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Upon notice duly given, the members of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority met at a regular meeting at the Authority Board Room, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on April 21, 1959, at which time the Vice Chairman called the meeting to order.

Vice Chairman Clarence A. Winder, Members Don Belding, Fred S. Dean, Hayden P. Jones, and Russell A. Quisenberry attended. Chairman Carl P. Miller and Member Arthur J. Will were absent. Also present were Executive Director Ralph P. Merritt; General Manager Cone T. Bass; Director of Business Development and Information Division James H. Raport; Treasurer Wm. W. Wakelee; Ernest R. Gerlach of Coverdale & Colpitts, Consulting Engineers; Secretary Virginia L. Rees; David P. Evans of Musick, Peeler & Garrett; R. O. Christiansen and Guy G. Gifford of the Business Development and Information Division; representatives of the press; and the public.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 7, 1959 were approved.

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Bill of Sale to P.E. of Sub-Station Building

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Authority is the owner of that certain sub-station building, 35 feet by 70 feet, located at 208 North Front Street, San Pedro, commonly known as the San Pedro sub-station; and

WHEREAS, by an agreement dated August 21, 1958 between the Authority and Pacific Electric Railway Company, it is provided in item "(2)" thereof that the Authority is not to be required to bear any cost of demolition of any sub-station including the San Pedro sub-station; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles, on February 20, 1959 served notice on Pacific Electric Railway Company that certain major alterations would have to be accomplished on the San Pedro sub-station, which repairs involve the partial demolition of said sub-station; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that it has no further use for the San Pedro sub-station; that the repairs required would cost substantially more than the sub-station is worth; and that it will cost more to demolish the sub-station than can be realized from salvage from such demolition; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Electric Railway Company has proposed that the aforesaid agreement between it and the Authority be implemented by a bill of sale by which the Authority will convey to Pacific Electric Railway Company all the Authority's right, title and interest in the San Pedro sub-station; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bill of sale has been approved as to form by the General Attorney;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the transfer of the San Pedro sub-station by the Authority to Pacific Electric Railway Company be and the same is

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hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the execution of said bill of sale by the Executive Director and the Secretary be and the same is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

#### Business Development and Information Division Report

Mr. Raport presented the report of the Business Development and Information Division. A copy of said report is on file in the office of the Secretary.

#### Approval of Work Orders and Requisitions

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that Work Order No. 1186, in the amount of \$39,000, covering cost of alterations in Building 71, Bay 5, South Park Shops, including drainage facilities and pavement in the filled portion of the transfer pit:

- a. Construct 3 additional pits, with lighting.
  - b. Breakout and replace existing floor slab in Bay 5.
  - c. Install windows and doors in Paint Storage Room.
  - d. Purchase and install cranes.
  - e. Move and set up machine tool facilities.
  - f. Install necessary drainage facilities and pavement in filled portion of Transfer Pit.
  - g. Make necessary installation for wiring for light and power,
- be and the same is hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Work Order No. 1179, in the total amount of \$30,000, covering construction of steel prefabricated building at South Park, including concrete slab, necessary windows, doors, skylights and ventilation:

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| a. Structural work (outside contract) | \$20,000 |
| b. Electrical work (light and power)  | 7,500    |
| c. Installation of Shop facilities    | 2,500    |

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be and the same is hereby approved, and the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute the necessary contracts, such contracts to be subject to approval as to form by the General Attorney.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Work Order No. 1184, covering rearrangement of overhead and rail facilities, including construction of temporary detour and replacing in permanent location, to clear for Santa Monica, Santa Ana and Golden State Freeways Interchange Area in vicinity of East 7th St. and Boyle Ave., at an estimated cost of \$51,000, which is to be billed to State of California, Division of Highways, be and the same is hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Work Order No. 1185, in the amount of \$75,000, covering alterations at El Monte Division:

- a. Extension of structure, inspection pits, greasing and oil facilities, and lighting and power facilities in present Inspection Building.
- b. Necessary alterations to roof, concrete service islands, adjoining paving, piping, electric lighting and power facilities in present Service Station.
- c. Structural addition in present Operators' Building to modify quarters of superintendent, cash receivers and instructors, including air conditioning, plumbing and electric lighting and power,

be and the same is hereby approved, and the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute the necessary contracts, such contracts to be subject to approval as to form by the General Attorney.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Req. IR-14, at a monthly cost not to exceed \$33,000, covering necessary medical services, exclusive of occupational injuries, from January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959 for participants of Medical Plan, be and the same is hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Req. W&S-454, at a cost of \$2,256.80, covering excavation and paving of approximately 7,000 sq. ft. in back yard of Div. 3303, 637 West Avenue 27, to provide new driveway and additional yard space, be and the same is hereby approved.

