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

September 7, 2006

MTS 1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000, San Diego

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

Chairman Mathis called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Executive Committee member attendance is attached.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rindone moved approval of the minutes of the August 3, 2006, Executive Committee meeting. Ms. Atkins seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. <u>SDTI: SD-100/S70 Vehicle Compatibility Status Report</u> (OPS 970.6)

Mr. Wayne Terry, Vice President of Operations for SDTI, provided the Committee with an update on staff's efforts to improve the compatibility of SD-100 and S70 low-floor trolley vehicles. He reported that the two major operational issues, which involved acceleration and braking, have been resolved, and SDTI will start operating two-car consists comprised of one each of the two car types. He added that one other minor nonoperational issue is still being worked on. Mr. Terry then reported that the Accessible Services Advisory Committee (ASAC) is maintaining that it is important for both cars in a mixed consist to be accessible so the lead car is always accessible. He added that in a two-car mixed consist, the S70 will be the lead car when the consist is traveling in one direction, and the SD-100 will be the lead car when the consist reverses direction; therefore, both cars will need to accessible. Mr. Terry stated that taking this approach will result in some minor inefficiencies, but ASAC maintains that consistency is a high priority for them. Mr. Terry displayed a diagram of a two-car consist and advised the Committee that SDTI will ensure that both cars are accessible as requested by ASAC. Chairman Mathis stated that, as ADA passengers become more comfortable with the new configuration and S70 car, the need for this consistency may decrease.

MTS CEO Paul Jablonski pointed out that this issue will become even more complex when SDTI starts running three-car consists. He also pointed out that MTS purchased the more expensive low-floor cars in order to speed up wheelchair boardings. Mr. Peter Tereschuck, SDTI President-General Manager, reported that staff will be gathering information on the efficiency of wheelchair boardings on

these two-car consists and will revisit this issue with ASAC. Mr. Rindone suggested that MTS create leaflets, in English and Spanish, to pass out to ADA passengers to educate them on the ease and speed with which low-floor vehicles can be boarded. Mr. Jablonski agreed to do this.

Mr. Jablonski also reported that Siemens was very cooperative in working out the many compatibility issues that arose between these two vehicles.

Action Taken

No action was taken on this item.

D. REVIEW OF DRAFT SEPTEMBER 14, 2006 BOARD AGENDA

Recommended Consent Items

6. MTS: State Transit Assistance Claims Amendment (FIN 340.2, PC 50601)

Recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 06-12 (Attachment A of the agenda item) amending the Fiscal Year 2007 State Transit Assistance claims.

7. MTS: Election to Fill Vacant Positions of San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE)
Railway Company Board Members (SDAE 710.1, PC 50771)

Recommend that the Board of Directors (1) receive the San Diego and Imperial Valley (SD&IV) Railroad, Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association (Museum), and Carrizo Gorge Railway, Inc. (Carrizo) quarterly reports (Attachment A of the agenda item); (2) ratify actions taken by the San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway Company Board of Directors at its meeting on July 25, 2006 (Attachment B of the agenda item); and (3) ratify and appoint Ray Stephens as Chairman and Secretary replacing Thomas Schlosser, Bob Jones as Mr. Stevens' alternate, and Alejandro De La Torre as Treasurer to replace James Bertram, as recommended by the SD&AE Board of Directors

MTS: Increased Authorization for Legal Services (LEG 491, PC 50633)

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to enter into contracts and amendments with Roger Bingham of the law firm Butz, Dunn, DeSantis, Bingham, APC (MTS Doc. No. G0723.17-02, Attachment A of the agenda item), James B. James of the law firm Gray & Prouty, APC (MTS Doc. No. G0736.8-02, Attachment B of the agenda item), and David Skyer of the Law Offices of David C. Skyer, APC (G1022.0-07, Attachment C of the agenda item) for legal 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).

9. <u>MTS: Mission Valley East – Budget Transfer and Construction Management Contract Amendment</u> (CIP 10426.12)

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to: (1) transfer \$250,000 into the Construction Management (CM) line item

(WBS #10426-0700) from the SDSU Mitigation line item (10426-1099225D) to fund Contract Amendment No. 42 with Washington Group International (WGI) to extend CM services on the Mission Valley East (MVE) Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project (see Attachment A of the agenda item, Budget Transfer History); and (2) execute Contract Amendment No. 42 (MTS Doc. No. L6343.40-01) with WGI, in substantially the same form as shown in Attachment B of the agenda item, in an amount not to exceed \$219,444 for CM services on the MVE LRT Project, including extension of CM services through December 31, 2006.

10. <u>MTS: Capital Improvement Program Budget Transfers</u> (CIP 11074, 11114, 1116, 1117, 1118, 11147, 11166)

Recommend that the Board of Directors forward a recommendation to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Transportation Committee to approve transferring funds in various SANDAG Capital Improvement Programs to MTS Capital Improvement Programs (as shown in Attachment A of the agenda item – Budget Transfer Summary).

