

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ed Gallo called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Ed Gallo (City of Escondido); Julianne Nygaard (City of Carlsbad); Dave Druker (City of Del Mar); Jerome Stocks (City of Encinitas); Rocky Chavez (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) arrived at 2:22 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Michael Cowett, General Counsel, stated that the Board would not be discussing Closed Session item i.

The Board went into Closed Session at 1:41 p.m. to discuss items ii and iii:

- i. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Elizabeth Luke, Paul Shick and Michael Ward v. NCTD, Consolidated Superior Court Case No. GIN 051359
- ii. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiators – Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 542 and Unrepresented Employees. Negotiating parties: Karen King and Rick Howard
- iii. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Conference with Executive Director Concerning Public Employment and Reorganization of Employees' Positions

The Board returned from Closed Session at 2:53 p.m. Michael Cowett stated that the Board met in Closed Session to discuss items ii and iii and had nothing to report.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Dave Roberts led the Board, staff, and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Karen King, Executive Director, stated that there was a change to agenda item 7, and the new staff report is on pink paper at their place today.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fred Troost, Escondido, CA spoke on his concerns regarding BREEZE routes 303 and 302 and SPRINTER congestion.

Ms. Dina Sheldon-Smith, Oceanside, CA spoke on her concerns regarding SPRINTER congestion on Saturdays and BREEZE routes 317, 311/312 and 309.

Ms. Lorraine Leighton, El Cajon, CA spoke on her concerns regarding BREEZE routes 302 and scheduling.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY BOB CAMPBELL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2008, SECONDED BY BILL HORN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY JULIANNE NYGGARD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2008, SECONDED BY BOB CAMPBELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY DAVE DRUKER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2008, SECONDED BY ROCKY CHAVEZ. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Karen King requested agenda item 7 be pulled for discussion at the end of the meeting.

Bob Campbell requested agenda items 4 and 8 be pulled for discussion at the end of the meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) Contract for Final Audited Builder's Risk Insurance Premium
2. Maintenance-of-Way Facility Lease Extension
3. Amendment to SANDAG Staff Support MOU on the SPRINTER Project
5. District Wide Right-of-Way Consulting Services

6. Increase Purchase Orders to Project Design Consultants for Engineering Support for the SPRINTER Project

MOTION BY DAVE ROBERTS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 5 AND 6, SECONDED BY JEROME STOCKS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Smart Card Presentation

James Dreisbach-Towle, SANDAG, provided a status update on the Smart Card, including: the purpose and scope; who and what it impacts; and an update on deployment and migration from paper based passes to the smart card. He said that they would be giving away a lot of cards for free to encourage people to use them.

No action required.

10. Extension to COASTER Wireless Mesh Network

Angela Miller, Chief Information Officer, reviewed the: purpose of wireless mesh project; history of project; current project plans; design elements.

Bob Campbell requested staff follow-up on legal requirements for video retention.

Dave Roberts asked how this project ties into the sheriff's department and he requested this presentation be made to the Solana Beach City Council.

Ms. Miller stated that the sheriff's department uses the same technology.

MOTION BY BOB CAMPBELL TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 10, SECONDED BY JULIANNE NYGAARD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Completion of Master Plans for Carlsbad Village, Escondido and Oceanside Transit Centers

Mr. John Daley, Oceanside, CA stated his position and support on the Oceanside project.

Lance Schulte, Economic Development Administrator, reviewed: master plans background; guiding implementation principles; key considerations; rider survey; next steps.

Rocky Chavez stated that he talked to city staff and this project needs to work well with the Oceanside staff and needs to be in tandem with what the city is doing or it would never happen. He said that the city partnered with community groups on other projects and it's good to have everybody on board.

Bill Horn asked if the Coastal Commission had a say on this project.

Michael Cowett responded that the Coastal Commission had a say for the private portion of the project.

Rocky Chavez restated that the City of Oceanside has hired a consultant to look at the development of Coast Highway and that effort needs to be dovetailed with this effort, and there needs to be a community outreach now as we start talking about the project. He said he has talked to the city staff about how this has been coordinated at the City Manager level and below, and he has offered himself to attend any meeting to help on this, but no one has called him to go forward with that.

MOTION BY DAVE ROBERTS TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 11, SECONDED BY JULIANNE NYGAARD. OPPOSED: CHAVEZ. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Follow-Up from April 10, 2008 Working Session of the Board of Directors

Karen King stated that one of the action items from the April 10, 2008 Working Session was to develop an Ad-Hoc Committee to specifically develop a strategy to address the two items described as "Outcomes" on the Charter and report back to the Board in June 2008. She said the Board members that have been nominated for this Ad-Hoc Committee are Druker, Nygaard, Horn and Orlando.

MOTION BY JEROME STOCKS TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATED ACTIONS, SECONDED BY DAVE ROBERTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. SPRINTER Start-Up Report

Tom Lichterman, Director of Rail Services, stated that we are shifting the focus to start-up and revenue service. He reviewed: March 2008 performance; ridership trends; improved weekend frequency of service; trip length; bike popularity; significant high school ridership; fare enforcement and classification; appreciation for Ambassadors.