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Agreement with California Transit Advertising, Inc.

In connection with the request of California Transit Advertising, Inc. to reduce rate for single month king-size bus posters from \$50 to \$40, with 5% discount for 3 months' use, 10% for 6 months' use, and 20% for 12 months' use, it was requested that additional information be secured to be presented by the General Manager at the next meeting of the Authority.

Agreement with McCann Company (E. McCann)

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Authority an agreement with McCann Company for window cleaning service at Transit Authority Building for the year 1959 at \$200 per month, said agreement to be subject to approval as to form by the General Attorney.

Changes of Bus Stops

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the General Manager relating to bus stop changes as discussed at this meeting and as filed with the Secretary be and the same is hereby ratified and approved.

Excise Tax Exemption Certificates

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and  
unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the resolution adopted by this Authority on March 6, 1958 under the title "Excise Tax Exemption Certificates" be and the same is hereby rescinded in its entirety and the following resolution substituted therefor:

RESCINDED BY  
RESOLUTIONS  
ADOPTED  
JULY 21, 1959

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the following individuals be and they are hereby authorized to execute Federal Tax Exemption Certificates on behalf of the Authority:

- Ralph P. Merritt, Executive Director
- Wm. W. Wakelee, Treasurer
- W. T. Reynolds, Purchasing Agent
- J. L. Smith
- Dorothy E. Delp
- E. W. Stanley

Agreement with Gordon Plumbing Supply Inc.

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and  
unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Authority an agreement with Gordon Plumbing Supply Inc. whereby that company would, at its own expense, construct a 3 ft. extension at the top of the present 5 ft. wire fence along the southwesterly boundary of the West Hollywood Division for the distance of 224 feet, said agreement to be subject to approval as to form by the General Attorney.

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Disposal of Surplus Property

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to dispose of the following item in a manner that best serves the interests of the Authority:

- (1) Underwood-Sunstrand hour and minute adding machine, Model 10140-P-60, No. 411516.

Temporary Reroutings

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the temporary reroutings made necessary by construction work and as discussed at this meeting be and the same are hereby ratified and approved.

Report of Purchasing Committee

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of Purchasing Committee of Authorizations for period from April 7, 1959 to April 20, 1959, inclusive, as discussed at this meeting and as filed with the Secretary, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved and the appropriate payments are hereby authorized.

Negotiations with P.E. - Property near Division 7

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was



RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized to negotiate with Pacific Electric Railway Company for the terms of purchase of certain property adjacent to Division 7, the results of such negotiations to be subsequently submitted to the Authority for appropriate action.

Chamber of Commerce Membership

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized to renew membership in Hollywood Chamber of Commerce from April 4, 1959 for a period of one year at \$100.

Meeting with Board of Supervisors

The Executive Director reported that the following invitation had been received from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

"At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on April 7, 1959 an order was adopted setting the date of May 7, 1959 at 10 o'clock a.m., as the time for the Board to meet with you to discuss the accomplishments of the Metropolitan Transit Authority since its inception."

The Executive Director reported that he had accepted this invitation on behalf of the Authority and expressed the hope that this meeting would be a continuation of the very happy relationship between the Authority and Los Angeles County.

Tire Mileage Contract - Bids

The Executive Director reported that requests for bids on the tire mileage contract were mailed to the following prospective bidders on April 10, 1959:

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| Firestone | General      |
| Goodrich  | U. S. Rubber |
| Goodyear  |              |

The Executive Director advised that these bids are to be opened in Room 207 of the Transit Authority Building at 10:00 a.m. on June 10, 1959.

Purchase of 100 New Buses - Bids

The Executive Director reported that requests for bids for 100 new buses were mailed to the following prospective bidders:

- Flexible Company
- Mack Manufacturing Corporation
- General Motors
- Crown Coach Company
- C. Itoh & Company (America) Inc.
- Curtiss-Wright Corporation (Mercedes Benz)

These bids are to be opened in Room 207 of the Transit Authority Building at 10:00 a.m. on May 11, 1959.

The Executive Director also advised that anyone else interested in bidding on either of the two above mentioned items, and not included in the above, could secure the necessary proposal forms, specifications and other pertinent information regarding same from the Purchasing Department of the Authority.

