



FINAL MINUTES

Meeting
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
June 10, 2014
8:30 AM
Santa Barbara MTD Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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

Natasha Garduno, Executive Assistant, reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, June 6, 2014 at MTD's Administrative Office, mailed and emailed to those on the agenda minutes list, and posted on MTD's website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Director McQuary moved to approve the draft minutes for the meeting of May 27, 2014. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention by Director Rodriguez who did not attend the May 27th meeting.

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

Director McQuary moved to approve the cash report of May 20, 2014 through June 2, 2014. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None was made.

7. RENEWAL OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION EXCESS INSURANCE EFFECTIVE : JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015 - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Staff recommended that the Board authorize the renewal of MTD's Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance with continuance of the current coverage and handling.

1. Self-Insurance with the California State Association of Counties, Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC EIA) with Self Insured Retention (SIR) of \$500,000
2. Third Party Administration (TPA) with Workers Compensation Administrators (WCA);
3. Legal defense by John Lamoutte of Tobin-Lucks;
4. Treatment with designated medical facility, MedCenter (and local emergency rooms if/when applicable) for workers compensation injuries.

Director Rodriguez moved to approve the recommendation by staff. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 BUDGET- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board and staff reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-15. Following a discussion, Director Shelor moved to approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014- 15. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT UPDATE-(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

General Manager Fisher shared with the Board that Gabriel Garcia, Manager of Human Resources and Risk had accepted a position as Human Resources Manager for the City of Lompoc. Mr. Garcia shared that this is a bittersweet moment and that it has been a pleasure working at MTD, which holds a close place in his heart. Mr. Garcia thanked the Board, General Manager Fisher, Assistant General Manager Estrada, his peers, MTD employees and the public. The Board thanked Mr. Garcia for his service to the district and wished him well in his new position.

Staff has had a meeting with staff of the City of Carpinteria in regards to moving and closing some bus stops within the city. MTD Staff will update the Board at a future meeting with a presentation on this item.

Steve Maas, Manager of Government Relations & Compliance, shared that the site visit portion of the FTA Triennial Review will occur June 19 & 20, during which time an FTA reviewer will be on site for an evaluation of MTD's compliance with Federal regulations.

Jerry Estrada, Assistant General Manager/Controller, shared that he attended the CTA Legislative Conference on behalf of MTD. An item of interest on the agenda was in regards to the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2012 (PEPRA). The lawsuit between the Federal Government and a California transit district is going forward in December. This is something to watch closely, as it will involve new decisions pertaining to Federal law that protects the collective bargaining rights of public transit employees. This is an important issue for all public transit operators, including MTD. Another item of interest was the State's Cap and Trade revenue. The Governor's proposal includes \$800 million for the State, of which a large percentage is planned to be used for high speed rail. Senate Democrats have proposed to guarantee approximately 20% of the funding for public transit operators. Negotiations are currently underway on this item in Sacramento for a State budget review on June 15th. Staff will update the Board as more information becomes available.

General Manager Fisher shared with the Board that MTD has implemented a new safety policy requiring safety vests to be worn at all times by employees and visitors while walking through the bus yard.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS-(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Chair Davis reported that the Finance Committee had met to review the budget.

Director Weinberg shared that he attended SBCAG's South Coast Subregional Planning Committee meeting last week, during which that committee engaged in a long discussion regarding the shared cost agreement between SBCAG and the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) for the VISTA Coastal Express interregional transit service.

Staff informed the Board that a Development Committee Meeting will be needed in the next few weeks. The Board requested that staff follow up with the committee members with available dates.

RELATED TO EACH CLOSED SESSION; PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ALLOWED RELATED TO THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S) BEFORE THE RECESS

11. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code § Section 54956.9 (a) One Claim: Roberto Gama vs. MTD

Upon returning from closed session Chair Davis reported that the Board approved a compromised release settlement in the amount of \$175K.

12. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Manager

Upon returning from closed session Chair Davis reported that no action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Director McQuary moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.