

LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Regular Meeting of  
the Members of the Authority

August 25, 1959

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 a.m. on August 25, 1959, at which time the Chairman called the meeting to order.

Chairman Carl P. Miller, Members Don Belding, Fred S. Dean, Hayden F. Jones, Russell A. Quisenberry and Arthur J. Will were present. Also present were C. M. Gilliss, Executive Director; General Attorney Gerald G. Kelly; General Manager Cone T. Bass; Treasurer Wm. W. Wakelee; Director of Business Development and Information James H. Raport; Ernest R. Gerlach of Coverdale & Colpitts, Consulting Engineers; Guy G. Gifford of the Business Development & Information Division; Secretary Virginia L. Rees; representatives of the press; and the public.

Mr. Albert J. Eyraud was then sworn in by the Secretary as a Member of the Authority.

Consideration of approval of the Minutes of the regular

meeting held on August 18, 1959 was put over until the next meeting of the Authority.

Committee Appointments

The Chairman made the following Committee appointments which were unanimously approved by action of the Authority

Board:

Standing Committees

Auditing	Procedural Analysis Cost Control	Hayden F. Jones, Chrmn. Fred S. Dean
Engineering	Study steps to be taken re Authority's engineering program	Fred S. Dean, Chairman Hayden F. Jones Don Belding
Financing	Fare Structure Trust Indenture Capital Improvement Financing	Don Belding, Chairman Hayden F. Jones Russell A. Quisenberry
Legislative		Arthur J. Will, Chairman Russell A. Quisenberry
Operations	Scheduling Consolidations Service Changes	Russell A. Quisenberry, Chairman Arthur J. Will A. J. Eyraud
Personnel	Salary & Job Classification Organization	A. J. Eyraud, Chairman Don Belding Fred S. Dean
Retirement & Insurance	Retirement Plan Health & Accident Insurance Group Life Insurance	Arthur J. Will, Chairman A. J. Eyraud

Temporary Committees

Purchasing	Bidding procedure	Don Belding, Chairman Fred S. Dean Arthur J. Will
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(The Chairman of the Authority and the Executive Director are ex officio members of all of the above committees.)

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.

Trustee's Fees for Special Trust

The Treasurer reported that the Bank of America, as Trustee, under Special Pension Fund created under agreement dated January 12, 1959, had submitted a proposed schedule of fees and charges for the period ended May 31, 1959. The fees schedule provides for waiving of opening fee, an annual fee of 1/2 of 1% on the first \$100,000 and 1/4 of 1% on the balance over \$100,000, with a charge of 25 cents for each check issued. Based on schedule fee for the period ended May 31, 1959, the total is \$243.72. Interest accrued on investments as made by the Trustee for the period ended May 31, 1959 amounted to approximately \$1,400. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the General Attorney be and he is hereby instructed to prepare an appropriate resolution accepting and approving the Trustee's proposal and to submit said resolution to the Financing Committee for approval before sending it to the Trustee.

Addition to Agenda - Approval of Requisition No. EE-426

Upon approval of the seven Board members present, con-

sideration of approval of Requisition No. EE-426 was added to the agenda, and after discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. EE-426, in the amount of \$6,000, covering repairs to #3,600 K.W. Motor Generator set at Soto Substation, including rewinding of armature on 600-V DS Generator and repairs to Field Coils, be and the same is hereby approved.

Approval of Work Orders

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

RESOLVED, that Work Order No. 1213 covering:

- a. Rearrangement of overhead lines to clear construction area of Santa Monica Freeway between Santa Fe Avenue and Main Street;
- b. Installation of necessary feeders and indicating lines outside the freeway area to permit operation of rail and trolley coach facilities after the closing of Central Substation at 16th and San Pedro Streets;
- c. Moving of supervisory control panel and power supervisors' office from Central Substation to Slauson Substation; and
- d. Installation of necessary light and power service for Division No. 2 Yards at 16th and San Pedro Streets, at an estimated cost of \$128,350, which is to be billed to State of California, Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, under Utilities Notice No. 7-2851 and Agreement No. 7Ut-1935, said agreement to be subject to approval of the General Attorney as to form,

be and the same is hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Work Order No. 1214, covering rearrangement of trolley wire and feeders temporarily during construction of Santa Monica Freeway Crossing at Grand Avenue and permanent attachment to soffit of structure, at an estimated cost of \$4,000 which is to be billed to State of California, Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, under Utilities Notice No. 7-2852 and Agreement No. 7Ut-1936, said agreement to be subject to approval of the General Attorney as to form, be and the same is hereby approved.

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.

Temporary Reroutings

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

RESOLVED, that the temporary reroutings, as filed with the Secretary, resulting from construction work and affecting Line No. 8, be and the same are hereby ratified and approved.

