

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

March 1, 2007

MTS  
1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000, San Diego

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

Chairman Mathis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Executive Committee member attendance is attached.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Emery stated that he did not make the motion on Agenda Item No. 2 (Inventory of Potential Joint Development Properties) nor the second on Agenda Item No. 4 (Interstate 15 Bus Rapid Transit Project Update) as reflected in the minutes for the February 8, 2007 meeting. Mr. Emery stated that he believed that Mr. Roberts made the motion on Agenda Item No. 2. Ms. Atkins moved approval of the minutes of the February 8, 2007, Executive Committee meeting with the requested corrections. Mr. Ewin seconded the motion, and the vote was 3 to 0 in favor.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. MTS: C Street Master Plan Update (ADM 124, PC 50451)

Mr. Paul Jablonski, MTS CEO, reminded the Board that Nancy Graham, President & Chief Operating Officer of the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC), suggested that all the parties interested in the C Street Master Plan meet to discuss all of the issues involved with the project. Mr. Jablonski reported that this meeting was held on February 26, and approximately 40 people attended. He stated that the following organizations were represented: City of San Diego, CCDC (including consultants), offices of local elected officials (County Supervisor Ron Roberts and Council Members Toni Atkins and Kevin Faulconer), Congresswoman Davis' office, the Downtown Partnership, and the disabled community. He stated that CCDC's consultants have developed a proposal to accommodate the longer length S70 three-car consists on C Street.

Mr. Brandon Farley, MTS Senior Transportation Planner, presented a map displaying the consultant's proposal for accommodating S70 three-car consists. Mr. Farley reported that the City of San Diego will not accept this plan because it involves narrowing traffic lanes and interferes with pedestrian access around the trains. He pointed out that the proposal actually gives MTS two feet more in platform length than it needs. Mr. Farley advised the Committee that the platform length could be reduced by two feet, the island at the northwest corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and C Street could be reduced or eliminated, and an easement could be obtained on the northeast corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and C Street to reduce the sidewalk width. He stated that if

these actions were taken, an S70 three-car consist could be accommodated, and the desired traffic lane widths and pedestrian access around the trains could be maintained.

The Committee was informed that City traffic engineers are currently projecting that 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> will remain at Level of Service B (not congested) until 2030. It was pointed out that most downtown streets never reach the B level, and that concerns over traffic flow on these streets is unwarranted. In response to a question from Mr. Ewin, Mr. Tereschuck stated that, under the proposed plan, the sidewalks would not be blocked by the Trolley. In response to another question from Mr. Ewin, Mr. Jablonski explained that having crosswalks at the intersection is considered a necessity by the City. Mr. Mathis stated that the City maintains that crosswalks are needed, in particular, for the disabled community. Mr. Jablonski stated that a crosswalk "scramble" could be considered. He stated that this concept was implemented on 5<sup>th</sup>, and it works very effectively.

Mr. Jablonski pointed out that the City is not receptive to these ideas and would rather see this particular station eliminated. He stated that MTS feels that this station fills a critical need. Chairman Mathis pointed out that MTS is serving people off C Street, not just people traveling up and down the C Street corridor. He stated that people who are accessing this station from around C Street would have to walk further if this station were eliminated. Mr. Rindone stated that convenience is a very important factor when people make decisions regarding transportation mode.

Mr. Roberts requested traffic-count data on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Mr. Farley reported that, during the morning peak period, 700 cars utilize 6<sup>th</sup> and 1,300 use 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> (each). Mr. Roberts requested that traffic-count data for these streets as well as 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and that the afternoon peak period be included in the next report. Mr. Roberts stated that this is one of the least used streets in downtown and felt that the issues with traffic were getting blown out of proportion. He stated that, at some time in the future, Trolley should even be running four-car consists downtown.

Ms. Atkins stated that a recent news article referred to this issue as MTS's problem. She stated that this problem is also CCDC's and the City's problem, and that message should be conveyed. She stated that this issue is only a part of the entire downtown traffic issue.

Mr. Farley stated that staff will continue to work with the parties involved to reach an agreement. Mr. Rindone stated that this issue should be heard by the CCDC Board and the City Council.

#### Public Comment

*Don Stillwell:* Mr. Stillwell stated that a recent letter to the editor suggested running a three-car Green Line train and then a three-car Blue line train downtown. He stated that he agreed with this suggestion. He also stated that some passengers in wheelchairs have difficulty going up the ramp in the new low-floor cars and therefore prefer the older style trolley cars with lifts. Chairman Mathis pointed out that any changes to trolley routes through downtown have a ripple effect on the

entire system, and that would have to be taken into consideration during the planning process.

