



Draft Minutes
Meeting
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, April 7, 2009
8:30 AM
Santa Barbara MTD Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBER NOT PRESENT:

Brian Fahnestock, Director

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Sherrie Fisher, General Manager, Jerry Estrada, Assistant GM/Controller; Imelda Martin, Executive Assistant to the Board and General Manager; Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning & Compliance, Cynthia Boche, Assistant Planning Manager

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Nancy Rowan, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE); Grecia Lima, PUEBLO Educational Fund; David Pritchett, Santa Barbara County Action Network

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Davis reported that all members were present.

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

Imelda Martin, Executive Assistant to the Board and General Manager, reported that on Friday, April 3, 2009, the agenda for the 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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The minutes of the prior meeting were discussed at length; Chair Davis asked that the position of the Board needed more detail regarding the UCSB Long Range Development Plan EIR.

Director Weinberg moved to approve the draft minutes for the meeting of March 10, 2009. Director Britton seconded the motion. Upon a request from Chair Davis of amendments on the minutes, the motion passed unanimously.

5. CASH REPORT (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Director Britton moved to approve agenda item # 5, Cash Report for March 3, 2009 through March 16, 2009. Director Aceves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THIS CONCLUDED THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Grecia Lima from PUEBLO Education Fund urged the Board to consider making changes to the Line 8 in a timely manner. Ms. Lima requested that the Service Plan meeting be held in the evening to accommodate working bus riders. Ms. Lima thanked the Board for the evening Transit Talk Meeting held on March 13th.

Nancy Rowan from CLUE and STUC thanked the Board for the evening Transit Talk Meeting of March 13th. Additionally, Ms. Rowan requested that the hybrid buses remain in the budget.

7. FISCAL YEAR 09-10 DRAFT BUDGET (ATTACHMENT–ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Assistant General Manager/Controller, Jerry Estrada provided the Board with an overview of the proposed FY 2009/10 budget and requested the Board's guidance regarding the draft budget.

During the review, Mr. Estrada reported that there have been a number of changes in the past twelve months with Measure A passing, fare increase, diesel fuel costs, the State impact and the economy.

Mr. Estrada reported that Sales Tax revenue (TDA-LTF) reflects a decrease of approximately \$1 million dollars from previous estimates.

Mr. Estrada also stated that the passenger fares reflect an estimated increase of \$1.2 million dollars based on the fare increase.

An additional revenue impact is the expiration of contracts with the cities as MTD becomes a direct recipient of Measure A funds as Measure D expires in March of 2010.

The capital budget also included the acquisition of seven 40' hybrid buses, nine 40' diesel buses and eight 22' shuttles. Security related projects associated with the Olive operating facility, new ticket vending machines and services vehicles are also included. Director Weinberg raised a question of hybrid vs. diesel buses, Mr. Estrada stated that MTD is currently seeking additional funding for the purchase of the hybrid buses. Director McQuary commented that he supported the hybrids purchase.

Mr. Estrada also stated that MTD's collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters expires at the end of FY 2010. Upcoming negotiations are expected.

Nancy Rowan with CLUE and STUC, had questions regarding the Line 8, commented on her support on the hybrid purchase and the ticket vending machines.

David Pritchett, SBCAN and STUC, Mr. Pritchett presented a question in regards to the reserve fund in the budget. He also commented on his support for hybrid purchases and suggested a co-operative with other agencies to negotiate purchase

prices with hybrid bus manufactures.

Mr. Pritchett requested that the upcoming meetings be held in the evening and that they be televised. He also requested to have informal discussions with Staff and Board members.

Director Weinberg suggested when forecasting passenger fares revenue value to note the extent of layoffs in the community.

Director Aceves asked if we had a system to test the demographics of our passengers such as surveys to tell us what our ridership is. Mr. Estrada stated that data is collected at the farebox. Mr. Damiano added that monthly ridership reports are used in-house and offered to provide them to the Board.

Director McQuary raised questions regarding the Mobile On Time Performance System (MOPS) Mr. Estrada stated that the MOPS program is the program our planning departments uses to identify on time performances.

Director McQuary asked a question regarding an increase in security service; General Manager Fisher stated that it was due to the addition of having someone man the upcoming vending machines.

Following a question from Director McQuary in regard to the Overpass Site, Mr. Estrada stated that the figure would be adjusted in the final budget given that the property has been leased.

Director Aceves further suggested a discussion of considering a two year budget. Chair Davis requested a future meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss this recommendation.

Following an in depth discussion the Board agreed upon scheduling an evening televised meeting on May 6, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. followed with "Open House" days to provide the public with an opportunity to come to MTD's Administration Office and meet with our staff with any questions regarding MTD's proposed route and schedule changes. The Board will then meet with public interest groups within the community and returning to a Board meeting with the results of the input sessions, submitting the information to Mr. Estrada for preparation on the draft budget and returning to the Board.

- May 6, 2009 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting regarding proposed Service Changes
- May 19, 2009 8:30 a.m. Board Meeting regarding Final Service changes
- June 2, 2009 8:30 a.m. Board Meeting regarding Budget
- June 19, 2009 8:30 a.m. Board Meeting regarding Final Budget

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Fisher stated that the UCSB Economic Forecast Summit is scheduled for Thursday, April 23rd.

The General Manager reported that she and Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning and Compliance, updated the status of the Valley Express to the Solvang and Buellton City Councils.

Mr. Estrada updated the Board on the current Stimulus status.

General Manager Fisher reported that the Safety and Security CEO Certification for calendar year 2008 has been submitted to the National Transit Database as required by the Federal Transit Administration.

General Manager Fisher also reported that Tiara Lakey had resigned as Executive Assistant to the Board and General Manager to join her husband's business in Ventura. Ms. Lakey will be missed by all.

General Manager Fisher also announced the promotion of Imelda Martin, Office Manager to the position of Executive Assistant to the Board and General Manager. Subsequently, recruitment efforts have begun for the front desk position.

9. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board will report on related public transit issues and committee meetings.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Director Aceves moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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