

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ed Gallo called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Ed Gallo (City of Escondido); 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); Bill Horn (County of San Diego)

David Druker (City of Del Mar) arrived at 1:38 p.m.

Absent: Julianne Nygaard (City of Carlsbad)

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 1:36 p.m. to discuss agenda items A and B.

- A. 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
- B. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators Regarding Unrepresented Employees – Negotiating Party: NCTD: Rick Howard.

The Board returned from Closed Session at 2:15 pm. Michael Cowett, General Counsel, stated that the Board met in Closed Session, discussed Agenda Items A and B and had nothing to report.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Board member Chris Orlando led the Board, staff and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

C. BREEZE Sprees Award to the San Marcos Senior Center

Sarah Benson, Marketing Representative, stated that the BREEZE Sprees is an annual senior ridership event. She recognized the San Marcos Senior Center as the winning senior center that recruited the most riders to participate in a day trip. Ms. Georgeanne Woodward, from the San Marcos Senior Center, accepted the award.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATIONS

D. Special Retirement Commendation to:

Chair Gallo recognized Mr. Gary L. Talkington, Shift Supervisor I, retiring after twenty-eight years of service.

E. Presentation of June 2007 Employees of the Month Commendations

Brian Graham, Director of Bus Operations and Maintenance, recognized Mr. Gerald S. Edds, Coach Operator and Mr. John W. Popoff, Mechanic 1 (not in attendance), as the May 2007 Employees of the Month, with the Board's congratulations.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Paul Cline, San Marcos, CA spoke on his concerns regarding NCTD's eminent domain policy and the Executive Director's pay.

Mr. Thomas Dempsey, Oceanside, CA spoke on his concerns regarding Quarry Creek Shopping Center traffic and the bus stop located there. He suggested that all buses should parallel park, and he requested that bus service be extended east and westbound from College Blvd to Walmart.

Ms. Donna Yates, Vista, CA requested that the sidewalks to the SPRINTER platform on College be accessible to wheelchairs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Roberts requested the minutes be amended to delete his sentence, on page 9 of the minutes, that the COASTER fare be increased by \$1.50 per ride.

MOTION BY DAVE ROBERTS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 17, 2007, AS AMENDED, SECONDED BY BOB CAMPBELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS 1, 6, 9 AND 10 WERE PULLED AND WERE HEARD AT THE END OF THE AGENDA.

CONSENT ITEMS

2. Receive: Update on Mesh Network Media Coverage
3. Award: Contract to Office Depot for U.S. Communities Office Supplies Contract
4. Award: Contract to Blair Rasmussen Construction for Refurbishment of Escondido Transit Center Colonnades and Shelters
5. Award: Purchase Order to HDR Engineering for Repair Design for Bridge 225.4
7. Receive: Quarterly Financial Report for Nine Months Ended March 31, 2007
8. Receive: FY 07 3rd Quarter Performance Report

MOTION BY BOB CAMPBELL TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, AND 8, SECONDED BY CHRIS ORLANDO. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE
Jerome Stocks, Committee Chair**

11. Conduct: Public Hearing on December 2007 BREEZE and FAST Service Changes

Jerome Stocks, Planning Committee Chair, stated that each speaker for the public hearing would have two minutes to speak.

Stefan Marks, Manager of Service Development, and Kurt Luhrsen, Principal Planner, reviewed: system design goals; service plan context; core changes and assumptions; east/west and north/south routes; 78 corridor; Palomar Airport Road; Encinitas; Vista locals and business park; feedback; questions on earlier/later service; connections; retaining service in some areas; and additional service.

Jerome Stocks opened the Public Hearing. He requested that speakers state their name and what route they are speaking on.

Mr. Steven Lefler (speaking on behalf of Mr. Mikhail Gladshiteyn), Oceanside, CA, spoke on his concerns regarding elimination of Route 325 and the negative effect it would have on the senior community of Costa Serena. Mr. Lefler presented Mr. Gladshiteyn's petition, signed by over 100 people, and shared Mr. Gladshiteyn's suggestions to alter Route 319 and to create two new bus stops on Route 302.

Mr. Frank Asaro, Escondido, CA spoke on his concerns that the SPRINTER represents a serious reduction in service for riders of Routes 302 and 320.

