

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ed Gallo called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Ed Gallo (City of Escondido); David Druker (City of Del Mar); Dave Roberts (City of Solana Beach); Jerome Stocks (City of Encinitas); Jim Wood (City of Oceanside).

Judy Ritter (City of Vista Alternate) arrived at 1:05 pm and Bill Horn (County of San Diego) arrived at 1:50 pm.

Absent: Norine Sigafoose (City of Carlsbad) and Chris Orlando (City of San Marcos).

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 1:02 p.m. to discuss agenda items A, B, C, D and F. (AGENDA ITEM E WAS PULLED BY NCTD STAFF)

- A. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Two Potential Cases
- B. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – One Potential Case
- C. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Bartholomew v. NCTD, WCAB Case Numbers: SDO 0300161 and SDO 0300162
- D. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – William Wardrop v. NCTD; Superior Court Case No. GIN 049827
- E. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Location of Property is portion of Assessor Parcel Numbers 263-340-02 through 263-340-07, and 298-520-03 in Solana Beach. Negotiator: NCTD: Rick Howard and Lance Schulte – Negotiating Party: Shea Properties
- F. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Location of Property is portion of Assessor Parcel Numbers 157-040-42 in Oceanside, CA. Negotiator: NCTD: Rick Howard. Negotiating Party: Loranda Corporation

The Board returned from Closed Session at 2:20 pm. C. Michael Cowett, General Counsel, stated that the Board met in Closed Session, discussed Agenda Items A and F and had nothing to report. Closed session items B, C and D will be heard at the end of the meeting.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Jerome Stocks led the Board, staff and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATIONS

G. Special Recognition to 2006 Employees of the Year

Karen King, Executive Director, introduced the 2006 Employees of the Year:

- John Clark, System Scheduler (Special Recognition Award)
- Kurt Luhrsen, Principal Planner (Professional/Technical/ Administration Award)
- Diane Hessler, Judith Atwood, Alison Gearhart and Gretchen Smith, Management Accounting Team (Team Achievement)
- Thomas Maher, Dispatch Supervisor (Supervisor of the Year)
- Steve Lane, Coach Operator (Coach Operator of the Year)
- Robert Rebar, General Service Worker (Maintenance Employee of the Year)
- Steve Hoyle, Construction Project Officer (Special Recognition), was not in attendance

H. Presentation of January 2007 Employees of the Month Commendations

Don Ankney, Division Superintendent, recognized Mr. Ronald R. Faulkner, Coach Operator, and Mr. Dave Chaudhuri, General Services Worker (not in attendance), as the January 2007 Employees of the Month, with the Board's congratulations.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Paul Cline, San Marcos, CA spoke on his concerns regarding an irrigation line through the temporary construction easement and the lack of roll-call vote on a necessity hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY JEROME STOCKS TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2007, SECONDED BY DAVE ROBERTS. ABSTAIN: JUDY RITTER. ABSENT: BILL HORN. MOTION CARRIED.

*CONSENT ITEMS 4 AND 7 WERE PULLED BY THE BOARD AND WERE HEARD AT THE END OF THE AGENDA.*

**CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Award: Purchase Order to JM Diaz for Center City Development Corporation Quiet Zone On-Call Engineering Support
2. Award: Contract for Five-Year Agreement for Hazmat Services
3. Award: Purchase Order for On-Call Engineering Support by Project Design Consultants to Provide Design and Project and Construction Management Services for NCTD's Bus Stop Program
5. Adopt: Resolution 07-02 Accepting \$500,000 in State Transportation Improvement Program Funds for the Signal Communication System Upgrade
6. Approve: Amending the 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to 1) Program Funds for Jobs Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom; 2) Revise the 5311 Program Allocation; and 3) Revise the TransNet Funding Allocations between Projects

MOTION BY BILL HORN TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 5 AND 6, SECONDED BY JUDY RITTER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ACTION ITEMS**

