (SDTI)

May 19, 2005

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. Committee members present: Bob Emery, Jerry Rindone, and Leon Williams. Ex Officio members present: Shirley Kaltenborn and Harry Mathis.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Emery moved approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2005, Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Rindone seconded the motion, and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. MTS: Mission Valley East (MVE) Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project – Status Report
(CIP 10426.15)

Mr. Bill Prey, SANDAG Construction Engineer, provided the Committee with an update on the status of the MVE LRT Project. He reported that the occupancy permit for the SDSU station was issued effective May 10. He also reviewed the status of the new S70 trolley cars, the platform retrofit project, and the safety-certification process. He also reviewed some miscellaneous tasks that remain to be completed and major budget actions that will be presented to the Board at its June 9, 2005, meeting. He then showed the Committee pictures of various portions of the project. The slides showed a bomb-detecting robot that is able to negotiate the SDSU station, and, with some adjustments to the wheels, access the inside of a trolley car.

In response to a question from Mr. Jablonski, MTS Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr. Prey reported that the schedule has been accelerated so that by June 20 there will be substantial completion of the station retrofits. He stated that there will be some punch list items that may remain to be completed. Mr. Jablonski requested that an update be provided at the June 2, 2005, Executive Committee meeting on the station retrofit portion of the project.

In response to a question from Mr. Mathis, Mr. Jablonski stated that the SDSU Operating Agreement is still being negotiated.

Action Taken

Mr. Emery moved to receive the report on the status of the MVE LRT Project.
Mr. Rindone seconded the motion, and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor.

2. MTS: MVE Marketing Update (CIP 10426.13)

Ms. Judy Leitner, MTS Interim Director of Marketing and Community Relations, provided the Committee with an update of marketing efforts related to the opening of the Green Line. She provided information on special events, opening events, community outreach efforts, and youth & safety outreach. She also reported on media activities, both past and upcoming, related to the opening and reviewed rider information pieces that have been created. She pointed out that marketing of the Green Line beyond the opening is already being planned. She stated that MTS will be entering into a partnership with Coca Cola for an in-store promotion that will center around a commemorative Coke bottle for the Green Line.

Mr. Williams suggested that MTS create commemorative tickets inviting the public to the Green Line opening and provide a number of these tickets to Board members, staff, etc. as appropriate. Mr. Rindone suggested that former Board members as well as Tom Larwin, MTS's former General Manager, be added to the invitation list for the opening. Mr. Jablonski asked Committee members to e-mail names for addition to the list either to he or Judy Leitner. He stated that the invitation list will be included with each subsequent MVE marketing update.

Action Taken

Mr. Rindone moved to receive this report for information. Chairman Williams seconded the motion, and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor.

D. REVIEW OF DRAFT MAY 26, 2005 BOARD AGENDA

Recommended Consent Items

6. SDTI: Quarterly MTS Security Report (January-March 2005)
(OPS 970.11, PC 30102)

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

7. SDTI: Light Rail Vehicle Resistor Banks Procurement – Contract Award
(OPS 970.6, PC 30102)

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the President/General Manager to execute a Standard Procurement Agreement, in substantially the same form as Attachment A of the agenda item, with Siemens Transportation Systems, Inc. to supply ten light rail vehicle brake resistor banks contingent upon receipt of a Buy American waiver from the Federal Transit Administration.

8. MTS: Rural Bus Insurance Renewal (OPS 920.5, PC 30207)

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to renew the vehicle and general liability insurance coverage for MTS Rural Bus with the California Transit Insurance Pool for FY 04-05 and FY 05-06.

Recommended Consent Items

There was no discussion of Recommended Consent Items.

Recommended Board Discussion Items

There was no discussion of Recommended Board Discussion Items.

E. REVIEW OF SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

MTS Operations Budget Presentation to SANDAG Transportation Committee on Friday, May 20, 2005: Mr. Jablonski distributed a copy to each Committee member of the agenda item and PowerPoint presentation that will be given on MTS's operating budget at the upcoming Transportation Committee meeting. He stated that the information being presented does not differ from the information presented to the Board at its May 12, 2005, meeting. He reviewed the Power Point presentation to brief Committee members on the topics he will be discussing during his presentation.

In response to a question from Mr. Emery regarding the Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) funding, Mr. Jablonski reported that the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) bill must go through the Conference Committee before anything definite will be known about JARC funding. He stated that MTS should know next month if it will be receiving Air Pollution Control District (APCD) funding. Mr. Jablonski pointed out that President Bush threatened to veto anything over \$284 billion, and the Senate's version of TEA-21 is for \$295 billion.

Mr. Jablonski also reported that California's Proposition 42 funding will be restored to about \$1.3 billion, which would generate about \$3 million in State Transit Assistance funds to San Diego in FY 2005. He stated that no decision has been made on the spillover account. He stated that there is approximately \$380 million in that account that would be disbursed to transit agencies, especially to cover increased energy costs.

In response to a question from Ms. Kaltenborn, Mr. Jablonski reviewed the options MTS will explore to address the loss of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in three years. He stated that SANDAG is considering creating a discretionary fund for capital purposes with the difference between the operating allocation of TransNet I (13%) and TransNet II (16.5%). He stated that Mr. Gary Gallegos, SANDAG, is aware that MTS prefers to see these funds used for operations, as was outlined in TransNet II and approved by the voters. Mr. Emery requested that Mr. Jablonski keep Board members apprised of discussions that occur at SANDAG that would be of interest or concern to Board members.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no Committee Member Communications or Other Business.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS (Continued)

3. CLOSED SESSION: MTS: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Section 94956.9 (One Potential Case)

The Committee convened to Closed Session at 9:50 a.m. to discuss the above-listed item.

The Committee reconvened to Open Session at 10:20 a.m.

Oral Report of Final Actions Taken in Closed Session

Ms. Tiffany Lorenzen, MTS General Counsel, reported that the Committee received a report from staff and provided direction to staff.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2005 in the Executive Conference Room.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Chairman

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

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