

The regular monthly meeting of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority was held at the office of the Authority in Room 810 at 433 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California, on August 4, 1952.

There were present the following members:

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

Absent:

Walter J. Brunmark
B. O. Miller
Lloyd S. Whaley

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 3:20 P.M.

The Minutes of July 15 and July 18 were read, approved and unanimously adopted as corrected.

Under unfinished business the matter of the amount of per diem expense to be allowed the General Manager when absent from the County on official business came under discussion. It was moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Dean, that the General Manager be allowed reasonable hotel and other expenses under such conditions. Motion unanimously adopted.

Secretary Wilson reported on negotiations with County officials and department heads regarding allocations of funds to be provided by the County Board of Supervisors. No definite determination had as yet been arrived at, but it was expected that a further report would be made at the next meeting.

Chairman Pollard stated that it was imperative that the General Manager be directed to proceed to Washington, D.C., and other eastern cities for the purpose of ascertaining what types of engineering and transit surveys would be required by the Reconstruction Finance Cor-

poration, and/or other loaning institutions in order to establish a sound basis on which revenue bonds might be issued and sold; also to interview such engineering firms acceptable to Reconstruction Finance Corporation to see if some arrangements might be made whereby local engineering firms would be employed to make the necessary surveys for that purpose. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that Chairman Pollard be authorized to direct the General Manager to proceed at once to carry out the plans as above outlined, as soon as funds are available.

Mr. McClellan asked to be informed as to status of plans made by the Authority since the last meeting attended by him on May 12, 1952. Chairman Pollard gave a brief resume of activities of the Authority to date, with statement of negotiations now pending before the County of Los Angeles, etc.

Mr. Ralph P. Merritt, General Manager of the Authority, then made a thorough report on activities of himself and other members of the Authority; also described the various steps taken in Washington, Sacramento, in Los Angeles City and County leading up to the establishment of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, as well as making certain recommendations as to actions that should be taken immediately upon funds being made available.

It was moved that Chairman Pollard and Secretary be authorized to represent the Authority in the cities of London, England; Glasgow, Scotland; Paris, France; and in Wuppertal and Elberfeld, Germany; and as such representatives be entitled to exemption from Federal tax on transportation fares while so engaged. The motion was duly seconded and

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carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35

P.M.

Signed and Approved


Secretary