

**JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS),
1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000
San Diego, CA 92101**

April 12, 2012

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

Chairman Mathis called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 8:56 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Executive Committee member attendance is attached.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Young moved for approval of the minutes of the March 8, 2012, MTS Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Minto seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 to 0 in favor with Mr. Roberts absent.

C. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Trolley Rehabilitation Project Update

John Haggerty of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) gave the Executive Committee an update on the Trolley Rehabilitation Project. He provided an update of the station construction schedule for the Blue and Orange Line Improvement Corridor. He briefly talked about the budget and total expended dollars stating that 23% of the total budget has been expended thus far. He talked about the project status in terms of design and construction. Mr. Haggerty went on to show before and after photographs of the 12th & Imperial Station, the Gaslamp Quarter Station, and the Convention Center Station rehabilitation work.

Mr. Haggerty gave an update on the Blue Line Crossovers and Signaling Project. He provided pictures of the work being done near the 8th Street Station and the retaining wall being built by Main Street.

Mr. Haggerty talked about the work taking place at Orange Line stations. He showed pictures of the station shelter installation and platform improvements in progress at the 47th Street Station, Encanto/62nd Street Station, and the Massachusetts Station. He also showed pictures of the platform improvements in progress at the Lemon Grove Station and the track replacement work taking place at the 32nd & Commercial Station and the Euclid Avenue Station.

Wayne Terry, Chief Operating Officer of Rail, talked about the audio-visual messaging system with next-train-arrival information that should be complete within 9-12 months at Orange Line stations. He provided a station rendering with the sign display.

Mr. Terry mentioned that Mr. Jablonski is currently working with Siemens regarding the possibility of exercising the option to purchase 7 additional light rail vehicles under the original procurement. Mr. Jablonski will work with SANDAG to secure funding for the additional vehicles if the MTS Board of Directors approves the option which is slated for approval at the April 19, 2012, Board Meeting. Mr. Terry provided the Committee with

layouts of the mixed-consist trains on the Orange Line with the additional vehicle procurement and without. He added that on-time performance would increase with the additional vehicles as 2 low-floor trains could allow additional wheelchair boardings.

Action Taken

Mr. Minto moved to receive a report for information. Mr. Young seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 to 0 in favor with Mr. Roberts absent.

2. Airport Taxicab Trip Fee

Karen Landers, General Counsel, gave the Committee an update on the Airport Taxicab Trip Fee. She explained that in 2010, the Airport Authority began charging an "Airport Trip Fee" for all trips originating at the airport. This Trip Fee is paid by the airport taxicab operator to the Airport Authority and was imposed as part of the Airport Authority's Comprehensive Ground Transportation Management Plan (the Plan). She stated that the Airport Trip Fee is based on cost-recovery calculations under the Plan tied to taxicab operations at the Airport.

She explained that due to pressure from Airport taxicab operators, the Airport Authority has requested that MTS allow Airport taxicab operators to recoup some of the extra costs they are incurring as a result of the Airport Trip Fee. She reported that there is currently a proposal to allow installation of an "extra" button on the taxicab meter that would allow Airport taxicabs to charge an additional amount for trips originating at the Airport. The "extra" button would be programed in an amount equal to the Airport Trip Fee paid by each individual taxicab.

She informed the Committee that there could possibly be issues with the new rules established by Prop 26 for when a "fee" is a fee or a tax and because of this, the Airport Authority was asked to indemnify MTS. She explained that since the Airport Trip Fee is purely for the benefit of the Airport Authority, and was imposed by that public board following a public meeting process, the Airport Authority has agreed to indemnify MTS and its member cities for any liability associated with the Airport Trip Fee and/or the action requested today.

Action Taken

Mr. Young moved to forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors to hold a public hearing to amend MTS Ordinance No. 11 and Board Policy No. 34 to authorize collection of an amount equal to the Airport Trip Fee in addition to the standard rate of fare authorized for San Diego International Airport (Airport) taxicab fees. Mr. Ovrom seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 to 0 in favor with Mr. Roberts absent.

D. REVIEW OF DRAFT APRIL 19, 2012, JOINT BOARD AGENDA

Recommended Consent Items

6. Investment Report – January 2012

Action would receive a report for information.

7. Investment Report – February 2012

Action would receive a report for information.

8. Fiber-Optics Cable Project – Funds Transfer

Action would approve the transfer of funds from: (1) the LRV Onboard Cameras Project (CIP 11271) to the MVW Security Fiber Installation Project (CIP 11444000) for construction use; and (2) from the Substation SCADA Design Project (CIP 1144000) to the MVW Security Fiber Installation Project (CIP 11444000) to purchase network switches.

9. Exercise Options to Purchase 53 40-Foot Low-Floor Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Buses

Action would authorize the CEO to: (1) execute MTS Doc. No. G1101.17-07 with New Flyer to purchase 31 40-foot low-floor, compressed natural gas (CNG) buses for the Imperial Avenue Division (IAD) and 22 40-foot low-floor CNG buses for the South Bay Maintenance Facility operations (for a total of 53 buses); and (2) authorize payment of Use Tax to the California Franchise Tax Board associated with the purchase of the 53 buses.

E. REVIEW OF SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

There was no SANDAG Transportation Committee agenda discussion.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Committee Member Communications and Other Business discussion.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS


Lorraine Leighton: Ms. Leighton stated that there is competition between able-bodied patrons and patrons in wheelchairs when pushing the button to deploy the ramp on low-floor trolley cars.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Committee Conference Room.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mathis adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.


Chairman

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM**

ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE) April 12, 2012

CALL TO ORDER (TIME) 8:56 AM

RECESS _____

RECONVENE _____

CLOSED SESSION _____

RECONVENE _____

ADJOURN 9:45 AM

BOARD MEMBER (Alternate)	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
YOUNG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Gloria) <input type="checkbox"/>		9:43 AM
MATHIS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
OVROM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Bragg) <input type="checkbox"/>		
ROBERTS <input type="checkbox"/> (Cox) <input type="checkbox"/>		
MINTO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Cunningham) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Transportation Committee Rep Slot (Mathis)		

SIGNED BY OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD:

Valerie Virkelet

CONFIRMED BY OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL:

Kenneth Lamb