Pete Aadland, Director of Communications and Business Development, recognized Rosalia Martinez, Joyce Breaux and Steve Gallacher for their recruitment, training and coordination of 150 volunteers, at a time when the customer service workload had doubled because of the SPRINTER.

Karen King added that they did this work three times, in December, January and March. Joyce and Steve kept in contact with those who had volunteered and kept them enthusiastic and committed to doing it, not knowing when it would be and how they would accommodate that into their schedule. She said that they built a lot of personal relationships with our Ambassadors and they have plans on how to use them again in the future.

Mr. Tom Frankum, Oceanside, CA spoke positively about serving as a SPRINTER Ambassador and gave special recognition to Joyce Breaux, Rosalia Martinez, Don Ankney, and Steve Gallacher.

Ms. Dina Sheldon-Smith, Oceanside, CA requested COASTER and SPRINTER service on the 4th of July.

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

Ellen Roundtree, Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, reviewed the SANDAG agenda, and state and federal activity.

Dave Druker asked what SANDAG was going to recommend in terms of the COASTER Connection.

Karen King responded that their recommendation is that service continues past the end of June 2008 while we continue to resolve the issues. She stated that this recommendation includes: waiting to see if MTS gets the state JARC money; looking at how MTS's TDA money and NCTD's fares from the COASTER are used; what contribution employers might be able to make; potential reduction or reorganization of the service; a proposal that COASTER riders pay a dollar each way to use the Sorrento Valley COASTER connection to get to their place of employment.

Ed Gallo asked who would be paying for the continuation of the service.

Karen King stated that the funds that are currently available to pay for that service will pay for it on an on-going basis for a few months in the hope that we will be able to get the Air Pollution Control District and employers to contribute funds and to receive some insight from the COASTER riders as to how this problem could be solved at a lower cost. She said that NCTD is going to have to push the issue with SANDAG.

Julianne Nygaard said Karen King was quite clear in presenting NCTD's position and it would be useful to write that up and have Ed Gallo present it at the SANDAG meeting on Friday, April 18, 2008.

4. Extension to On-Site IT Support Services

Bob Campbell asked if this was an hourly rate for on-site support services.

Richard Hannasch responded that it's an on-call contract, and the hourly rate is based on the type of service we use.

MOTION BY BOB CAMPBELL TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 4, SECONDED BY DAVE ROBERTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Public Hearing Policy for Changes in Service Levels

Karen King said NCTD has not revised its Public Hearing Policy in many years and during that period of time there have been changes in what is required of us for holding a public hearing regarding changes in our service levels and schedules. She said that NCTD looked at our Public Hearing Policy and what could we do to bring it more into conformance with current thinking.

Ms. King said that staff looked at SANDAG and MTS policies to see where we could have some conformance. She said that there is not concurrence within SANDAG that this policy conforms with their policies and that is an issue because part of what is in this policy is a statement that we would change our notice for public hearings from 30 days to 15 days in advance. Ms. King stated that there is some urgency to hold public hearings in May and under our current policy we will have already lost the opportunity to provide that 30-day notice unless we hold a special Board meeting outside of the regularly scheduled Board meeting. She said that her recommendation today is to adopt the portion that says we will provide a 15-day notice for Public Hearing changes and refer this back to staff to try and work out the issues where there now seems to be some disagreement.

MOTION BY JEROME STOCKS TO ADOPT A MODIFICATION TO OUR EXISTING PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS BY ADOPTING 15-DAY NOTICE INSTEAD OF A 30-DAY, LEAVING BASICALLY EVERYTHING ELSE IN PLACE PENDING FUTURE INPUT, SECONDED BY DAVE ROBERTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Board's Administrative Rules of Procedure

Bob Campbell asked: that the Board Compensation item be reviewed; if notice by mail could include a phone call or email; if the Board is allowed to have a telephonic quorum and does that need to be specified in the rules; if agendas go into publication in a newspaper, what type of newspaper and how well circulated is that required to be; and have we considered putting agendas online.

Michael Cowett responded that the Board can have telephonic quorums, but the agenda has to be noticed at each location that is included in the call.

Jill McNaughton, Clerk of the Board, stated that the agendas are noticed in the North County Times and Hispanos Unidos, for service changes; and agendas are posted on the NCTD website.

MOTION BY BOB CAMPBELL TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 8, SECONDED BY DAVE ROBERTS.

Dave Roberts requested that the section related to when Board Alternates should be asked to attend meetings be revised to accurately reflect the current practice of the Board Chair being asked first, then the Alternate.

Karen King suggested the document be revised and brought back at a later date.

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY BOB CAMPBELL AND JULIANNE NYGAARD.

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

Dave Druker stated that he made a pitch to the 22nd Agricultural District regarding a Master Plan for the COASTER stop but they do not have the money in their budget.

Bob Campbell stated that he attended the California Air Resources Symposium in Monterey and he went to Sacramento to talk to Legislators regarding the state budget.

Jerome Stocks stated that he went to Sacramento and testified in support of a bill that was being proposed to expand the potential scope of the ½ cent on the original TransNet sales tax capacity.

- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Karen King reported that in the first six Padre game days we carried 32,000 passengers on the COASTER.

- **REMAINING PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 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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