



**FINAL MINUTES**

**Meeting**  
of the  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
of the  
**SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT**  
A Public Agency  
**September 16, 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, September 12, 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. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES-(ATTACHMENT-ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**

Director Aceves moved to waive the reading of and approve the draft minutes for the meeting of September 2, 2014. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention by Director Weinberg who had not attended the meeting.

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

Director Aceves moved to approve the cash report for the period of August 26, 2014 through September 8, 2014. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was made.

**7. AUTHORIZATION OF LFP BATTERY CONTRACT AWARD- ( ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**

Staff recommended that the Board authorize the Interim General Manager to execute a contract with CALB USA, Inc. for the acquisition of two vehicle sets of lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries and the option for four more vehicle sets for a total maximum price of \$267,396.16. The Board inquired about application submission issues and the process that staff chose in conducting the bid. After a lengthy discussion Director Weinberg made a motion to consider the other bids as non-responsive and award the contract to CALB USA, Inc. Director Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion failed with 3 ayes and 4 nays.

Director Aceves then made a motion to rebid the process. Chair Davis seconded the motion. Director Weinberg commented "what are we going to do with the operations of our shuttle business if we don't have batteries to run them." Director Rodriguez stated that she did not feel a rebid was necessary because all of the other bidders would still have a right to protest once the contract is

awarded. At this point the Board continued further discussion on the matter. Following the discussion, Chair Davis withdrew his second to the motion made by Director Aceves to rebid the process, and made a motion to accept staff's recommendation. He also expressed serious concerns with how this process played out. Director Rodriguez stated that she shared Chair Davis' concerns regarding the bid process, and suggested that in future procurements there be a pre-bid meeting. Director Rodriguez then seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 ayes and 2 nays.

***AT THIS POINT DIRECTOR WEINBERG BRIEFLY LEFT THE MEETING***

**8. AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER TO EXTEND THE EXISTING DIESEL FUEL SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH IPC (USA), INC.- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**

Staff recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the Interim General Manager to exercise option months available under the existing agreement with mutual consent of the fuel supplier at a cost per gallon not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$3.10 per gallon for fiscal year 2014-15. After a brief discussion, Director Tabor moved to approve the staff recommendation. Director Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

***AT THIS POINT DIRECTOR WEINBERG REJOINED THE MEETING***

**9. INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

George Amoon, Planning Manager, reported that a joint Santa Barbara City Council and Planning Commission work session was held to discuss the 2014 General Plan Implementation Report, a 2014 Status Update Report of the 2011 General Plan Program EIR Mitigation Monitoring, and a 2014 Status Report of the Climate Action Plan Implementation. Each of these includes elements related to traffic circulation within Santa Barbara, which is important to MTD. Staff will be following these items to ensure that we are well aware of past, current, and future trends as they relate to MTD bus service. Many recent service increases were a result of increasing traffic congestion.

Director McQuary inquired at this point about Assembly Bill 2707 as it relates to 3-bike racks for buses. Mr. Estrada shared that the Governor recently signed the bill which means that it will be law here. Chair Davis asked Mr. Estrada to explain to the Board what this is. Mr. Estrada shared that as pointed out to the Board in the past, MTD is precluded from having 3-bike bike racks because of what it does to the length of the bus. One exception was Ventura County which had special legislation that allowed them to have the 3-bike bike racks. AB 2707 appears to make it viable for us here at MTD to have 3-bike bike racks. Mr. Estrada shared that MTD is excited about this opportunity and is confirming with Maintenance that there is a bike rack that will make it within the dimensions. MTD will bring this back to the External Affairs Committee with a staff report on what this means for MTD and how we can go about implementing 3-bike bike racks.

Mr. Estrada shared that he asked Mr. Steve Maas, Manager of Government Relations & Compliance, to attend a workshop on the state's Cap-and-Trade program. There may be funding available to public transit agencies such as MTD. Staff is planning to bring this item back for discussion with the Board in October, at which time staff will discuss the opportunities available and what the process will be.

Director Tabor inquired about the timing of the Nova articulated bus delivery. Mr. Estrada stated that MTD received a revised delivery estimate that the first bus will arrive in October, the second in November, and the third in early December.

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

Director McQuary asked that a Development Committee meeting be scheduled for the first week of October.

***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 10:32 a.m. Director Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.