8. Report: I-15 Bus Rapid Transit Service Plan and Operations

Mr. Barrow Emerson, SANDAG Senior Transportation Planner, provided an update on the I-15 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) operations plan. He stated that the SANDAG Transportation Committee requested that staff find a way to start the service to Sorrento Mesa in 2012, rather than 2016. Mr. Emerson said that in putting together a plan for the service to Sorrento Mesa, University City and UCSD in 2012, they started out by doing an alignment evaluation. He stated that the service would go: 56 to 5 to 805 and Mira Mesa Blvd; or via Mira Mesa Blvd, down I-15, get off at the direct access ramp that will be built at Hillary Drive, to the Mira Mesa Transit Center and then Mira Mesa Blvd; or via Mira Mar Road, I-15 to Hillary Drive, to the Mira Mesa Transit Center, and then down Black Mountain to Mira Mar Road to Carroll Road, back up to Sorrento Mesa.

Mr. Emerson stated that the I-15 is the key corridor in the RTP, the managed lanes and the BRT service are TransNet early action projects, and that this will be the first BRT in the region. He reviewed the peak times in the three corridors. He added that Miramar is the slowest and Mira Mesa Blvd is slightly faster than the others. Mr. Emerson stated that, taking into consideration patronage potential, travel time, funding and vehicle resources projected to be available, SANDAG, NCTD and MTS staff recommend that Mira Mesa Blvd be the preferred option for the initial introduction of service in 2012. He said that staff would continue to monitor the travel times and the levels of development in each of these corridors. Mr. Emerson stated that the planning staffs of NCTD, MTS and SANDAG, agreed that MTS should be the recommended operator of the service in 2012. He said that a couple of the corridors were scheduled to start receiving operating dollars in earlier years than they are actually going to start operating, so those dollars can be used between 2012 and 2015 to get the Sorrento Mesa service started. Mr. Emerson added that the parking strategy issue is going to be very important because the demand for park and ride is going to be a lot more than was ever envisioned when the initial station sites were acquired, so they are pursuing different strategies about how to provide parking and not have the agencies eat the complete capital costs. He said that Riverside demand will be a key to this whole thing and that they have acknowledged they need to participate in helping to fund the operating scenario.

Dave Druker said that service from Escondido to Sorrento Valley and UTC is very important. He said that in terms of operation, it would be more advantageous to riders if they do not have to stop anywhere but at their final destination, so 56 would continue to be an excellent option for getting people to Carmel Valley, Sorrento Valley or UTC. He stated that he hopes that SANDAG will keep the concept of express buses open as he thinks ridership would increase.

Jerome Stocks stated that SANDAG needs to look at 56 because buses can successfully navigate the shoulders of the freeways.

No action required.

#### 9. Presentation: Transit Demand and Access Study for San Diego International Airport

Pete Aadland, Director of Communications and Business Development, introduced Mr. Ted Anasis, Ms. Angela Shaeffer-Pain (Vice-President of Strategic Planning) and Mr. Brad Caldwell (Airport Planner) from the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. Mr. Anasis stated that they have developed the draft airport transit plan with the goals of: improving the transit connections to the airport's existing 41-gate terminal; serving the airport employees who work at the airport over a 24-hour period; developing further transit connections in coordination with future phases of improvements, including the airport master plans proposed 10-gate expansion. He said that they want to look at ways to remove barriers and create a seamless transportation system. Mr. Anasis added that they have developed a committee work plan to coordinate and exchange transportation agency ridership data to develop the transit improvements identified in the study, and to develop a final transit plan. He also reviewed: frequency of connections from/to COASTER service; multiple mode changes; airport passenger needs; removing barriers for arriving passengers; existing route changes; direct bus service from the Old Town Transit service; Fly-away concept; automated people mover; study tiers. Mr. Anasis stated that the next steps in developing the transit plan include: monitoring ridership levels; link future projects to identified benchmarks to monitor the progress of the percentage of passengers and employees that utilize

the transit system; and look at feasibility of ridership and cost analysis to identify funding sources in the implementation plan.

Bill Horn asked about the railroad spur line on Washington street that goes to MCRD.

Mr. Anasis stated that the spur is on federal property, but it is in a location where a rail connection could access the north area.

Dave Druker asked what happened to the plan to put the Southwest terminal on the north side so that there would be a direct connection with the transit.

