

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Dave Roberts called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Julianne Nygaard (City of Carlsbad); Dave Druker (City of Del Mar); Jerome Stocks (City of Encinitas); Dave Roberts (City of Solana Beach); Bob Campbell (City of Vista); Rocky Chavez (City of Oceanside).

Ed Gallo (City of Escondido) arrived at 8:42 a.m.

Absent: Bill Horn (County of San Diego) and Chris Orlando (City of San Marcos).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Rocky Chavez led the Board, staff and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. FY 2009 Budget Development Workshop

Richard Hannasch, Director of Fiscal and Support Services, reviewed: budget schedule and assumptions; funding reductions since February 2007; assumptions for FY 2009 budget; fuel assumptions; recent diesel prices; assumptions – passenger fares and ridership; FY 2009 draft budget – revenue and expenses; five-year outlook; options – COASTER and BREEZE related revenue and expenses; FAST performance data; farebox recovery comparison; options – FAST service and BREEZE-related expenses.

Karen King, Executive Director, stated that staff, up to this point in the budget preparation, has done everything we believe is within our authority to make decisions regarding how to increase revenues, how to save money, and where to get economies. She said that the purpose of this meeting is to provide staff direction from the Board on priorities and, where to start looking to close this gap.

Richard Hannasch stated that on the revenue side one of the things we have influence over is fares. He said staff will review the revenue side, the only thing on the table is fares, and then we will review the expense side, mode-by-mode, looking over the options, with the goal being to close the \$3 million gap.

Karen King reminded the Board that NCTD does not have the same control over the fares that we used to have because SANDAG sets the fares, but NCTD can make a recommendation to SANDAG. She said that SANDAG is working on a region-wide fare study that ultimately will propose what our fare structure should be. Ms. King stated that whatever the Board does here, it would be for the next year and then NCTD would probably be looking at some significant changes in fare structure in the following year. She said that the SMART card program, because of the nature of the technology, will cause us to look at how regional revenues are shared and it's not entirely clear what impact that will have on NCTD's budget.

Kurt Luhrsen, Senior Planner, reviewed options related to: the current fare structure; fare increase options; farebox recovery; FAST AND LIFT service; all-day service; and span of service.

ROCKY CHAVEZ LEFT AT 10:45 A.M. DAVE ROBERTS LEFT AT 11:02 A.M.

No action was taken by the Board. Further discussion will take place at the Planning Committee meeting scheduled for April 3, 2008.

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

None

- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None

- **REMAINING PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Submitted by Jill McNaughton, Clerk of the Board for North County Transit District.

CHAIRMAN: _____

CLERK OF THE BOARD: _____

DATE: _____

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