Express Service - San Bernardino to Coliseum

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

WHEREAS, this Authority on May 5, 1959 authorized the commencement, on an experimental trial basis, of an express service from San Bernardino to the Coliseum for the Dodgers' baseball games,

as set forth in detail in a report filed with the Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager now recommends that this express service be continued until the end of the present baseball season;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the express service from San Bernardino to the Coliseum for the Dodgers' baseball games, as set forth in a report filed with the Secretary on May 5, 1959, be and the same is hereby authorized until the end of the present baseball season.

Extension of LaCienega Blvd. Line No. 99

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

WHEREAS, this Authority on May 5, 1959 authorized the temporary extension of LaCienega Blvd. Line No. 99 in the manner as set forth in detail in a report filed with the Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager now recommends that this extension be continued on a permanent basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the extension of LaCienega Blvd. Line No. 99, as set forth in a report filed with the Secretary on May 5, 1959, be and the same is hereby authorized for an indefinite period.

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 the period August 18, 1959 through August 24, 1959, 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.

Resolution re Ralph P. Merritt

The Executive Director reported that he was in receipt of a resolution adopted by the Assembly of the California Legislature on June 17, 1959 reading as follows:

"R E S O L U T I O N

"Relating to the commendation of RALPH P. MERRITT  
By Honorable Charles H. Wilson of the Sixty-sixth District

"WHEREAS, Ralph P. Merritt was born in Rio Vista, California, educated in the public schools of Oakland and graduated from the University of California; and

"WHEREAS, Mr. Merritt has had a long career of outstanding success in the fields of commerce, business, and agriculture and has served as a director of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of California and of the United States; and

"WHEREAS, Mr. Merritt held several important positions in connection with the war effort during World War I and World War II; and

"WHEREAS, Ralph P. Merritt was one of the leaders in securing the formation of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, recognizing the need for modern mass transportation in the Los Angeles area; and

"WHEREAS, He served as General Manager of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority from 1952 to 1956 and as a member of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority from 1955 to 1956; and

"WHEREAS, Upon reorganization of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority in September of 1957, he became Executive Director of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority; and

"WHEREAS, Mr. Merritt has announced his resignation as Executive Director of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority; and

"WHEREAS, Mr. Merritt's contribution to the formulation of plans and development of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority has indeed been an important benefit for the Los Angeles area; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, That this body commends Mr. Ralph P. Merritt for his outstanding career in the fields of endeavor which he has undertaken; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall transmit suitably prepared copies of this resolution to Mr. Ralph P. Merritt and to the members of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority.

"House Resolution No. 399 read, and adopted unanimously June 17, 1959.

(GREAT SEAL)

Signed:

RALPH M. BROWN  
Speaker of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Arthur A. Ohnimus  
Chief Clerk of the Assembly"

Personnel Matters - Retirement Plan - Salaries

The Executive Director read a report, dated August 25, 1959, re Personnel Matters. A copy of this report is attached



to these minutes as Exhibit 1. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, in cooperation with the Retirement Committee, be and he is hereby instructed to review the retirement programs in existence for various Authority employees and to recommend to the Authority Members a single retirement plan which would apply uniformly to all non-contract employees;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Executive Director, in cooperation with the Personnel Committee, be and he is hereby instructed to request the State Personnel Board to begin immediately a salary and job classification survey for all non-contract employees, such survey to be conducted in the manner set forth generally in the Executive Director's report attached as Exhibit 1 to these Minutes.

Policy re Deposit of Authority Funds

The Executive Director reported that on May 19, 1959 the Authority had by resolution directed the Executive Director and the General Attorney to report on the progress of the development of a program for the deposit of Authority funds. The Executive Director then read a report, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association be continued as the depository for all Authority funds;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Controller be and he is hereby instructed to review all present accounts for the purpose of realizing more interest earnings where practicable.

Tire Mileage Contract

Mr. Arthur Will presented the report of the Operations Committee in reference to the awarding of a tire mileage contract. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, on June 23, 1959, the Authority authorized the Executive Director to call for bids for a new tire mileage contract for a five-year period commencing September 1, 1959; and

WHEREAS, bids were received from four major tire companies (Firestone, Goodrich, Goodyear, and U.S. Rubber); and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid received by the Authority was from The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company be and the same is hereby accepted.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Authority a five-year contract, commencing September 1, 1959, with The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, the form of such contract to be subject to the approval of the General Attorney.

Report of Purchasing Committee re Bidding Procedure

The Executive Director presented the preliminary report of the Purchasing Committee. A copy of his report is on file with the Secretary.

Meetings of the Authority

The Chairman announced that at the next meeting there would be considered a proposed change in the Authority's meeting schedule from four to two meetings per month, the first meeting to be held on the first Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. and the second to be held on the third Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. of each month. A further proposal would be made that meetings of the respective Authority committees be scheduled on the mornings of the second and fourth Tuesday whenever such committees have business to consider.

Next Meeting

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

RESOLVED, that the next regular meeting of the Authority be held at the Authority's Board Room at the Transit Authority Building, 1060 South Broadway at 3:30 p.m. on September 1, 1959.

There being no further business before the meeting, it adjourned.

VIRGINIA L. REEB

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Secretary