



FINAL MINUTES

Meeting
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
August 19, 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 with the exception of Director Tabor.

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

Natasha Garduno, Executive Assistant, reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, August 15, 2014 at MTD's Administrative Office, mailed and emailed to those on the board packet list, and posted on MTD's website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. & 5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES AND CASH REPORT (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Director Rodriguez moved to waive the reading of and approve the draft minutes for the meeting of July 22, 2014, and the cash reports of July 15, 2014 through July 28, 2014 and July 29, 2014 through August 11, 2014. Director McQuary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

AT THIS POINT DIRECTOR TABOR JOINED THE MEETING AT 8:35 A.M.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lee Moldaver spoke under public comment in regards to overcrowding that he witnessed over the weekend at the downtown Transit Center. He stated that the overcrowding was due to English First (EF) International Language Center Santa Barbara students waiting in this area to be picked up by private chartered buses for a school field trip. The overcrowding impacted buses arriving at the Transit Center, as well as areas where MTD riders wait for MTD buses.

7. FTA TRIENNIAL REVIEW FINAL REPORT- (INFORMATIONAL)

Steve Maas, Manager of Government Relations & Compliance, provided the Board with a report regarding the recent Triennial Review of MTD conducted by the FTA. This review is conducted every three years for all recipients of urbanized area formula funding. Several areas are looked at to determine if the agency is complying with federal regulations. This most recent review conducted for MTD was the fourth in a row in which MTD had no open findings of deficiencies.

8. QUARTERLY STAFF REPORTS - (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Interim General Manager Estrada reviewed the executive summary of the quarterly reports for the period of April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014. George Amoon, Manager of Planning, reported that ridership has decreased by approximately 1.9% compared to last year's totals. MTD planning staff will continue analyzing the data to look into potential explanations for the decrease. The AVL system that will be implemented on all buses in the next year and a half will be able to provide the planning department with

more information in regards to ridership trends. The Board and staff had a brief discussion regarding possible factors that could have resulted in the decreased ridership.

9. INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Interim General Manager Estrada reported that MTD staff met with the new director of the English First (EF) International Language Center Santa Barbara to discuss and coordinate on issues such as enrollment, schedules, housing trends, and review of MTD’s fare and bus pass policy. The issue mentioned by Mr. Lee Moldaver during public comment regarding overcrowding at the Transit Center was also discussed. MTD staff has asked the school to coordinate field trip pickups to be in front of their school building rather than at the Transit Center. They have agreed that they will do this in the future.

The annual California Highway Patrol (CHP) Audit is currently underway, and MTD expects to do well. Both the Operations and Maintenance departments have spent a lot of time preparing for this and typically do well each year.

Interim General Manager Estrada provided the Board with updates on various capital projects.

Steve Maas, Manager of Government Relations & Compliance updated the Board on the Santa Barbara County Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) as it relates to the MTD-owned Calle Real property. Mr. Maas said staff will provide a more-detailed update at a future Board meeting.

Interim General Manager Estrada reported that the State budget included some proceeds for the Cap and Trade program. Steve Maas, Manager of Government Relations & Compliance, will attend an upcoming workshop on this topic. This topic area seems promising, as there can potentially be new funds available for public transit and for transit oriented development.

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

The Board requested to schedule a Development Committee meeting to be held before the next Board meeting.

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- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board met 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Director Aceves moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.