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STANDARD MINUTE RECORD

In accordance with the action of the Authority taken at its previous meeting of December 29, 1952, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority met in special session in Room 404 of the Jonathan Club at 545 South Figueroa Street at the hour and date above written.

Present: Fred S. Dean Martin E. Pollard
H. C. McClellan Lloyd S. Whaley
B. O. Miller Jim Wilson

Absent: Walter J. Brunmark

Also in attendance: Ralph P. Merritt, General Manager
Stephen Wells

This being a joint meeting of the Authority and the Subcommittee of the Traffic and Transit Committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and there being nine members of that committee present including its Secretary, the first part of the session was given over to the presentation and discussion of the proposal which the Authority contemplates presenting to the State Legislature at its current session.

The Chairman then made the following statement:

"This meeting has been called for the purpose of discussing a proposal for action in connection with the development of mass rapid transit operations in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area. Since the last joint meeting held November 11, 1952, by the Authority and your Committee, certain developments have taken place which have prompted us, as members of the Authority, to develop a plan for immediate action. This plan is outlined in a proposal which I believe has been given to you previously for your consideration.

"It was thought, earlier, that a broad study of rapid transit needs for Metropolitan Los Angeles might be made in accordance with the

University Presidents' Report. Because of the time required and the cost of making such a survey, which is considerable, and also because the Authority felt there was great urgency for prompt action, we believed that the problem should be approached along the lines outlined in the said proposal.

"The Authority has not yet taken formal action on this proposal. It was felt that in the interest of harmony and full cooperation between the Authority and your Committee, this proposal should be discussed at a joint meeting of the two organizations. It is only fair to say that the members of the Authority are favorably disposed toward this proposal as an approach to our problem.

"We would like to have an expression from your Committee as to its views concerning the proposal. Should the Committee and the Authority jointly approve it as a plan of procedure, it should be clearly understood as to the obligations assumed by each. Should we agree upon the terms of the proposal, the Authority would seek from the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County the sum of \$100,000; would submit to the State Legislature certain amendments to bring about the changes included in the proposal. As soon as possible the Authority would negotiate with Coverdale & Colpitts along lines specified in the proposal and would also, should the full plan become operative, appoint the committees and cooperate with them according to the terms of the said proposal.

"Your Committee would be expected to exercise its full influence to secure the endorsement of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, to assure its active support on our behalf in obtaining the necessary funds from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and thus to assure the

Chamber's help in gaining favorable action on the proposed amendments to be submitted by the Authority to the State Legislature.

"Now in order that there may be a clear understanding, I shall read the proposal in full."

The Chairman then read the proposal in full.

"In contemplating the studies to be made prior to the development of a rapid transit system for Metropolitan Los Angeles, it is my recommendation that the following steps be taken:

1. Negotiate a contract with Coverdale & Colpitts as Consulting Engineers, in an amount not to exceed \$85,000, for the purpose of determining the following:
 - (a) Will the rapid transit route generally described in Assembly Bill No. 3112, if adopted, be a proper beginning for the development of rapid transit throughout this area, and will it integrate appropriately with any proper future plan?
 - (b) What is the traffic potential for the rapid transit route as described above in terms of payload, revenue, etc.? Determine needed stations, speeds, etc.
 - (c) Develop engineering design and costs for monorail installation on route.

Final responsibility for selection of the subcontracting engineering firms chosen to make the traffic study and the monorail study is to rest with Coverdale & Colpitts, who also will be expected to make the final economic report.

It is understood that if chosen by Coverdale & Colpitts, the traffic studies may be made by the office of Donald Baker at a subcontract cost not to exceed \$20,000 and that the monorail engineering studies may be made by Gibbs & Hill at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. (Each of these studies to be included within the overall cost of \$85,000.)

"The purpose of the above studies is to determine whether or not the route described above is an appropriate first step in developing rapid transit in Metropolitan Los Angeles and, if so, whether or not revenue would promise to make it self-supporting. It is also the purpose to

learn whether or not a monorail type of rapid transit would be practical for use on this route.

"The results of these engineering investigations should indicate whether or not the revenue bond plan of financing is the proper method. Determination as to what action should be taken on actual construction and operation will necessarily depend upon results obtained.

2. Upon completion of the above studies and reports, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority will appoint two advisory committees, one made up of engineers, and one made up of civic leaders. The purpose of these committees is to carry out the general intent for such committees as recommended by the University Presidents' Report.

All information obtained as a result of the engineering and economic studies outlined above shall be made available to each of the two committees and the Authority will receive from these committees any recommendations which they may wish to offer.

