



**FINAL MINUTES**

**Meeting**  
of the  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
of the  
**SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT**  
A Public Agency  
**October 14, 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, October 10, 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 30, 2014. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with 3 abstentions by Director's McQuary, Rodriguez, and Shelor who did not attend the meeting.

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

Director Aceves moved to approve the cash report for the period of September 23, 2014 through October 6, 2014. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was made.

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

**7. 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 Director Davis reported that Director Tabor had left closed session at 9:30 a.m. and that no action was taken.

**8. ADJUSTMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 SERVICE LEVELS- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**

Staff recommended that additional service hours be allocated to the Line 3-Oak Park for the current fiscal year. Staff proposed extending the line in a one way clockwise direction in order to service the

new Sansum Clinic located on Foothill Road. This would provide adequate service to the clinic while also providing a significant benefit to passengers needing to travel to multiple appointments at various medical clinic locations along the route. The additional service hours for this adjustment come from the hours that were once allocated for the Line 22 which was recently eliminated in August. Director Aceves moved to approve the recommendation by staff. Director Shelor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION LETTER AND AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES- (ATTACHMENT-ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**

Staff provided the Board with a letter and agreement received by Buynak, Fauver, Archbald & Spray for the Board to review in regards to representing the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District as general counsel for its legal affairs. Chair Davis asked Interim General Manager Estrada for his recommendation in which Mr. Estrada recommended that the Board continue using Buynak, Fauver, Archbald & Spray as its counsel for legal affairs. Director Aceves moved to approve the recommendation. Vice Chair McQuary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Jerry Estrada, Interim General Manager reported that UCSB has notified staff that they are taking the San Joaquin Project and the larger Long Range Development Plan to the Coastal Commission in November jointly. UCSB has requested a support letter that has been drafted which specifically addresses the San Joaquin Project, which is consistent with the agreement that was signed between MTD and UCSB stating that the agency would support the project. Director Aceves requested that the draft letter be brought to the Board for review at the next meeting and the full board concurred.

Mr. Estrada updated the Board on the AVL project. Mr. Estrada reported that Clever Devices were onsite and performed more work with the Operations department on the camera locations onboard the buses. They will be putting together documentation for installation of equipment onboard the different fleets until late November or early December.

Mr. Estrada highlighted the work of Nancy Alexander in public outreach that she has continued to do over the past few months with a specific emphasis on senior living communities. MTD provides outreach to the schools and youth in the community and has started to put more focus on senior communities by going out and showing them how to ride the bus and interact with the fare boxes. Mr. Estrada shared that it is a great expansion to MTD's public outreach and Nancy has been doing a great job.

Mr. Estrada shared that an order has been put in with Gillig for three additional 40' buses which will use up the remaining portion of the Prop 1B- PTMISEA funds. There are also two additional 40' buses pending on order. The agency is waiting on Caltrans to officially award MTD with federal funds from a new \$5339 program that was a part of MAP 21. Caltrans is now technically the designated recipient for federal transit items instead of SBCAG. A new process is being implemented by them and MTD is working closely with them and hope to have approval by them to obligate the funds and then award the contract to Gillig for two additional 40' buses. Director McQuary expressed an interest in having staff provide all bus options to the Board from Gillig for future bus purchases. Mr. Burt Handy requested to address the Board under this particular item in which he urged the Board to consider installing air conditioning on the new Gillig buses. He shared that currently there are only seven 40' Hybrid buses and two smaller buses in the fleet with air conditioning. He addressed multiple factors for buses being ordered with airconditioning such as passenger clientele, rising temperatures, emergency response services, and the new AVL equipment.

Director Aceves inquired about Halloween preparation. Mr. Estrada reported that the Operations department has been working closely with the local agencies. Dave Morse, Superintendent of Operations, and Bill Morris, Manager of Operations have attended a number of the meetings held recently. Staff will provide the Board with more information on this item at the next Board meeting.

Chair Davis inquired about the lawsuit by the City of Santa Maria naming MTD and how the agency was ever named in the dissolution of the RDA. Mr. Estrada shared that it was a mistake which is why it was dismissed so quickly.

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

Vice Chair McQuary reported that the Development Committee met and provided direction to the Planning Department. Another meeting of the Development Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Estrada shared that the External Affairs committee met regarding a number of items. The first item had to do with discussions with SBCC pertaining to the two-year agreement that we currently have. Both parties have agreed to work together to address a legislative issue which under state law states that a community college student cannot be charged more than \$70 when fees for public transit and parking are combined together. MTD is currently charging \$30 and SBCC is currently charging \$33.50. There are discussions currently with SBCC administrators to potentially propose legislation bifurcating the two so that parking and public transit are separate, and then to agree on what the proposed limits would be. Mr. Estrada also shared that bike racks and Cap-and-Trade were also discussed and updates on these items will be brought to the full Board at the next meeting.

Chair Davis reported that he recently received two calls in regards to the Calle Real property. One call was interest by a developer and the other interest by a non-profit, First 5, which shared that if MTD did develop on the property that a childcare center be put on the property. Chair Davis shared that he indicated to both parties that the project is in the process at the County for the Community Plan which will take about a year. Due to this the inquiries are premature but they can bring their inquiries back in about a year for discussion. Mr. Davis also indicated that if the agency ever did go out for development on the property that it would be through a public RFP process.

Director Weinberg shared with the Board that the Facilities Committee met in regards to the Terminal 1 Canopy Project for the new articulated buses.

Director Aceves requested that the personnel policy that was amended in 2011 be distributed to the Human Resources/Personnel Committee and that a meeting be scheduled to establish future steps.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Director Aceves moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m. Director Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.