11. MTS: Onboard Video Surveillance Systems – Contract Award (CIP 11184, 11185, 20289)

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to execute a contract (in substantially the same form as Attachment A of the agenda item) with Integrian, Inc. to install onboard video surveillance systems on buses and trolleys. The contract would be completed in three phases and would also include three option years for additional onboard video surveillance system requirements dependent upon available funding.

12. MTS: Service Trucks Contract Award (CIP 11121, 11180, 11197, 11121)

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the MTS CEO to execute a contract with Villa Ford, Inc. for four service trucks at a cost of \$271,195.88 and a contract with Raceway Ford for two sign trucks for a cost of \$61,807.82. The total cost of this procurement, including California sales tax, would not exceed \$333,003.70.

13. <u>MTS: Mincom, Inc. Annual Support Maintenance – Contract Amendment</u> ADM 130, PC 53910.

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to enter into a contract amendment with Mincom, Inc. (MTS Doc. No. G0740.6-02, Attachment A of the agenda item) for annual software support maintenance for the Ellipse financial system package.

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.

E. REVIEW OF SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Ms. Sharon Cooney, MTS Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations, reported that the September 15, 2006, Transportation Committee meeting has been cancelled.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Sandra Bushue, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Deputy Administrator: Mr. Jablonski reported that Ms. Bushue visited MTS for about five hours on August 23, 2006, and was provided with a briefing and then a tour of the Green Line. He stated that this event was very productive. He stated that Ms. Bushue was very impressed with both bus and rail operations, the yard, and the Green Line, especially the SDSU Station. He stated that SDSU President Stephen Weber participated in the tour of SDSU Station and made very enthusiastic comments regarding the impact of the station on SDSU. Mr. Jablonski advised the Committee that Ms. Bushue said she found the session very informative and added that she also made complimentary statements about MTS operations and staff. Mr. Rindone requested that Mr. Jablonski make this same report at the next Board meeting.

Chula Vista Community Meeting: Mr. Rindone thanked Mr. Jablonski and Mr. Conan Cheung, MTS Director of Planning and Performance Monitoring, for their involvement in the community meeting that was held in Chula Vista on the evening of September 5, 2006.

Green Line/SDSU: Mr. Jablonski reported that initial statistics show increased ridership into and out of SDSU Station on the Green Line. He stated that ridership has been between 10,000 and 12,000 per day for the first few days of the new semester compared to 7,000 per day during the previous semester. He stated that bus ridership has increased to 3,000 from 2,000. He stated that a report will be made once all figures have been finalized. He also reported that President Weber has reported to MTS that the usual traffic congestion on I-8 and on College Avenue has not occurred this year, and that there is now open parking on campus.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Stillwell: Mr. Stillwell reported the following problems: Route No. 13 at the Crawford Street stop does not pull forward enough so the Route No. 14 can also stop there. Route No. 13 also obstructs Route No. 14's view of passengers so the bus drives by the stop without stopping. He suggested having Route No. 14 stop at Grantville, where there is a breeze and shade, to prevent these two routes from interfering with each other. Mr. Cheung reported that the stop has been expanded by 60 feet to accommodate both routes and an additional pole installed to designate a stop for Route No. 14 that is separate from the stop for Route No. 13. He added that drivers of Route No. 14 have been instructed to make a visual confirmation that there are no passengers waiting before bypassing that stop. Mr. Cheung added that staff is monitoring how these two routes make connections. He felt that the current difficulties with these connections would subside once the school year proceeds. He added that Route No. 14 operators have also been asked to wait for Route No. 13 to connect.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS (Continued)

The Committee convened to Closed Session at 9:32 a.m. to discuss the following items:

- 2. MTS: Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation; Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of California Government Code Section 54956.9 (Stella Reed) (Claim No. Unassigned).
- 3. MTS: Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation; Pursuant to Subdivision (b) of California Government Code Section 54956.9 (Balfour Beatty/Ortiz v. Metropolitan Transit System, Et Al.) (Superior Court Case No. GIC 868963)
- 4. MTS: Conference With Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8; Property: Right-of-Way Adjacent to Grossmont Center Station; Parking Lot at the Intersection of Grossmont Center Drive and Fletcher Parkway; Agency Negotiators: R. Martin Bohl, Paul Jablonski, Tim Allison, and Tiffany Lorenzen; Negotiating Parties: City of La Mesa; Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiators will include Price and Terms of Payment.

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:59 a.m.

Oral Report of Final Actions Taken in Closed Session

Ms. Lorenzen reported the following actions taken in Closed Session:

- (2) This item was continued to the September 21, 2006, Executive Committee meeting.
- (3) The Committee received a report from staff.
- (4) The Committee received a report from agency negotiators.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2006, in the Executive Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

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