

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

September 20, 2007

MTS
1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000, San Diego

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

Chairman Mathis called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Executive Committee member attendance is attached.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ewin requested that a notation be added to the minutes that the three Executive Committee members who were not present were attending a California League of Cities meeting and had so notified MTS. He then moved approval of the minutes of the September 6, 2007, Executive Committee meeting. Ms. Atkins seconded the motion, and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. MTS: Westfield University Towne Center Revitalization Project (FIN 300)

Mr. Paul Jablonski, MTS CEO, reported that Westfield has requested that MTS provide a letter by September 24 for their Environment Impact Review (EIR) process in support of MTS's preference regarding the location of the new bus transit center. He stated that staff felt that the Executive Committee should have an opportunity to make comments before staff submits the requested letter.

Ms. Atkins advised the Committee that the San Diego City Council will be taking action on this item and that her comments regarding this project today should not be construed to reflect any action she might take at that time.

Ms. Sharon Cooney, MTS Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations, provided the Committee with an overview of project, which, as pointed out by Chairman Mathis, is in the proposal stage and has not been approved by the City of San Diego. She advised Committee members that MTS currently has a transit center at this location that would be moved and improved as part of the proposed redevelopment. She introduced Mr. Greg Fitchitt, Westfield's Director of Development, and Chris Wahl, a consultant for this project.

Ms. Cooney reviewed where the current transit center is located and then provided details on Alternatives A and B for the new location. She stated that buses would

enter the transit center in Alternative A on La Jolla Village Drive and would mix with regular traffic, while buses would have a dedicated entrance under Alternative B on Genesee. She reported that both locations would be under other structures and within walking distance of the Mid Coast Light Rail station. She added that Alternative B would have retail space available to serve the transit center and an escalator to access stores and the light rail station.

Mr. Jablonski advised Committee members that staff favors Alternative B because more amenities will be provided and it is considered the safer of the two alternatives. He stated that Alternative B has better connections to the employment centers in this area and to the light rail station and that there is less traffic on Genesee than there is on La Jolla Village Drive. He advised the Committee that staff's comment letter will discuss connectivity, signal priority, access to public restrooms, security, real-time signage, and the safe ingress/egress of the buses. Chairman Mathis point out that MTS buses are already negotiating traffic on Genesee and pointed out that Alternative B insulates bus traffic from peak shopping hours and seasons.

Mr. Jablonski advised Mr. Ewin that MTS will bear no cost for the relocation and improvement of the transit center. He also pointed out that the decision regarding the location of the Mid Coast LRT station has not yet been finalized, which was confirmed by Mr. Dave Schumacher, SANDAG Planning Department. Mr. Ewin and Mr. Emery spoke favorably about having alternate modes of transit in close proximity to each other.

Mr. Mathis stated that, since this is the end of the line for the Mid Coast rail, the rail platform needs to be wide enough to accommodate the "stacking" of rails cars. Mr. Schumacher noted Mr. Mathis's comment. Mr. Conan Cheung, MTS Director of Planning and Scheduling, informed Mr. Ewin that there will be 10 or 11 bus bays in the new transit center with 4 additional layovers on the perimeter, which should accommodate projected growth for the next 20 years. He pointed out that each of the potential transit center locations would have an enclosed waiting environment, which should appeal to transit users. Ms. Cooney pointed out that the housing proposal that is included in a later phase of this project will be located fairly close to the transit center under Alternative B.

Action Taken

Mr. Ewin moved to receive a report from staff regarding transit center improvements proposed in the University Towne Center Revitalization Project and provide feedback regarding preferred alternatives with the caveat that Ms. Atkins' vote on this item does not constitute her vote on this item in her role as a City of San Diego councilmember. Chairman Mathis seconded the motion, and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor.

D. REVIEW OF DRAFT SEPTEMBER 27, 2007 BOARD AGENDA

Recommended Consent Items

6. MTS: Contract Assignments for On-Call Engineering and Construction Services
(LEG 122.2)

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to execute assignments of contracts (Attachment A of the agenda item) from SANDAG for on-call construction and engineering services with Bureau Veritas/Berryman and Henigar, PGH Wong, Kimley-Horn and Associates, and LAN Engineering.

