



**DRAFT MINUTES  
of the  
Meeting of the  
Board of Directors  
of the  
Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District  
A Public Agency**

**Tuesday, December 2, 2008  
8:30 AM**

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Auditorium  
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Britton, Chair; Dave Davis, Vice Chair; Dick Weinberg, Director; Roger Aceves, Director; Sharon Anderson; Director; Chuck McQuary, Director

**MEMBER NOT PRESENT:**

Brian Fahnstock; Secretary

**DISTRICT EMPLOYEES PRESENT:**

Sherrie Fisher, General Manager, Jerry Estrada, Assistant GM/Controller; Tiara Lakey, Executive Assistant to the Board & General Manager; Imelda Martin, Office Manager; Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning & Compliance; Gabriel Garcia, Human Resources & Risk Manager

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Robert Fatch, Vice President of Brown & Brown Insurance

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Britton called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Chair Britton reported that all members were present, with the exception of Director Fahnstock, who would not be attending today's meeting.

**3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA**

The General Manager reported that on Wednesday, November 26, 2008, the agenda for this meeting was posted at MTD's administrative headquarters, on MTD's website, mailed to all who have requested the agenda and sent to the media of general circulation.

**4. & 5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Aceves moved to approve the consent calendar for items #4 (Approval of November 18, 2008 draft meeting minutes) and item #5 (Cash Report November 11, 2008- November 24, 2008). Vice Chair Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment made.

**7. ANNUAL BOARD BUSINESS- ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Due to two upcoming City of Santa Barbara term vacancies on MTD's Board of Directors, Director Weinberg suggested postponing items #'s 7 & 8 of the agenda, until the City has named their appointments to MTD's Board. The General Manager reported that she has learned that the City plans to make their appointments at their December 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

Following further discussion, Chair Britton requested that a vote be conducted related to items. In response, Directors Aceves and Anderson voted to move forward with the items. Director McQuary, Director Weinberg and Chair Britton voted to postpone the items until after the appointments have been made by the City. Vice Chair Davis abstained.

As a result of further discussion, Vice Chair Davis moved to table items #'s 7 & 8 of the agenda, until January 13, 2009, MTD's first meeting following the December 16<sup>th</sup> City appointments. Director Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. ANNUAL BOARD BUSINESS- BOARD COMMITTEES**

As a result of a motion made during item #7 of the agenda, this item was postponed until the meeting of January 13, 2009.

**9. PUBLIC OFFICIALS DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE  
(This item was taken before item #7 of the agenda.)**

Due to Director Anderson association with Brown & Brown Insurance, she recused herself from this item and left the auditorium.

Gabriel Garcia, Manager of Human Resources & Risk and Robert Fatch, Vice President of Brown & Brown Insurance provided the Board with an overview of staff's recommendation for renewal of MTD's Public Officials Directors' and Officers' insurance with RSUI Indemnity Company.

During the review, Mr. Garcia reported that renewal cost of the insurance is \$781 lower than last year.

Following further information regarding Directors' & Officers' Insurance, by Mr. Fatch, Director Weinberg moved to authorize the General Manager to renew MTD's Public Officials Directors' and Officers' Insurance with RSUI Indemnity Company. Director Aceves seconded the motion. The motion passed.

At this time, Director Anderson rejoined the meeting.

**10. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

As part of the November 26, 2008 General Manager's Report, the Board received the names of MTD's employees who assisted during the Tea fire. She stated that in addition to those listed, many other MTD employees called in throughout the first night of the Tea Fire, offering assistance.

Directors Weinberg and Anderson provided the Board with information regarding the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The General Manager reported that MTD's supervisors have also participated in the CERT training.

In response to a question by Director Aceves regarding any MTD emergency supplies needed, the General Manager reported that MTD was well prepared for the emergency. She noted that MTD still does need a power generator, which will be included in an upcoming request to the Board. Mr. Estrada confirmed that the generator will be included along with, orange safety vests (printed with MTD) and bullhorns in an upcoming request for authorization to use MTD's remaining Prop 1B Funds. Additionally, Mr. Estrada reported that meetings have taken place with MTD's supervisors and drivers following the GAP fire and Halloween regarding MTD's emergency needs.

The General Manager announced that MTD's employee Intranet site is up and running. She reported that the site contains useful employee information, updates and links to some of MTD's most used employee forms. She noted that currently, the site can only be accessed internally.

The General Manager reported that the three bike rack MTD was reviewing for possible placement on MTD's buses has been found to not meet Department of Motor Vehicle standards. She stated that this is due to the rack's size and that staff continues to search for a solution to the bike overloading concerns and will provide the Board with a report at an upcoming meeting.

In response to a question by Director McQuary, the General Manager replied that collapsible bicycles are allowed on MTD's buses. Following further discussion, Vice Chair Davis requested that staff include information regarding bicycle program options used by other transit agencies.

Mr. Estrada gave an update regarding the State Transit Assistance (STA) funding. During the update, the Board received copies of a letter sent to Assemblymember Pedro Nava, signed by Chair Britton on behalf of MTD, requesting that he reject the Governor's proposal to make further reductions to the 2008-09 STA program. Additionally, the letter requested that he also reject the Governor's proposal to eliminate the STA program altogether next year. Following his report, Mr. Estrada requested that the MTD's External Affairs Committee meet regarding these concerns.

The Board received copies of MTD's Report to Santa Barbara on City-Assisted Services for the month of October 2008. Vice Chair Davis commented that the Enhanced Transit Services appear to be successful.

The Board discussed Measure A.

Davis staff be prepared to respond for questions and as part of budget, project out five years and External Affairs Committee during our midyear review.

The Board discussed plans for tentatively televising its February 10, 2009 meeting.

#### **11. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Maas updated the Board on the status of UCSB's General Plan. He reported that to date, the revised plan has not been released.

Vice Chair Davis provided information related to the Ocean Road Project and requested that staff submit any input regarding the project in a complete and timely manner.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**