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Upon notice duly given, the Members of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority met in a Special Joint Meeting with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors at the Authority Board Room, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California, at 2:00 p.m. on December 16, 1959, at which time the Chairman called the meeting to order.

Chairman Carl P. Miller, Members Don Belding, Fred S. Dean, A. J. Eyraud, Hayden F. Jones, and Russell A. Quisenberry were present. Member Arthur J. Will was absent.

Present from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors were Chairman Frank G. Bonelli and Members Kenneth Hahn and Ernest E. Debs. Members Burton W. Chace and Warren M. Dorn were absent. Also present was Lindon S. Hollinger, Chief Administrative Officer of the County of Los Angeles.

Present from the Authority were Executive Director C. M. Gilliss; General Attorney Gerald G. Kelly; General Manager Cone T. Bass; Treasurer Wm. W. Wakelee; Administrative Assistant Edwin T. Bowler; Director of Business Development and Information James H. Raport; Richard Winn of the

Business Development and Information Division; and Secretary Virginia L. Rees.

Also attending were Carter Barber of the Mirror-News; Art Ryon of the Los Angeles Times; Kay Waymire of the Los Angeles Examiner; Joyce Peterson of the City News; and the public.

Mr. Miller welcomed the attending Members of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Gilliss then gave a report on the Authority's anti-smog contributions, together with a summary of the Authority's proposals for reducing smog in the future.

Mr. Irvan F. Mendenhall of the firm of Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall gave a report of his firm's activities in carrying out an engineering study to determine the specific requirements for a mass rapid transit system in the Los Angeles area.

Messrs. Bonelli, Hahn and Debs then addressed the meeting. Supervisor Bonelli stated that the Board of Supervisors had great indirect interest in transportation of the public and a desire to be kept informed by the Authority of its actions.

Supervisor Hahn spoke on the history of public transportation in Los Angeles County. He stated that rapid rail transit was the transportation answer in the Los Angeles

WFOB, BUT FOSTERED THAT THE AUTHORITY WAS "HANDICAPPED"

making large capital expenditures as it had no taxing power.

Its toll revenues were inadequate, as they were clogging up

and thus remove large areas of land from the tax rolls.

Superior Court Judge joined in the thought that freeways

"are not the answer" to the county's transportation problems.

He urged decisive action by the Authority as soon as the

engineers have determined the type and cost of the best rapid

transit system.

Superior Court Judge, Judge and Hall felt that the Los

Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority Act of 1957 was in

need of amendments to provide the Authority with necessary

power and resources to fulfill its objectives and stated

that they would support the Authority before the Legislature

on such amendments.

The meeting thereupon adjourned.

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