



MINUTES
Meeting
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
November 29, 2011
8:30 a.m.
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 Fahnstock.
3. **REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA**
Imelda Martin, Executive Assistant to the General Manager and Board of Directors reported that the agenda was posted on November 22, 2011, mailed and emailed to those on the agenda minutes list and posted at MTD's Administrative offices and on MTD's website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Director Britton moved to approve the draft minutes for the meeting of November 15, 2011 and the cash report of November 8, 2011 through November 21, 2011. Director Weinberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
No public comment was made.
7. **DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
Following a brief discussion, Director Aceves moved to approve staff's recommendation of renewal of the Public Officials Directors' and Officers' insurance through the expiring carrier, RSUI Indemnity Company, effective 1/03/12 – 1/03/13.
8. **AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA MASTER AGREEMENT-(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
Director Weinberg moved to approve the amended Fiscal Year 2012 City of Santa Barbara Master Agreement. Director Britton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning and Compliance, updated the Board related to the Calle Real property.

Mr. Maas also reported on the Federal Transit Administration's proposed changes to MTD's Title VI requirements. Title VI is the Federal program that requires that we do not discriminate against protected groups in the provision of services. Mr. Maas explained that, if the proposed change is adopted, the level of analysis for any fare change or service change will be based on budget rather than population, as is currently the case. MTD responded to the FTA in writing, stating that with the proposed changes MTD would incur significant costs which would reduce service to the very populations Title VI is intended to protect. Following a discussion, the Board asked staff to conduct an analysis of the cost to MTD. Following a question by Director Aceves related to Easy Lift, Mr. Maas stated that the analysis should include Easy Lift as well.

Mr. Estrada updated the Board related to Interregional Transfers. Mr. Estrada reported that MTD would prefer that SBCAG delay bringing this discussion to the SBCAG Board until MTD and SBCAG staff has had further discussions with Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) staff regarding interregional transfers. SBCAG staff members and Director Aceves agreed that the item can be delayed to allow MTD, VCTC and SBCAG time to discuss the issue.

Assistant General Manager Estrada reported that, as discussed in the Development Committee meeting held on November 28th, overloads continue on Line 15x. Despite additional service on the line, students are sometimes left behind. Staff discussed the potential options to increase capacity to meet the demand. The Development Committee discussed the use of larger buses. NOVA Bus has offered to allow MTD a demonstration. Mr. Estrada also reported that MTD staff met with the Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) Student Senate to hear their concerns related to the overloads.

Mr. Estrada reported that MTD driver John "Chino" Vasquez has been chosen by the Santa Barbara Independent as a Local Hero for his barbeque charity work for fundraisers.

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

In response to a question from Director McQuary, Mr. Maas reported that the Strategic Planning Workshop is scheduled for the second Board meeting of January 2012. Director McQuary stated that at the Development Committee meeting, Community Environmental Council and Traffic Solutions staff members discussed their Dynamic Rideshare pilot program. Director McQuary stated that he would like to invite both parties to return to present this program to the full Board in the future.

11. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION (Section 54956.9 (a)) (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code § Section 54956.9 (a).
One case: Sara Schrader vs. MTD

Upon returning from closed session, Chair Davis reported that the Board unanimously agreed to settle a claim for alleged negligence in the amount of \$90,000 without admitting any liability or fault in the case of Sara Schrader vs. MTD.

In a second motion the Board directed staff to conduct a review collision investigations and use this as training for MTD employees. Director Aceves volunteered as Committee Chair for such committee.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Director Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m. Director Weinberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.