

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ed Gallo called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Ed Gallo (City of Escondido); Dave Druker (City of Del Mar); Jerome Stocks (City of Encinitas); Jim Wood (City of Oceanside); Chris Orlando (City of San Marcos); Dave Roberts (City of Solana Beach); Bob Campbell (City of Vista).

Absent: Julianne Nygaard (City of Carlsbad) and Bill Horn (County of San Diego).

CLOSED SESSION

C. Michael Cowett stated that staff would like to add an additional emergency Closed Session item concerning Real Property Negotiators concerning the rail right-of-way and BNSF. He stated that this issue came up after the agenda was posted and it would be useful to brief the Board.

MOTION BY DAVE DRUKER TO ADD THIS ADDITIONAL CLOSED SESSION ITEM, SECONDED BY JEROME STOCKS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board went into Closed Session at 1:52 p.m. to discuss the new item just added and:

- i. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Butler v. NCTD, WCAB Case Number: SDO 0351261
- ii. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – One Potential Case

The Board returned from Closed Session at 2:35 p.m. Mr. Cowett stated that the Board met in Closed Session, discussed items i, ii and the additional item related to Real Property Negotiators, and had nothing to report.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO THE SAN DIEGO NORTHERN RAILROAD (SDNR) MEETING AT 2:36 P.M.

THE SAN DIEGO NORTHERN RAILROAD MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT AT 2:38 P.M.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Bob Campbell led the Board, staff and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATIONS

Presentation of October 2007 Employees of the Month Commendations: Brian Graham, Director of Bus Operations and Maintenance, recognized Mr. Harold Demary, Facility Maintenance Worker, and Ms. Suzanne Lister, Coach Operator, as the October 2007 Employees of the Month, with the Board's congratulations.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY DAVE ROBERTS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2007, SECONDED BY DAVE DRUKER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Committee and Board Meeting Calendar for 2008
2. Annual Board Agenda for 2008
3. Escondido Transit Center Colonnade Renovation Project Construction Change Order
4. TransitAmerica Services, Inc. Supplemental Agreement for Signal Inspector Services on the SPRINTER
5. Station "O" Renovation Project
6. Ticket Vending Machine Maintenance Contract Extension
7. Ticket Vending Machine Revenue Servicing Supplemental Agreement
8. Amtrak Construction Support Purchase Order for Bridge 225.4 Deck Replacement

9. HDR Engineering Design Support Purchase Order for Bridge 225.4 Deck Replacement
14. Boyle Engineering Construction Support Purchase Order for Stuart Mesa Ground Water Pumping Project
11. Stuart Mesa Ground Water Pumping Project Construction Contract
12. FY 07 4th Quarter Performance Report and Annual Performance Report
13. Caltrans Grant for Transit Oriented Development Community Facilities District Case Study and Model
14. SPRINTER Safety Officer/Limited Term Position Extension
15. Limited-Term Position for SPRINTER Hispanic Outreach Position

MOTION BY JIM WOOD TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 AND 15, SECONDED BY JEROME STOCKS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS

16. Simon Wong Engineering Supplemental Agreement for Construction Management Services on the SPRINTER Project

Tom Lichterman, Director of Rail Services, reviewed the agenda item.

Jerome Stocks asked if staff was satisfied with the quality of Simon Wong's work.

Don Bullock, Manager of Capital Construction, replied that he was confident in saying that they are doing a good job.

MOTION BY JEROME STOCKS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 16, SECONDED BY JIM WOOD.

Bob Campbell confirmed that this is an hourly contract and asked if there was an incentive for them to complete the project sooner.

Don Bullock said that the biggest incentive they have is they have tied up their top people. He said the core group of inspectors will be gone as soon as the work is done.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. Bridge 225.4 Deck Replacement Construction Contract

Mitch Alderman reviewed the agenda item and stated that there is a slow order on the bridge.

Dave Druker stated that the Monitoring Committee reviewed this item thoroughly. He said that it is not the normal practice to give the Governance Committee the ability to make decisions, but because of the necessity of this project and the need to get this project going, rather than coming back to the full Board in mid-December, at least the Governance Committee could look at it and approve or disapprove it, and that would expedite the schedule.

MOTION BY DAVE ROBERTS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 17, SECONDED BY JIM WOOD.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. Passenger Shelters at Vista Transit Center and Plaza Camino Real

Brian Graham, Director of Bus Operations and Maintenance, reviewed the agenda item.