Ms. Elaine Wang, Oceanside, CA spoke on lack of Sunday service on Route 325 and the time it takes for her to get to Buddy Todd park on Route 313.

Ms. Sally Duggan, Oceanside, CA spoke on her concerns regarding the drastic cuts on Route 318.

Ms. Pat Sherwood, Oceanside, CA spoke on her concerns regarding cuts in service to Routes 318, 311 and 312.

Ms. Kay Parker, Oceanside, CA spoke on her concerns regarding cuts in service to the senior communities of Costa Serena and Francine Villas.

Mr. Shane Duhe, Oceanside, CA spoke on Route 313 to El Camino High School and suggested implementing a SPRINTER connector that would enable students to get to school.

Ms. Dolores Skolimowska, Oceanside, CA spoke on service cuts to Route 309.

Mr. Patrick McIntosh, Carlsbad, CA spoke on his concerns regarding the elimination of Route 322 and the COASTER Connection.

Mr. Mike Kearns, Carlsbad, CA requested Sunday service on Route 332 and requested assistance for the disabled onboard the SPRINTER.

Ms. Renata Breisacher Multry, Carlsbad, CA spoke on the frequency of Route 321 and requested service for neighborhoods south of Palomar Airport.

Ms. Theresa McDevitt, Oceanside, CA spoke on her concerns regarding route changes for the area of Mission and El Camino Real.

Mr. Fred Troost, Escondido, CA spoke on his concerns regarding changes to Routes 353/355.

Ms. Jennifer Knapic, San Marcos, CA requested Route 302 have 15 minute service rather than 30 minute service.

Mr. Frank Pendleton, Oceanside, CA spoke on his concerns regarding Routes 321 and 309.

Ms. Leslie Moon, Poway, CA (speaking on behalf of her son C. J. Moon), spoke on his concerns regarding the SPRINTER versus Route 305 and requested later night service.

Ms. Sonya McArthur, Oceanside, CA spoke on her concerns regarding cuts in service on Route 309.

Ms. Maria Campos, San Marcos, CA stated that the changes to Route 404, Palomar to Rancho Santa Fe to Encinitas Blvd, would get her to her destination late. She presented a petition with over 65 signatures.

Ms. Dina Smith, Oceanside, CA requested that no changes be made to Route 309.

Ms. Alesia Williams, Oceanside, CA requested that no changes be made to Route 315 to the base hospital.

Mr. Ian MacDonald spoke on his concerns regarding Route 315.

Mr. Jacob Rosales, Vista, CA requested that the bus bench, on the last stop on westbound Vista Way on Routes 309 and 325, be moved closer to the bus sign. He stated that when he called 5-1-1 and asked for NCTD transit information, he was routed to COMMUTE, which is not a part of NCTD. Mr. Rosales questioned if the Vista Transit Center would have a bridge or tunnel for the pedestrian crosswalk on Olive Drive. He asked if Mira Costa and Palomar college students could receive a transit pass that also includes MTS and the Trolley.

Jerome Stocks responded that he calls 5-1-1 everyday and the service works. He stated that there is a website "511SD.com" that Mr. Rosales should check out.

Bob Campbell stated that he spoke with the head of engineering for the City of Vista and they discussed changing and lengthening the times in the near future for getting across the intersections

Ms. Ann Lynch, Oceanside, CA spoke on her concerns regarding the proposed changes to Route 309.

Ms. Marta Morales stated that additional buses need to be added to Route 350 at the three San Pasqual schools.

Ms. Mona Rote, Oceanside, CA spoke on her concerns regarding the proposed changes to Route 309. She asked if Route 317 could be re-routed to go past the mobile home parks.

Jerome Stocks closed the Public Hearing.

Dave Druker questioned the scheduling of the route changes.

Stefan Marks responded that these changes would be effective when the SPRINTER begins operation in December 2007. He said that in order to stay on track, the changes need to be approved by the July 19, 2007 Board meeting.

Ed Gallo stated that NCTD is running a suburban area bus service versus an urban area and it's tough to put all the pieces together for service that everyone needs and deserves with limited resources. He said that MTS and NCTD both service about 1,000 square miles, but the difference is that NCTD has 1 million people in their service area compared to MTS that has over 1.5 million people in their service area. Mr. Gallo added that the reason some routes have to be cut or changed is because the ridership isn't there. He said that there were a lot of public comments regarding Routes 309 and 325 servicing senior areas, and he requested staff re-look at those routes.