Mr. Anasis said that was proposed by the Port of San Diego, when they operated the airport, as a potential location for a 10-14 gate terminal build-out. He said that the challenge to that proposal is we would have to have an extension of taxi-way Charlie on the north that would allow aircraft to depart the runway to the north and taxi to a terminal on the north area, which would involve an extension of the taxiway on to federal property (MCRD), and the other concern was the cost, which was almost three times as much as building on terminal two west.

Dave Druker requested that option continue to be considered.

Jerome Stocks suggested we consider park and ride service along I-5.

Mr. Anasis replied that the Advisory Committee has identified the I-5 and I-15 corridors as an opportunity to look at.

Dave Roberts asked if they took into consideration flight departure times and spoke on his concerns regarding the walkway at Terminal One over the lanes of traffic, whereby passengers block public transportation.

No action required.

**10. Approve: Replenishment of Executive Director's Change Order Authority Pool for SPRINTER Project**

Tom Lichterman, Director of Rail Services, reviewed the staff report and stated that staff is requesting replenishment based on several fairly large pending change orders.

**MOTION BY DAVE ROBERTS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 10, SECONDED BY JEROME STOCKS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11. Review: SANDAG Agenda**

Karen King stated that at the SANDAG meeting on February 16, 2007, there is an item on consent regarding revenue apportionments and projections. She said that this is the first thing NCTD needs from SANDAG in order to start preparation of our budget. Ms. King stated that there are some additional funds to augment the STIP program for this year and that NCTD has worked with SANDAG to provide them a list of projects we have been working on. She said that one

of the items is the first two phases for the Transit First priority measures on Route 350 in Escondido.

No action required.

I. Update: SPRINTER Project

Tom Lichterman stated that the Vehicle Maintenance Facility is 95% complete and the loop contract is 88% complete. He said that we will rapidly see a change in the nature of the project as the heavy construction is completed, and then we will be in the more technical signal and communication type activities. Mr. Lichterman stated that staff is meeting weekly with the contractor to make sure we have a timely completion. He added that we are working toward rail activation by forming a number of internal teams that will be responsible for service implementation in their respective areas.

No action required.

J. NCTD Chairman's Report on SANDAG Committees and Board Actions

Chair Gallo discussed the SANDAG retreat in Borrego Springs and the NCTD Board workshop.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Dave Roberts thanked NCTD staff for the great Board workshop. He stated that the City of Solana Beach has set the EIR dates, for potential certification, for the train station project. He said that the meetings will be all day on March 10 and 24, 2007, beginning at 9:00 am.

Jerome Stocks stated that he participated in a SANDAG tour of the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. He said that the LOSSAN rail corridor is going to have to be improved because shipping is going to increase.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Karen King informed the Board that: on February 21, Chair Gallo will be participating in the kickoff event for the 511 system; the Board has at their place the 2007 Board Member's Guide; the Community Report is available for Board members to hand out; she was in Washington D.C. with Gary Gallegos and Paul Jablonski, making preliminary visits to our congressional delegation staff members with regard to the upcoming appropriations cycle.

**CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

4. Approve: SANDAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Application for Bike Locker Upgrades at COASTER Stations

Dave Roberts asked for clarification on the grant amounts.

Stefan Marks responded that the grant includes \$50,000 from SANDAG (if approved), \$3,100 from Ridelink, and NCTD would provide the remainder through an in-kind match, totaling \$54,000.

MOTION BY DAVE ROBERTS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 4, SECONDED BY JEROME STOCKS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Approve: Long-Term Lease of Excess Railroad Right-of-Way to Surfer's Point, LLC

Dave Roberts questioned the amount of the rent.

Karen King responded that the Board real estate policy states that we will lease excess property at fair market value. She said that this is a straight lease, as opposed to a joint development project. Ms. King added that NCTD tends to negotiate on a case-by-case basis because every property has special circumstances. She stated that the value of this property will come once the developer is able to use the property.

MOTION BY DAVE ROBERTS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 7, SECONDED BY JIM WOOD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REMAINING PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

THE BOARD ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 3:32 PM TO CONTINUE CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION FOR ITEMS B, C AND D.

THE BOARD RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 3:54 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. Submitted by Jill McNaughton, Clerk of the Board for North County Transit District.

CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_

CLERK OF THE BOARD: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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