

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

March 2, 2006

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

Chairman Mathis called the meeting to order at 9:06 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 February 16, 2006, Executive Committee meeting. Ms. Hanson-Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. MTS: San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Survey Findings on Green Line Trolley Ridership (MKPC 620.7 , PC 50551)
(*Taken Out of Order*)

Ms. Judy Leitner, MTS Business Development Manager, reported that MTS retained the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Service Bureau to examine the ridership impacts of the Green Line. She stated that SANDAG conducted three different surveys (onboard passengers, on-line survey of SDSU students, and passenger counts at SDSU Transit Center) in the fall of 2006. She introduced Mr. James Floyd of SANDAG who reviewed the results of the survey. He reviewed the findings of the surveys and reported on the method used by passengers to pay for their fares. He also reported on whether or not passengers had previously used transit and their reasons for taking the trolley that day. He reported on the frequency with which riders are using transit, how that has changed, and rider impressions of the new trolley cars. He reported that, according to survey results, 29.3 percent of the people surveyed do not feel the Green Line operates late enough. He also discussed survey results relative to trip purpose, car availability, use by SDSU riders of all three trolley lines, late-night preferences, and the conclusions drawn from the survey. He reported that MTS may be able to increase ridership by creating a better pedestrian environment and more destinations within walking distance of stations, meeting the demand for late-night service, and improving seat quality.

In response to a question from Chairman Mathis, MTS Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Paul Jablonski stated that, while the Green Line has caused a decrease in ridership on the Orange Line, overall trolley ridership (average weekday ridership) has increased from approximately 100,000 to 110,000. Mr. Jablonski added that

about 2,000 students are using the bus and 5,000 are using the trolley to access the campus at SDSU. He also reported that the sale of semester passes at SDSU has declined from about 3,400 the first semester to 2,700 the second semester, yet ridership into/out of SDSU has grown by about 2,000 riders on the trolley. He stated that it appears that more SDSU riders are paying cash fares. In response to a question from Mr. Rindone, Ms. Leitner stated that semester passes are discounted about 30 percent from a regular monthly pass. She further reported that students must show identification proving they are a student before they are issued a pass, and pass sales are tracked to ensure that students are not able to buy more than one pass per semester. Mr. Peter Tereschuck, President-General Manager of SDTI, reported that staff will be returning shortly with a report outlining options for extending the hours of trolley service on the Green Line. He reported that, under the current schedule, the last trip leaves Old Town at 10:30 p.m. and arrives at SDSU at 10:52 p.m.

Action Taken

Mr. Rindone moved to receive a report on the SANDAG Survey findings for Green Line ridership. Ms. Hanson-Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor.

The Committee convened to Closed Session at 9:38 a.m. to discuss the following item:

1. MTS: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION California Government Code Section 54956.9(a): Balfour Beatty/Ortiz and Modern Continental Construction Company v. MTS (Claim No. Unassigned)

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:55 a.m.

Oral Report of Final Actions Taken in Closed Session

Ms. Lorenzen reported the following actions taken in Closed Session: The Executive Committee received a report from staff.

D. REVIEW OF DRAFT MARCH 9, 2006 BOARD AGENDA

Chairman Mathis pointed out that this meeting will be the last of three public hearings.

Recommended Consent Items

6. MTS: Contract Extension for Light Rail Vehicle Cleaning (OPS 960.6, PC 50641)

Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to execute a temporary contract extension (in substantially the same format as Attachment A of the agenda item) with Calderon Building Maintenance for light rail vehicle cleaning services until such time that a consolidated, multiagency procurement can be solicited and awarded.

7. MTS: Regional Scheduling System – Contract Amendment (CIP 10940)

Recommend that the Board of Directors (1) receive a report on the status of the Regional Scheduling System Project and identify the basis of staff's change order recommendations; (2) ratify Amendment No. 1 (MTS Doc. No. G0856.1-03) (Attachment A of the agenda item) to the GIRO, Inc. contract as executed by the CEO for an amount not to exceed \$13,200; (3) authorize the CEO to execute Amendment No. 2 (Attachment B of the agenda item) to the GIRO, Inc. contract (MTS Doc. No. G0856.0-03), in an amount not to exceed \$56,272, with an MTS cost of \$44,486 and North County Transit District (NCTD) cost of \$11,786; and (4) authorize the CEO to execute Amendment No. 3 (Attachment C of the agenda item) to the GIRO, Inc. contract (MTS Doc. No. G0856.0-03), in an amount not to exceed \$56,881, with an MTS cost of \$38,187.84 and an NCTD cost of \$18,693.16.

8. MTS: State Transit Assistance (STA) Claim Amendment (FIN 340.2, PC 20201)

Recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 06-3 (Attachment A of the agenda item) approving the revised FY 2006 State Transit Assistance (STA) claim amendment.

9. Election to fill vacant position of San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway Company Board Member (SDAE 710.1, PC 50771)

Recommend that the Board of Directors (1) receive the San Diego and Imperial Valley Railroad, Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association, and Carrizo Gorge Railway, Inc. 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 February 15, 2006 (Attachment B of the agenda item); and (3) ratify and appoint Peter Jespersen as a Board Member, as recommended by the SD&AE Board of Directors, to replace Douglas Verity who retired.

Recommended Consent Items

There was no discussion of the recommended Consent Items.

Recommended Board Discussion Items

There was no discussion of recommended Board Discussion Items.

E. REVIEW OF SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Mr. Jablonski reported that the SANDAG Consent Agenda item allocating 16.5 percent of TransNet II funds to operators passed without discussion at the February 24, 2006, SANDAG Board meeting. He stated that, during the discussion of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), there was discussion of security cameras. He added that the CIP item ultimately passed.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Public Hearing: Chairman Mathis reviewed the structure he would use at the upcoming public hearings as follows: (1) there will be minimal preliminary remarks; (2) speakers will be grouped by route and the largest group will be taken first, second largest group taken second, etc; (3) Board member remarks will be held until all the speakers have commented on that particular route; (4) public speakers will be advised to address any questions they have regarding the routes to staff members who will be seated just outside of the hall; (5) a staff member will keep track of each speaker's time and will raise a hand when 15 seconds are left and lower the hand when that speaker's time is up; and (6) any speaker who arrives after his group has made public comment will be held until the end of the meeting.

Ms. Hanson-Cox suggested that Mr. Mathis make a comment at the start of the hearing regarding redundant comments. Mr. Mathis agreed. Mr. Jablonski stated that grouping the public comments by route will only work if the hearing starts at 6:00 p.m. and the vast majority of the speakers are already there.

Ms. Atkins reported that both she and Mr. Roberts would have to attend another meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. but would come to the hearing after their other meeting.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clive Richard: Mr. Richard reported that the City Attorney has opined that the mayor cannot serve on outside committees because he is not a member of the city council. He stated that this means that the mayor cannot serve as an MTS Board or alternate Board member.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2006, in the Executive Conference Room.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Chairman

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet
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