

The regular monthly meeting of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Authority was held at the offices of the Authority, 2233 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on Tuesday, August 4, 1953.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 3:10 p.m. Roll was called with the following named members present:

Fred S. Dean	Martin E. Pollard
H. C. McClellan	Jim Wilson

Absent: Walter J. Brunmark      Lloyd S. Whaley

Also in attendance: Ralph P. Merritt, General Manager

The draft of the minutes of July 7 was read, corrected and approved as corrected.

Communications were read from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors acknowledging receipt of annual financial reports of the Authority and receipt of balance remaining in administrative funds supplied by the County for fiscal year 1952-53.

A communication was read by Mr. McClellan, same being a copy of a letter from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce with reference to action taken by that organization regarding the proposed appointment to membership in the Authority to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. B. O. Miller. Mr. McClellan also read a copy of letter from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce addressed to the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County in which it was stated that the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce had not opposed the request made by the Authority to have the sum of \$50,000 included in the annual budget of the County for fiscal year 1953-54 as had been stated by the representative of the Chamber making public protest against the County taking such action.

The Secretary stated that an application had been filed by the Authority for voluntary coverage under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act for two of the three members of its staff; that it is now

desired to have all members of its staff included in the application. It was therefore moved by Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. McClellan, that Resolution No. 12, adopted by the Authority on February 10, 1953, be so amended as to include all members of the employees of the Authority in such application. Motion carried, four members voting aye- no votes, none.

Mr. Pollard reported that the County of Los Angeles had on July 28 adopted an order authorizing the payment to the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority the sum of \$2,500 for administrative expenses of the Authority for the month of July 1953, and stated that he would follow up the matter of making available the balance of the funds appropriated to the Authority by the Supervisors.

Representatives of the engineering groups engaged in making economic and engineering surveys for the Authority were introduced and made brief reports on work being done by them.

Colonel W. C. Lancaster spoke of the activities of Coverdale & Colpitts. He said that the principal thing to be determined was the economic feasibility of a mass rapid transit system. He defined "rapid transit" as "mass rapid transportation by rail at high speed, operations by headway rather than by schedule"; that "mass rapid transit would carry more people than any other method of transportation".

Colonel Lancaster stated, "In Los Angeles we need information to determine the pattern of travel, from where and to where the people travel, and how long it takes them to make the trip. All necessary information must be assembled and evaluated. The probable number of passengers must be estimated in order to make an estimation of fares to be charged to obtain necessary revenues."

MINUTE RECORD OF LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MEETING HELD ON THE

Fourth

DAY OF

August

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Colonel Lancaster then pointed out four advantages of a proposed system of rapid transit, namely:

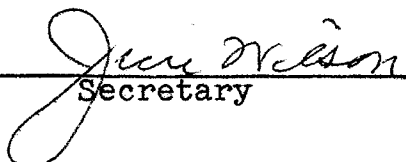
- (a) Increase in commercial and industrial activity by shortening the time of travel.
- (b) Increase in tax valuation in area.
- (c) Increase in size of metropolitan area without decreasing the high standard of living.
- (d) Increased safety. No transportation is as safe as rapid transit.

Mr. Hancock of Gibbs & Hill spoke of the work being done by their firm. He told of decreasing the weight of cars and said that they were working with the St. Louis Car Company and Budd Manufacturing Co. on proposed design of cars. They have developed a great deal of information and will soon be in a position to make estimates. Mr. Hancock answered a number of questions propounded by the members in a very satisfactory manner.

Mr. Donald Baker of Ruscardon Engineers reported on a population and origin and destination survey being conducted by his group which was most satisfactory. He said that considerable work had been done on traffic conditions with results as to numbers of automotive vehicles and the numbers of persons per car from several different areas.

Mr. Ward of Coverdale & Colpitts discussed their method of attack to determine the economic feasibility of a proposed system.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

  
Secretary

At a regular meeting of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority held on August 4, 1953, upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted by unanimous vote of all members present, Resolution Number Twelve of the Authority was amended to read as follows:

RESOLUTION NUMBER TWELVE  
(As amended)

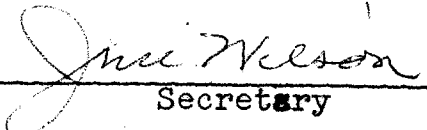
WHEREAS the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority is exempt under Section 7 (f) of the California Unemployment Insurance Act; and

WHEREAS the Secretary and Treasurer and General Manager of the said Authority desire to make application for elective coverage of employees of a State, its political subdivision or instrumentalities under Section 7.6 of the Act: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority hereby elects, under Section 7.6 of the California Unemployment Insurance Act, to become an employer subject to such Act with respect to employment as set forth in this elective coverage agreement, and hereby makes application for written approval of this election by the California Employment Stabilization Commission. It is understood that upon approval of this election by the Commission the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority will be subject to the Act as of the date specified in this approval, and that under the Act will continue indefinitely or until elective coverage is terminated as provided by Section 15 of the California Unemployment Insurance Act and Section 34 (f), title 22, of the California Administrative Code.

This Authority accepts liability for payment of the required Employer Contributions and agrees to withhold and remit to the Department the required wage earner contributions.

I, Jim Wilson, Secretary of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 12 of the Authority as amended at regular meeting of the Authority held on August 4, 1953.