Jim Wood said that the feedback he has received from the citizens of Oceanside is that these changes are a disaster. He stated that if the City of Oceanside subsidized Route 316 for \$22, 000, it would be a last resort and he has not yet had an opportunity to bring that issue to his full City Council.

Bob Campbell requested that Stefan Marks comment on the changes related to Route 309.

Stefan Marks stated that there are tradeoffs in any service design, some people benefit more than others. He said that in the case of Route 309, they thought the existing route was too long and not reliable and they wanted to improve some of the north/south connections. Mr. Marks added that they looked at how they would develop a route that would allow people to make convenient transfers at El Camino Real and that they had to make a trade-off to offset the route so it would arrive at the times when the majority of trains were arriving in both the east and west direction. He said that they preserved the 320 connection from the Oceanside Transit Center to Plaza Camino Real, which was not included as part of the initial plan and that in terms of the consultant and the Fast Forward Plan, there were a couple of important things that would have been great if NCTD would have had the money. Mr. Marks stated that over the last several years, costs have escalated and that things such as fuel and insurance have increased significantly since 9/11 so the amount of service that we can provide for the same dollar is less today than it was seven years ago. He said that under the existing service plan under Fast Forward, there was no service at all at Oceanside Blvd, and he thought it was important to add service. Mr. Marks stated that they could preserve many of the existing routes, but it would be done at the cost of routes in all of the communities. He stated that you had to balance where the ridership is with the amount of people using it and that it is very hard whenever you propose to take service away from any community, whether it is a senior community or another neighborhood. Mr. Marks said that part of the reason for making these recommendations is because the Board has charged him with coming up with recommendations where they can provide cost-effective service to the most number of people. He stated that if the trade-offs aren't made, there's no ability to improve service where it is growing. He added that it is the staff's opinion that the proposed service plan is balanced based upon the amount of resources available and provides the maximum level of access to everyone. He said that there is a finite amount of money to make this service plan work, and they have tried within the context of that service plan, to provide the maximum ridership possible.

Bill Horn stated that he is more concerned about taking service out where there is no substitute. He said that in regards to Route 309, he feels they have improved access to more of Oceanside and he asked staff to fix where passengers miss their bus connection by one minute.

Chris Orlando requested comparisons by key measurements in terms of how the coverage under this new system, including the SPRINTER, compares with the old system.

Dave Druker stated that he would like staff to look at timing and connections to make sure people are making connections on a more effective basis. He asked staff to see if they could find a way to provide service to the residents of Costa Serena.

Stefan Marks said a schedule book is provided to the community, and based on feedback from the Board and riders, they will look to see what they can do in terms of Route 309 and the area around Mission and Douglas Drive in Oceanside. He said that he needs flexibility in terms of starting routes earlier and the latitude of moving trips up to an hour to make sure connections can be maximized.

Jim Wood asked if staff gets feedback from the drivers and/or the labor group regarding the routes.

Brian Graham responded that they had meetings with the drivers on numerous occasions and that the business agent for the local teamsters attended those meetings. He stated that the business agent (a former driver) is satisfied that Mr. Marks and Mr. Luhrsen have done a good job on the changes.

12. Conduct: Public Hearing and Adopt FY 08 Budget and FY 2008 – 2012 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

MOTION BY BILL HORN TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 12, SECONDED BY JIM WOOD.

Jerome Stocks opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments. Mr. Stocks closed the Public Hearing.

Chris Orlando asked for clarification as to what budget numbers the Board is approving.

Karen King responded that the recommendation is to adopt the budget that was prepared prior to the time NCTD found out about slower growth in sales tax revenues. She stated that staff needs spending authority to go forward July 1, 2007 so that service can continue to be delivered and all the things associated with that. Ms. King stated that staff is recommending that the budget that was prepared be adopted and then when final numbers are received regarding revenue projections, which hopefully will be in the next 30 days, staff will work on revising the budget and bring back a revised budget proposal to the Board as soon as possible, but that will probably not be before August 2007.