7. MTS: Budget Transfer and Construction Contract Amendment for Mission Valley East
(CIP 10426.12)

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to (1) transfer \$100,000 from the Mission Valley East Light Rail Transit Project Right-of-Way line item (10426-0900) into the Construction Management line item (10426-0700) (as shown in Attachment A of the agenda item); and (2) execute Contract Amendment No. 47 (Attachment B of the agenda item) to MTS Doc. No. L6343.0-01 with Washington Group International, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$168,082.00 for construction management services on the MVE Light Rail Transit Project and the extension of those services through June 30, 2008.

8. MTS: State Transit Assistance Claims (FIN 340.2)

Recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 07-12 (Attachment A of the agenda item) approving Fiscal Year 2008 State Transit Assistance claims.

9. MTS: SANDAG Memorandums of Understanding and Budget Transfers
(CIP 11427, 10496, 11222, 10490)

Recommend that the Board of Directors (1) authorize the CEO to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (in substantially the same form as Attachment A) with SANDAG to fund a change order not to exceed \$250,000 to construct a steam rack at the East County Bus Maintenance Facility; (2) authorize the CEO to execute an MOU (in substantially the same form as Attachment B of the agenda item) with SANDAG to fund a change order not to exceed \$150,000 to install fire system upgrades at the Imperial Avenue Division bus facility; and (3) forward a request to the SANDAG Board of Directors to approve the transfer of \$251,260 from the SANDAG Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Stations Project (CIP 1049000) to the SANDAG East County Maintenance CNG Station Project (CIP 1142700).

10. MTS: Federal Transit Administration 5311 Program of Projects (OPS 950.7)

Recommend that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 07-13 (Attachment A of the agenda item) authorizing the use of \$224,355 of Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 funds for operating assistance in nonurbanized areas.

Recommended Consent Items

There was no discussion of the recommended Consent Items.

Recommended Board Discussion Items

There was no discussion of the recommended Discussion Items. Mr. Ewin reported that he will not be attending the September 27, 2007, Board meeting as he will be at a conference in Sacramento.

E. REVIEW OF SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Fare Ordinance: Ms. Cooney reported that the SANDAG Transportation Committee will be holding a special public hearing at North County Transit later that day regarding the fare ordinance. Mr. Cheung distributed a list of issues that could potentially be raised by the public during this hearing. Those issues related to a Premium Day Pass, Senior & Disabled (S&D) Day Pass, Breeze Day and Monthly Pass, and Environmental Justice (Title VI). He reviewed potential issues in each category. Mr. Jablonski reported that MTS staff has not proposed an S&D Day Pass because the current pass rate for this group of riders is already very low and does not need to be discounted. Mr. Cheung pointed out that there will be no negative impact to Environmental Justice in FY 2008, but in FY 2009, when the fare increases to \$2.25, there will be. He stated, however, that service cuts would have an even greater negative impact than a fare increase.

In response to a question from Chairman Mathis, Mr. Jablonski stated that the new fareboxes can issue day passes so passengers can purchase them on the bus. Mr. Schumacher stated that this information will be provided during SANDAG's presentation on the fare ordinance.

Transportation Committee Meeting on Friday, September 21: Ms. Cooney reported that the Transportation Committee will be holding a public hearing on this date on the Short-Range Transit Plan and Coordinated Transit Plan for the next five years. She stated that staff has reviewed the plans and is comfortable with what SANDAG is proposing. She also reported that MTS Draft Consent Agenda Item No. 7, budget transfers related to Mission Valley East, is also on SANDAG's agenda and will be approved contingent upon MTS Board approval, which will occur after SANDAG approval. Mr. Ewin requested copies of any handouts.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

San Diego Trolley Operations Center: Mr. Ewin reported that he recently provided a San Diego Union-Tribune reporter with a tour of San Diego Trolley's Operations Center and that the reporter was very impressed. He recommended that Committee members see this center.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2007, in the Executive Conference Room.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Chairman

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

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