Action Taken

Mr. Rindone moved to receive an update regarding the Centre City Development Corporation's C Street Master Plan. Ms. Atkins seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

4. MTS: Padres Employee Transit Pass Pilot Program (FIN 330, MKPC 620.2)  
***(Taken Out of Order)***

Mr. Jablonski reviewed the history of past conversations with the Padres about developing transit passes for fans as well as employees. He reported that the initial attempt at developing a season pass for season ticket holders was not very successful.

Mr. Jablonski reported that a Padres Employee Transit Pass Pilot Program has been developed that would offer Padres employees a number of fare media types (cost and duration), which should make the program more flexible and attractive. He explained how the cost was determined. He advised the Committee that the Padres will administer this program and print the tickets using the same method that is used to print game tickets. Mr. Jablonski reported that a mechanism has been developed by which MTS can audit the process, and that process includes an MTS employee being present when the tickets are printed. He added that the Padres' employees are provided with a transportation stipend that is fairly close in amount to the cost of the proposed Employee Transit Pass. He stated that these employees would be using transit services outside of peak hours. Mr. Jablonski also advised the Committee that, if this program is successful, it may also be offered to season pass holders.

Mr. Jablonski reported that MTS and the Padres will sign a Letter of Agreement regarding this program upon the Executive Committee's approval. He thanked Mr. Roberts for his assistance with this project. Mr. Roberts stated his support for this program and further development of the program by partnering Padres ballgame tickets with transit tickets. He stated that the tickets will probably be aesthetically pleasing, and the Padres would be providing marketing support for the concept. He suggested that MTS explore doing similar programs with other organizations.

Ms. Lorenzen pointed out that the recommendation in the agenda packet indicates that this item would be forwarded to the Board for action. She stated that Policy No. 40, MTS Complimentary Services, states that the Executive Committee can approve donations of transit services under \$5,000; therefore, this item does not need to be forwarded to the Board.

Action Taken

Mr. Ewin moved to receive a report on a six-month pilot program for transit passes for employees of the Padres and authorize the CEO to sign an agreement. Mr. Rindone seconded the motion, and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

D. REVIEW OF DRAFT JANUARY 18, 2007 BOARD AGENDA  
***(Taken Out of Order)***

Recommended Consent Items

6. MTS: Audit Report on SDTC Revenue Process (LEG 492, PC 50121)  
  
Recommend that the Board of Directors receive the internal audit report on SDTC's revenue process.
7. MTS: Audit Report on the Taxicab Administration (LEG 492, PC 50121)  
  
Recommend that the Board of Directors receive the internal audit report on the Taxicab Administration.
8. MTS: Investment Report (FIN 300, PC 50601)  
  
Recommend that the Board of Directors receive a report for information.
9. MTS: Office of Homeland Security Grant Applications (AG 210.9, PC 50102)  
  
Recommend that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 07-3 (Attachment A of the agenda item) authorizing the CEO to submit applications for Transit Security Grants Program funding.
10. MTS: Federal 5311 (f) Intercity Bus Program Grant Application (OPS 950.7, PC 50451)  
  
Recommend that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 07-4 (Attachment A of the agenda item) authorizing the CEO to submit applications for three Federal 5311 (f) Intercity Bus Program grant applications; (1) to support FY 08 operating-subsidy costs for rural services; (2) for the East County Bus Maintenance Facility (ECBMF) Vehicle Steam Facility; and for ECBMF security gates and cameras.
11. MTS: Budget Transfers and Construction Management Contract Amendment for Mission Valley East (CIP 10426.12)  
  
Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to (1) transfer funds as shown in Attachment A of the agenda item between various Mission Valley East Light Rail Transit (MVE LRT) Project budget line items to provide funding for the proposed contract actions and fund negative line items; (2) execute Contract Amendment No. 45 (MTS Doc. No. L6343.44-01) with Washington Group International, in substantially the same form as shown in Attachment B of the agenda item, in an amount not to exceed \$328,650 for Construction Management (CM) services on the MVE LRT Project, including extension of the CM services through June 30, 2007; and (3) execute Amendment No. 1 to Work Order No. 07.22 (MTS Document No. L0606.6-02; 07.22.01) with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. (BVNA), formerly Berryman & Henigar, Inc., in substantially the same form as shown in Attachment C of the agenda item, in an amount not to exceed

\$76,363 for General Engineering Consultant services on the MVE LRT Project, including the extension of such services to September 17, 2007.