Bill Horn explained that the NCTD budget is balanced, but that the California Governor has made a proposal to borrow \$1.2 billion from the transportation budget, money that was voted on by voters to approve to increase and improve transportation. He said that NCTD was scheduled to get its share of that money and that would have balanced the budget. Mr. Horn stated that if the Governor gets his way, then we lose \$1.2 billion in the state and it trickles down to NCTD and NCTD winds up with a deficit. He suggested that the public call or fax their representatives and tell them not to cut the transportation budget. He said that the government has the ability to tell the Governor he cannot have the money.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Authorize: Executive Director to Execute Partnership Agreement with Full Access and Coordinated Transportation (FACT) and Operating Partnership Pledge

Dave Druker questioned the schedule for implementing FACT.

Karen King responded that there was not a schedule that could be mapped out. She said that there are goals and objectives set forth but that the actual implementation of the coordinated service will be dependent upon how quickly other agencies enter into this partnership.

MOTION BY ED GALLO TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 13, SECONDED BY DAVE ROBERTS.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Approve: Smart Parking Pilot Project

Kirk Talbott, Chief Information Officer, stated that they are looking at implementing technology at all of the NCTD parking facilities along the COASTER that would allow NCTD to track and monitor usage patterns within those parking lots. He said that the vision of this project is to fully understand the utilization that is taking place at all of the parking lots so that we can understand the patterns so we can improve the efficiencies and utilization of those lots.

Jerome Stocks stated that this is a no-cost opportunity to get a scientific measure of what we have in terms of parking assets versus demands, what the traffic patterns are and how they could best maximize those efficiencies. He said that any future decisions regarding charging for parking, or the ability to reserve parking, will not be made today, but at a future date.

Karen King clarified that the first phase of the project is data collection and there is interest in moving this forward. She stated that staff would come back to the Board with proposals on what we would want to implement as the demonstration in less than a year.

Mr. Bruce Berend, Solana Beach, CA stated that the proposal for this pilot project should be made available for public comment for a period of 30 days.

Mr. Gary Martin, San Diego, CA spoke on his concerns regarding lack of information in the staff report.

Mr. Carl Turnbull, Solana Beach, CA spoke on his concerns regarding paid parking and suggested noticing the availability of parking spaces on the website.

Mr. Tim Coughlin, Solana Beach, CA asked that paid parking not be implemented until the project is assessed and then see how it works.

Mr. Chuck Franz, Solana Beach, CA advised zero paid parking be implemented.

Sam Johnson, SANDAG Project Manager, stated that they will collect data for a few months and then come back to the Board to provide information and options. He stated that the data collection process includes the public outreach component.

Karen King clarified that, as a part of the initial pilot project, only one or two stations would be tested.

Dave Roberts stated that if you charge for parking, people will either not use it because it becomes too expensive to ride transit, or people are going to park in the residential neighborhood.

Bob Campbell asked for clarification on the staff report that states it's a three year study.

Sam Johnson responded that the overall plan is to collect data for three months and then come back to the Board to present available options. He said that if the Board decides they want to consider a pricing model or free reservation system, they hope to start operations and continue that for the next 2 – 2 ½ years.

Bob Campbell asked if a variable rate structure was possible.

Sam Johnson responded that they could have a variable rate structure and that an additional value pricing grant was received from the federal government.

Bill Horn questioned who would get the revenue.

Sam Johnson responded that NCTD would get 100% of the revenue.

Dave Druker stated that nothing is free and that NCTD is subsidizing parking for our passengers at this point. He said that by charging for parking, we are providing a better service for our customers by allowing them to make choices.

Chris Orlando clarified that the Board is giving staff approval to put the "dots" in the ground so we can count how many cars go in and out and the rest of this discussion is speculation on what that data might provide later on down the road and includes public outreach.

MOTION BY JEROME STOCKS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 14, SECONDED BY ED GALLO.

JIM WOOD LEFT AT 5:20 PM.

NAY: ROBERTS. MOTION CARRIED.

Sam Johnson clarified that data would be collected from all seven NCTD parking lots.

REPORT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE Ed Gallo, Board Chair

15. Discuss: Recommended Cancellation of Committee Meetings for August 2007

Chair Gallo stated that the Committee meetings for August 2007 are cancelled, but there would be a Board meeting on August 16, 2007.