Bob Campbell asked what lighting would be incorporated for night time because rider safety is very important.

Brian Graham responded that there is already pole lighting and if additional lighting is needed, that could be added easily.

Dave Druker asked when the shelters would be built.

Brian Graham stated that they would begin construction in 60 to 90 days and it will take a couple of months to get them all constructed.

MOTION BY JIM WOOD TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 18, SECONDED BY BOB CAMPBELL
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

19. Replenish Executive Director's Change Order Authority Pool for SPRINTER Construction Contracts

Tom Lichterman reviewed the staff report and stated that staff recommendation is to replenish the authority pool at \$5 million.

Dave Druker confirmed that this would not increase the budget.

Tom Lichterman responded that this is included in the estimate at completion process that is updated on a monthly basis, it is a contractual mechanism, and it doesn't approve any specific change orders.

MOTION BY DAVE DRUKER TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 19, SECONDED BY BOB CAMPBELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. Bus Maintenance and Operations Performance Report

Brian Graham provided a report on the Bus Operations and Maintenance departments and spoke on where we were ten years ago and over the past year.

Bob Campbell asked if Segway's would be allowed on the SPRINTER and the COASTER.

Brian Graham responded that he would have to check on that and get back to the Board with an answer.

Dave Druker asked if we could look at what our carbon footprint was in 1997 versus what it is today.

Brian Graham said that could be done, but that it would take some research.

Bob Campbell asked if the Board of Directors could see the maintenance facility and operation.

Brian Graham responded yes, anytime.

Karen King said that if the Board of Directors really want to see it in action, it would be best to see it around 4:30 am or 10:00 pm. She stated that if you go in the middle of the day, you largely see an empty facility because the drivers and buses are out on the road.

21. Monthly SPRINTER Update

Tom Lichterman and Don Bullock, Manager of Capital Construction, provided an update on the: completion of signal testing at the east end of the line and the contractor is now able to operate on a ten-mile test track; contractor schedule shows them completing the signal system and turning the entire alignment over to NCTD on December 7; two more parking lots were paved, leaving three left to be paved; station finishing activities related to railings; communication systems testing continuing; first of two packages being submitted of safety certification data to the PUC with final package going out in early December.

Bob Campbell asked if the onboard television cameras would be operational at the start-up.

Tom Lichterman responded that they would probably be installed in January or February 2008.

Tom Kelleher, Manager of Communications and Marketing, provided an update on marketing activities. He showed the network map for the entire NCTD system and how passengers can make connections to the trolley, etc. Mr. Kelleher introduced "Leave the Sprinting to us" campaign.

Dave Roberts asked if there was a formal campaign to recruit Ambassadors at the SPRINTER stations.

Tom Kelleher responded that a press release would be going out to recruit Ambassadors from the community, 85 employees have volunteered, and the Board of Directors is welcome to participate.

Bob Campbell asked what the transfer policy would be with MTS.

Tom Kelleher said that if a passenger has a COASTER monthly pass, it's good for the system. He added that if a passenger is riding the SPRINTER, it's interchangeable with the BREEZE, but to transfer to the COASTER, the passenger would get a discount at the ticket vending machine, and the COASTER ticket is good for a free transfer on the trolley or the Airport flyer.

• **SANDAG AGENDA REVIEW AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

Ellen Roundtree, Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, stated that "Save the Date" cards for the December 28, 2007 SPRINTER grand opening have been sent to the Governor and Legislators in Sacramento and Washington D.C. and requested that our Board of Directors make personal phone calls inviting them. She provided a legislative update, including: continuing resolution for the transportation bill; studies on rail modernization; 8 of 13 measures across the nation were passed for local sales tax transportation measures; review of SANDAG Transportation agenda.

• **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Jim Wood stated that the City of Oceanside is getting the message out that the SPRINTER is running. He said that the City has created an Ad Hoc Committee to look at redevelopment of Oceanside Blvd. and one of the highlights is the major impact of the SPRINTER along the line.

Dave Roberts stated that at the December FACT meeting, they would be voting to expand their Board to eleven members and that it's possible that Norine Sigafoose would be coming back as a Board member.

Ed Gallo stated that the City of Escondido had a public meeting on the proposed development project at the Escondido Transit Center.

• **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Karen King updated the Board on the December 1, 2007 Santa Express train and reminded the Board that the Employee Appreciation Banquet would be held November 17, 2007, and requested the Board complete the feedback form for the Board Workshop held on November 8, 2007.

• **REMAINING PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

• **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 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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