

# TRANSCRIPT

## INTEREST ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS Pursuant to Charter Sections A8.409 & 8A.104(N)

Transport Workers Union, Local 200  
And  
Municipal Transportation Agency

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ARBITRATOR HOH: On the record. Today is May the 11th. This is day four of the mediation arbitration involving the City and County of San Francisco – excuse me. I take that back. San Francisco Metropolitan Transit Agency and TWU Local 200.

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ARBITRATOR HOH: What's next?

MR. SLOAN: Can we call Deb Ward for about two minutes?

ARBITRATOR HOH: All right. You're still under oath, Ms. Ward. Let's go. Go ahead, Mr. Sloan.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SLOAN

MR. SLOAN: Q. I understand that there is a breaking news development --

A. Yes, there is.

Q. -- that is pertinent to some of the information on the record.

A. Correct.

Q. Would you please tell the arbitration panel, What is that information?

A. Yes, this morning my staff, Mr. Burns, Mr. Sunshine, met with the mayor's chief of staff, the mayor and his budget director to talk about the ongoing impact of the additional funds that were

available. I alluded to it in my testimony on Saturday, that there was a report from the controller's office stating the City's change in revenue, and part of it would be ongoing, but we were not sure at that time how much of that would be for Muni. We have now been given the information that that is 6.6 million going forward.

MR. ANDERSON: \$6.6 million going forward. What does that mean? I don't --

MR. SLOAN: Excuse me. I think she's still my witness.

ARBITRATOR HOH: Yes, you're going to get the chance.

MR. ANDERSON: Yes, I just didn't understand what she was saying.

MR. SLOAN: I have the same level of curiosity.

ARBITRATOR HOH: Let's move forward, please.

THE WITNESS: So in total, the impact in the current year which I spoke of is 3.4 million in additional general fund transfer to the Municipal Transportation Agency. The ongoing annual impact of the \$30 million that the transfer tax has increased will be \$6 million annually to Muni or the MTA total.

MR. ANDERSON: That's an increase?

THE WITNESS: That's an increase, yes.

MR. SLOAN: Q. So this welcome news?

A. Yes.

Q. It will reduce the budget deficit to what extent?

A. To the extent that we can restore cuts, it will bring it from 57 to about 51.

Q. Okay.

ARBITRATOR HOH: Million?

THE WITNESS: Correct. Sorry.

MR. SLOAN: Q. Has a -- do you have information about where that money will be going?

A. Yes, I do. That was the purpose of the meeting with the mayor's staff -- and his staff this morning. They have requested that we change the increase for the discount fares for seniors. They have asked that we adjust the parking meter rates and that we also adjust the parking citation fines, that we make a minimum of 2- to \$3 million in restoration to the service cuts.

Q. When you refer to service cuts, you're talking about the --

A. The restoration of the service that will be provided on Muni of the bus lines, so there were 115 pieces of work reduced. That will now be some lesser number by approximately \$2 million.

Q. And does that have an impact on the number of layoffs previously contemplated?

A. Yes, it will. That number will be reduced.

Q. Commensurate with the restorations of some -- of the service?

A. Of the service and funding, yes.

Q. Now, does -- does this change your view on whether MTA can or should maintain its proposal asking Local 200 members to pay their 2.75 percent share of retirement payment?

A. No.

Q. Why not?

A. As the finance person for the agency, as the person who is responsible for making policy recommendations on following the charter with regard to finance to Mr. Burns, my first obligation is to make sure that the service is restored and the impact to the public is lessened to the degree possible by the additional funds. Also, since there are layoffs on the table that those all be restored before we do any other adjustments with those funds. That's the responsible thing to do at this point.

Q. Anything further?

A. No.

MR. SLOAN: Thank you.

ARBITRATOR HOH: Cross-examine?

MR. ANDERSON: I only have one question.

RE-CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. ANDERSON

MR. ANDERSON: Q. And that is that we requested the budgeted actual and authorized positions in each of the bargaining units. Has that been compiled so that we could --

A. Yes, my staff gave it to me this morning. I'm reviewing that to make sure it's correct.

MR. ANDERSON: All right. Mr. Arbitrator, I would ask that that -- at the close of this and we get this information, that we be authorized to submit an additional exhibit that would be based upon that data.

ARBITRATOR HOH: I'm fine with that.

MR. ANDERSON: With that, we're finished.