12. MTS: Capital Improvement Program Budget Transfers (CIP 10740, 11151)

Recommend that the Board of Directors forward a request to the SANDAG Board of Directors to approve a transfer of funds to the Light Rail Transit Station Shelter Replacement project from the Capital Needs Assessment Project as shown on Attachment A (Budget Transfer Summary) of the agenda item.

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  
***(Taken Out of Order)***

Ms. Sharon Cooney, Director of Governmental Affairs and Community Relations, reported that the Transportation Committee's March 2, 2007, agenda includes a consent item updating the Committee on MTS's March service changes. She stated that this item could potentially be pulled because of recent issues with National City Transit service. She also reported that another consent item on the agenda recommends that MTS be allocated \$20.4 million as part of the State Transit Improvement Augmentation Program. She stated that this funding is for projects that have been identified as having appeal to the California Transportation Commission.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS (Continued)

2. MTS: Status of Transfer of Operations from National City Transit (OPS 930)

Mr. Jablonski reported that over the weekend, MTS will be implementing service changes under the Comprehensive Operational Analysis, including the routes absorbed from National City Transit. He stated that National City Transit (NCT) buses have all been inspected, and MTS will be moving these buses after service on Saturday night to MTS's South Bay facility. He added that a hiring open house will be held on Sunday to talk to National City Transit Employees. He stated that written materials have already been distributed to these employees, including by the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), and all employees are aware of the event. He added that MTS has a draft agreement with the ATU governing the transfer of bargaining unit employees to either Veolia or San Diego Transit. Mr. Jablonski also advised the Committee that supervisors will be out in the field to assist customers and monitor service as service changes are implemented.

In response to a concern expressed by Mr. Emery, Mr. Jablonski stated that Take Ones were provided for posting on NCT buses two days prior to the court case, but he could not confirm how many were actually posted. Mr. Conan Cheung, Director of Planning and Scheduling, reported that Take Ones and new route maps have

been made available at all the transit centers in National City. He stated that information has also been posted at the major bus stops in National City. He added that Planning Department staff will be in the field Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to provide assistance. Ms. Claire Spielberg, Chief Operating Officer – Transit Services, reported that Veolia Transportation will have two staff members riding each National City route to provide assistance as well and to make passengers feel welcome.

In response to a concern expressed by Mr. Roberts regarding background checking and testing of transferring employees, Ms. Spielberg reported that each employee will be drug tested. She stated that they will then go through MTS's driver training. She stated that she believed Veolia would be taking the same approach. She stated that MTS would not be doing background checks. Mr. Jablonski stated that employees have to be hired first, and then background checks could be done. Ms. Spielberg added that there are federal requirements that require that these employees be supplied with jobs and that affect how MTS meets its own requirements for ensuring a quality workforce. Mr. Jablonski pointed out that MTS has said all along that it would protect National City Transit employees. Mr. Roberts stated that he felt that ensuring that MTS was not hiring undesirable employees was very important.

#### Action Taken

No action was taken on this item.

#### G. PUBLIC COMMENTS ***(Taken Out of Order)***

*Don Stillwell:* Mr. Stillwell reported that Route Nos. 13 and 14 are not making effective connections with each other, and trolleys and buses are also not making effective connections. He suggested that the ticket vending machines give cash priority, making it the simplest of the machine's functions. He also reported that bus schedules have not yet been changed at Crawford.

The Committee convened to Closed Session at 9:47 a.m. to discuss the following items:  
***(Taken Out of Order)***

#### C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS (Continued)

3. MTS: CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of California Government Code Section 54956.9 (City of National City v. Metropolitan Transit System) (Superior Court Case No. GIC 880322)

The Committee reconvened to Open Session at 10:08 a.m.

#### Oral Report of Final Actions Taken in Closed Session

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

The Committee received a report from General Counsel.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

*Order of Agenda:* Mr. Ewin requested that the agenda for Board meetings be reordered if needed in order to ensure that the Board is able to hear pertinent reports. He was particularly concerned about those reports at the end of the agenda that tend to get accepted by the Board without a staff presentation because of time constraints during the meeting. He stated that both he and Mr. Monroe appreciate hearing the financial and performance monitoring reports. Chairman Mathis advised Mr. Ewin that he could request that the Chairman move up an agenda item.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2007, in the Executive Conference Room.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

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Chairman

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

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