Should it then be determined by the Authority that further action is warranted in connection with the development of rapid transit in this area, the committees will be continued, will be kept informed, and their counsel carefully considered.

3. That an effort be made at once to amend Assembly Bill No. 3112 as follows:
 - (a) Widen the scope to include the entire Los Angeles area.
 - (b) Modify to include all types of transportation.
 - (c) Remove the Authority from supervision by the Public Utilities Commission, and
 - (d) Exempt properties of the Authority from taxation."

The Committee of the Chamber of Commerce was thereupon requested to make any statement relative to the proposal that they might desire.

Mr. Burch Green, the Chairman of that Committee, said that their organization had received advance copies of the proposal as read, had given it full and careful consideration, and that while the proposal did not include all the things their Committee wanted, it still

seemed to be the best plan that could be had at this time. He stated, further, that if the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority adopts the proposed plan, as read by its Chairman, their Committee will endorse it and will also make every effort to secure its adoption by the State Legislature and by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; that they would also endeavor to get the support of the Directors of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to have the proposal adopted by the State of California and the County of Los Angeles.

This concluded the business before the two organizations. The Chairman of the Authority expressed the grateful appreciation of the members of the Authority for the cooperation of the members of the Traffic and Transit Committee, as evidenced by the time and study given to the proposal, and in helping to formulate and carry forward the plan as outlined in the proposal. After remarks by several of their members, that Committee retired and the regular business session of the Authority began.

The minutes of the previous meeting of December 29, 1952, were approved.

The financial statement of the Treasurer for the period ending December 31, 1952, was read. MOVED BY MR. WHALEY, SECONDED BY MR. McCLELLAN THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED AND FILED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolutions Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11, reading as follows, were introduced and acted upon:

"WHEREAS the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, after full consideration and consultation with agencies, organizations and individuals interested in the development of adequate interurban mass rapid transit facilities for Los Angeles County, has determined as a result

of such conferences and such consultations that the public interest will best be served by the expansion of the area to include all Los Angeles County and shall not be confined to that portion of Los Angeles County presently named in the Transit Authority Act, and to the expansion of powers to include various types of public transit facilities; and

"WHEREAS the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority through authorized representatives has consulted with Federal agencies, banks and investment houses with reference to the requirements for the issuance of acceptable revenue bonds, and has been advised that the present Transit Authority Act should be amended to exempt the properties and bonds of the Authority from taxation and exempt the Authority from control of its rate structure and all other matters by the California Public Utilities Commission: Now therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, through its General Manager, present to the current session of the Legislature of the State of California an Act to amend certain portions of the Authority Act of 1951 and to repeal certain other portions of said Act, all for the accomplishment of the purposes heretofore described, which proposed Act shall expand the area to include all of Los Angeles County; expand the transit facilities to include all presently operating types of public transit; exempt the Authority from taxation of its properties and its bonds and exempt the Authority from control of the California Public Utilities Commission."

The Chairman called for a vote of the members and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot, six members voting aye and noes none.

This Resolution shall be known as No. 8.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

1. Prepare for final approval by the Authority a contract with Coverdale & Colpitts of New York as Consulting Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$85,000, including services of subcontractors, for the purpose of determining, among other studies, the following:

(a) Will the rapid transit route described in Assembly Bill 3112, if adopted, be a proper beginning for the development of rapid transit throughout this area, and will it integrate appropriately with any other future plan?

(b) What is the traffic potential for the rapid transit route as described above in terms of payload, revenue, etc? Determine needed stations, speeds, etc.

(c) Develop engineering design and costs for monorail installation on route.

Final responsibility for selection of the subcontracting engineering firms chosen to make the traffic study and the monorail study is to rest with Coverdale & Colpitts, who also will be expected to make the final economic report.

The purpose of the above studies is to determine whether or not the route described above is an appropriate first step in developing rapid transit in Metropolitan Los Angeles, and if so, whether or not revenues would promise to make it self-supporting. It is also the purpose to learn whether or not a monorail type of rapid transit would be practical for use on this route.

It was moved by Mr. McClellan and seconded by Mr. Dean that the following resolution be adopted:

"RESOLVED, That Ralph P. Merritt, General Manager of the Authority, be authorized by the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority to present to the State Legislature at its current session, and to other agencies, such legislation as may be approved by the Authority, and to direct the campaign for legislative approval. Expenses of travel, hotel, telephone and telegraph, and other necessary charges incurred in legislative session, to be paid from allocations by the Authority from 'Hotel and Travel' and 'Public Information Service' funds."