  
Secretary

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July 23, 1953

Board of Supervisors  
Los Angeles County  
Hall of Records  
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

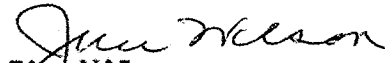
Attached hereto is a statement of expenditures by the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority of funds provided by the County of Los Angeles for administrative expenses of the Authority from July 1, 1952, to June 30, 1953, inclusive, as specified in the contract by and between the County and the Authority dated October 22, 1952.

By the terms of said contract expenditures would be made by the Authority during the fiscal year of 1952-53 for certain purposes as specified in the contract named above, and reports of such expenditures made to the County at quarterly periods, with final reports to be made to the County within 30 days after June 30, 1953.

Statements were submitted to the County at the end of the first period, December 31, 1952; also at the end of the second period ending March 31, 1953.

We present herewith a final statement of expenses covering the entire period from July 1, 1952, to and including June 30, 1953, with statement of unexpended balances remaining in the several budgetary allowances provided for in the contract, amounting to a total of \$4,569.46, check for which is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jim Wilson  
Secretary

JW/lw  
Encl.

UNEXPENDED BALANCES REMAINING IN THE  
ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS OF THE LOS ANGELES  
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1952, TO JUNE 30,  
1953, INCLUSIVE

Salaries and Wages Account	\$ 475.00
Miscellaneous Supplies and Services	71.74
Hotel and Travel	4,631.11
Public Information Service	<u>391.61</u>
Total	\$ 5,569.46
Attorney's fees and legal expense as provided in amendment to contract between the County and the Authority dated June 24, 1953	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Net balance returned to County	\$ 4,569.46
Total Amount Appropriated by the County July 1, 1952, to June 30, 1953	\$42,275.00
Expenditures	\$37,705.54
Balance	\$ 4,569.46

MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

Total Amount Budgeted \$ 3,000.00

## Expended as follows:

Stationery, office supplies, printing, maps, petty cash, etc.	\$ 747.46
Furniture and fixtures, filing cabinets, typewriter, adding machine, tables	849.12
Telephone and telegraph local and long distance tolls and service	744.33
General office expense, including postage, express, window drapes, conditioning offices	416.55
Taxes, employer's contributions to State Unemployment Division	170.80
Total expenditures- July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953, inclusive	\$ 2,928.26
Balance unexpended in budgetary allocation	<u>71.74</u> \$ 3,000.00

SALARIES AND WAGES ACCOUNT

Total Amount Budgeted \$ 24,275.00

Expended as follows:

General Manager- services and salary from July 18, 1952, to June 30, 1953, inclusive	
Cash payments	\$13,666.80
Taxes withheld	583.20
Total	<u>\$14,250.00</u>

Secretary (as provided by law) and General Office Manager July 1, 1952, to June 30, 1953, inclusive	
Cash payments	6,208.80
Taxes withheld	991.20
Total	<u>\$ 7,200.00</u>

Treasurer (as provided by law) Receptionist and Typist November 4, 1952 to June 30, 1953, inclusive	
Cash payments	1,949.77
Taxes withheld	400.23
	<u>\$ 2,350.00</u>

Total Expenditures, Salaries and Wages  
July 1, 1952, to June 30, 1953, inclusive \$ 23,800.00

Balance remaining unexpended 475.00  
\$ 24,275.00



HOTEL AND TRAVEL EXPENSE

Total Amount Budgeted		\$7,500.00
Expended as follows:		
Transportation to New York, Washington, D.C., St. Louis, San Francisco, Sacramento and various other places outside Los Angeles County	\$ 969.16	
Hotel expense in cities named above	<u>1,899.73</u>	
Total expended		<u>\$2,868.89</u>
Balance remaining in fund		\$4,631.11

PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICE

Total amount in this account		\$7,500.00
Paid Public Information Counsel:		
For Services	\$6,000.00	
For Expenses	<u>1,108.39</u>	
Total	<u>\$7,108.39</u>	
Balance remaining unexpended		\$ 391.61

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
"FOR ENGINEERING, LEGAL AND INCIDENTAL  
EXPENSES FOR ENGINEERING AND ECONOMIC  
STUDIES OF RAPID TRANSIT ROUTES", ACCORD-  
ING TO AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN CONTRACT BY  
AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
THE LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT  
AUTHORITY DATED MARCH 10, 1953.**

Receipts from County	
March 25, 1953	\$ 50,000.00
June 30, 1953	50,000.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$100,000.00</u>

**Expenditures by the Authority**

April 20, 1953	
Paid Coverdale & Colpitts, first payment on signing contract in total amount of \$85,000 for the purpose of making economic and engineering studies and surveys within the area and for purposes designated by Chapter 1668 of the enactments of the Legislature of 1951	\$ 15,000.00
June 1, 1953	
Paid Coverdale & Colpitts monthly payment on contract	\$ 14,000.00
Drafting tables, desks, map cases for engineers	446.88
Conditioning offices J, K and L (Builders' Control Building)	320.76
Rent offices J, K & L - May and June	<u>440.00</u>
Total paid out as of June 30, 1953	\$ 30,207.24
Balance remaining in fund June 30, 1953	\$ 69,792.76

Attached is a progress report by the General Manager.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jim Wilson*  
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Secretary

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