**REPORT OF MONITORING COMMITTEE
Bob Campbell, Committee Vice-Chair**

16. Reauthorize: Executive Director's Change Order Authority Pool for the SPRINTER Project

Chris Orlando clarified that this reauthorization does not impact the budget but that it does impact the overall project cost. He asked that the change order notifications be consistent in terms of having signatures and dates.

MOTION BY DAVE DRUKER TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 16, SECONDED BY BILL HORN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. Update: SPRINTER Project

Bob Campbell complimented staff and the contractor for the expediency and quality of the project at Escondido Avenue in Vista.

G. Review: SANDAG Agenda and Other Legislative Activities (No Staff Report)

Ellen Roundtree, Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, reviewed the SANDAG agenda. No action required.

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

1. Award: Five-Year Contract to Parsons Incorporated to Implement Internet Connectivity On Board the COASTER Trains

Jerome Stocks stated that he was concerned that no Board members are involved in setting the pricing. He questioned what would be the downside to putting a decision off for another month.

Kirk Talbott responded that from a strategical position, there's no harm in waiting to see the final contract, but that pricing and technology selection is not addressed in the contract.

Jerome Stocks stated that he wants to see the contract.

Dave Druker suggested that the contract include language that NCTD gets the equipment if Parsons pulls out of the project.

BILL HORN LEFT AT 5:47 PM.

Dave Roberts requested the Board defer this item for a month.

Chris Orlando asked what was the fixed percentage of gross revenue that will be provided to NCTD.

Kirk Talbott responded that the percentage is in the contract, however, since negotiations are on-going, it is a sensitive item.

Michael Cowett clarified that the Board wants staff to complete negotiations on the agreement and bring the agreement back for consideration by the Board at the July 19, 2007 Board meeting.

6. Award: Contract to Metro Video Systems, Inc. for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Systems Upgrade at Station "O"

Dave Roberts questioned why staff did not look at different providers.

Dave Papworth, Chief Transit Enforcement Officer, stated that because the system is based on a fiber optic backbone, it not only provides service to the CCTV system, but also transmits data for the ticket vending machines. Mr. Papworth stated that a lot of customization has been added to the system over the years, so staff was concerned that if they had an outside vendor come in that was not familiar with what has been done in the past, and how the system works, they could affect not only service, but downtime when the system goes into effect.

MOTION BY JEROME STOCKS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 6, SECONDED BY DAVE ROBERTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Receive: SPRINTER Ridership Projections Report

Chris Orlando asked Stefan Marks to request an explanation from SANDAG as to how they arrived at the ridership numbers.

MOTION BY JEROME STOCKS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 9, SECONDED BY BOB CAMPBELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Receive: August 2007 Service Changes Status Report

Bob Campbell asked Stefan Marks if there have been any changes or input from the cities of Carlsbad or Oceanside, or the public, regarding the service changes.

Stefan Marks said that the City of Carlsbad contacted staff and staff presented a memorandum to their budget manager who is taking that as a supplemental request to the Carlsbad City Council to see if they wish to fund the Carlsbad COASTER Connection. He stated that he also provided information to Mayor Wood's office regarding Route 316. Mr. Marks said that he met with the Mayor to talk about his concerns and they identified what they both felt was reasonable relative to the levels of service. He stated that he followed up that conversation with a memo. Mr. Marks added that the Mayor wasn't able to get it on the Oceanside City Council agenda, but will try to do that in the next few weeks. He said that a decision has to be made on these two routes within the next two weeks.

Karen King clarified that our request to the two cities was very specific in asking them to let NCTD know by June 18, 2007, if they were interested in doing that so that we would be able to proceed at the meeting today with making a decision. She said that they have both indicated they were going to take it forward to their councils.

Jerome Stocks stated that the Board took action at the May 17, 2007 meeting so no further action is required.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Dave Druker stated that the City of Del Mar is looking at a temporary seasonal stop at the Del Mar Fairgrounds and that they hope it will be funded by the fairgrounds or SANDAG.

Dave Roberts stated that the Solana Beach City Manager went to Sacramento with NCTD and SANDAG staff to get the grant funding for the parking structure extended for twelve months.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Karen King reminded the Board that all the Committee meetings for July will be held on the 5th. She informed the Board that NCTD is providing special service to the fair and to the Padre games.

REMAINING PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 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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