After discussion of the resolution the Chairman called for a vote of the members, whereupon the Secretary announced that the vote was six ayes-- noes none.

This Resolution shall be known as No. 9.

Upon motion of Mr. McClellan seconded by Mr. Dean, the following resolution was considered by the members:

"RESOLVED, That the General Manager be, and is, authorized to prepare for final approval by the Authority a contract with Coverdale & Colpitts of New York as Consulting Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$85,000, including services of subcontractors, for the purpose of determining, among other studies, the following:

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The chairman called for a vote on this resolution and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot, six members voting aye-- voting no, none.

This Resolution shall be known as No. 10.

Mr. McClellan moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion that the following resolution of policy be adopted for the creation of advisory committees:

"RESOLVED, That upon completion of the above studies and reports, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority will appoint two advisory committees, one made up of engineers, and one composed of civic leaders. The purpose of these committees is to carry out the general intent for such committees as recommended by the University Presidents' Report.

"All information obtained as a result of the engineering and economic studies outlined above shall be made available to each of the two committees, and the Authority will receive from these committees any recommendations which they may wish to offer.

"Should it then be determined by the Authority that further action is warranted in connection with the development of rapid transit in this area the committees will be continued, will be kept informed, and their counsel carefully considered."

This shall be known as Resolution No. 11.

Upon a call of the vote of the members by the Chairman, the Secretary announced that the vote was six ayes and noes none.

The Chairman suggested that some news releases should be prepared as soon as possible. Some discussion followed. Mr. McClellan suggested that news releases should be withheld until Thursday, January 15, or thereafter, at which time there would be public newspaper accounts of the amendments to Assembly Bill 3112, to be submitted to the State Legislature by the Authority. The same subject also was discussed with respect to public appearances by members or officers of the Authority before public bodies of various kinds.

Discussion was had by members as to method of presenting the proposed amendments to the State Legislature. The General Manager was asked for information on the subject, to which he responded.

There being no further business, IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MILLER, SECONDED BY MR. DEAN, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment at 2:45 p.m.

Signed and approved

Dean Wilson Secretary

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY UNDER CONTRACT #1565-C

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located			\$13,525.00
nt, Treasurer- Salary Nov. 4 to Dec. 31, Cash	\$	446.82	
		Withholding Tax	103.18
		Total	550.00
, Secretary- Salary July 1 to Dec. 31, Cash		3,062.40	
		Withholding Tax	537.60
		Total	3,600.00
erritt- Services as General Manager			
July 18 to Dec. 31		6,750.00	
Federal Taxes on Same		13.50	
ries and Wages			<u>10,913.50</u>
aining in Fund.			\$ 2,611.50
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
located			2,500.00
Cruise-Tours - Airplane Tickets to Washington,			
York, etc.		301.90	
Refund on same		17.56	
		<u>284.34</u>	
erritt - Hotel and Travel Expense, Washington,			
York, etc.		<u>381.06</u>	
.			665.40
aining in Fund			\$1,834.00
<u>ON SERVICE</u>			
located			7,500.00
nts			None
aining in Fund			7,500.00
out			\$12,396.28
aining in Allocation			12,128.72

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Wright
Treasurer

Los Angeles, California
January 2, 1953

Name

Member Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority

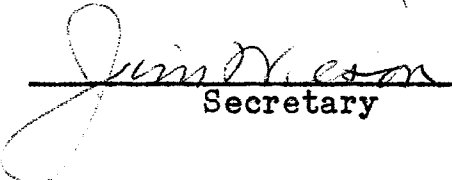
Member's Address

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority will be held in room 404 of the Jonathan Club, 545 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, at 12 o'clock noon on Friday, January 9, 1953, for the purpose of transacting such business as may properly come before it.

You are urged to be present at this meeting as it is the last to be held prior to presentation of the amendments to A.B. #3112 at the next session of the Legislature.

/s/ Jim Wilson
Secretary

I, JIM WILSON, Secretary of Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the notice delivered to all members of the Authority, giving due notice of the special meeting held on January 9, 1952.


Secretary

We, the undersigned, being all the members of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority do hereby ratify, adopt and consent to all the acts, resolutions, appointments, proceedings, rules and regulations of this Authority of January 9, 1953, and do hereby approve said minutes.

W. J. Burrell

2/10/53

Walter J. Taylor

2/10/53

B. T. Meene

2/10/53

Lloyd S. Whaley

1-9-53

Fred Bear

Jan 9, 1953

B. T. Meene

Jan 9/53

Jim Wilson

1-9-53

Ken H. ...

1-10-53