

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

May 1, 2009

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1C**

Action Requested: APPROVE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2009

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Jack Dale (East County) at 9:03 a.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Transportation Committee member attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Jim Desmond (North County Inland) and a second by Councilmember Matt Hall (North County Coastal), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the April 3, 2009, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Steve Barbone, a member of the public, commented that the way to increase the percentage of the population that uses public transit is to make it more attractive by lowering fare prices and increasing services.

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3. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE FARE ORDINANCE TO MODIFY EXISTING TRANSIT FARE STRUCTURE (HOLD PUBLIC HEARING)

Dan Levy, Senior Planner, presented the staff report.

Chair Dale opened the public hearing at 9:08 a.m.

McGinn Morgan, a member of the public, spoke on behalf of people with disabilities, indicating that public transportation is very important to their independence.

Rich Morgan, a member of the public, complimented the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) for the service it provides to disabled people to give them the opportunity to be independent.

Theresa Quiroz, a member of the public, stated that SANDAG must make public transportation more competitive with the automobile. She mentioned that several state laws will require a reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and the best way to reduce those emissions is to increase public transit. She encouraged the Committee to wait for the Transit Impediment Study results before making a decision on service cuts/fare increases.

Vicki Piazza, a member of the public, expressed concern for the proposed fare increases at the levels proposed.

Lorraine Leighton, a member of the public, asked that the \$1.00 fare for circulator buses not be increased. She commented her observation of a 12-year-old child using a Juror fare to ride public transit, and bus drivers in East County giving out \$5 day passes to their friends. She suggested that MTS look into these issues.

Donald Diestel, a member of the public, said that if transit service isn't reliable and economical people will not use it. He thought the Senior pass is a great deal. He asked the Committee to consider the economic impact of the proposed fare increase, and to respond to transit service demand.

Karen Mulhern, a member of the public, said that to help reduce the carbon footprint Committee members should take public transit to show that they care. Disabled people have to pay \$4 for public transit. We need our buses properly maintained. It's great that we can change from the trolley to the COASTER.

Linda Flournoy, a member of the public, expressed support for comments made by previous speakers regarding increased transit reliability and services. The more service you provide the higher ridership you will obtain. She would like to see double tracking of the COASTER. She asked if the 14-day or 30-day passes means a time period or the number of rides. Paul Jablonski, MTS Executive Director, responded that those passes relate to time periods. Ms. Flournoy also strongly recommended a pass be based on the number of uses. Gary Gallegos, SANDAG Executive Director, replied you can do that by having stored value on a Compass Card.

Chair Dale closed the public hearing at 10:01 a.m.

4. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2009, at 9 a.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dale adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 17, 2009**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA/ ORGANIZATION	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING
North County Coastal	City of Carlsbad	Matt Hall (Vice Chair)	Member	Yes
	City of Del Mar	Carl Hilliard	Alternate	No
North County Inland	City of San Marcos	Jim Desmond	Member	Yes
	City of Vista	Judy Ritter	Alternate	Yes
East County	City of Santee	Jack Dale (Chair)	Member	Yes
	City of La Mesa	Art Madrid	Alternate	Yes
South County	City of Coronado	Carrie Downey	Member	Yes
	City of Imperial Beach	Jim King	Alternate	Yes
City of San Diego	----	Anthony Young	Member	Yes
	----	Todd Gloria	Alternate	Yes
	----	Marti Emerald	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	----	Ron Roberts	Member	Yes
	----	Greg Cox	Alternate	No
	----	Bill Horn/Slater-Price	Alternate	No
Metropolitan Transit System	MTS	Harry Mathis	Member	Yes
	MTS	Jerry Rindone	Alternate	No
North County Transit District	NCTD	Bob Campbell	Member	Yes
	NCTD	Dave Roberts	Alternate	No
	NCTD	Jerome Stocks	Alternate	No
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority		Charlene Zettel	Member	Yes
		Tom Smisek	Alternate	Yes
ADVISORY/LIAISON Caltrans	----	Pedro Orso-Delgado	Member	Yes
	—	Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes
SCTCA	—	Albert Phoenix	Member	Yes
		Francine Kupsch	Alternate	No