

LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Regular Meeting of
the Members of the Authority

July 2, 1963

Upon notice duly given, the Members of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority met at a regular meeting in the Authority Board Room, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California, at 10:30 a.m. on July 2, 1963, at which time the Chairman called the meeting to order.

Chairman A. J. Eyraud, Members Walter M. Briggs, Fred S. Dean, and Warden Woolard were present. Members Mark Boyar, N. R. Dumont and Martin Pollard were absent. Also present were Executive Director C. M. Gilliss; General Attorney Gerald G. Kelly; General Manager Cone T. Bass; Treasurer Walter J. Braunschweiger; Controller H. L. Black; Director of Public Relations R. O. Christiansen; Secretary Virginia L. Rees; and the public.

Lavern E. Hough

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

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority provides urban transportation over the streets and highways of an area having the greatest number of private vehicles in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the safety record of nearly 2,500 MTA operators is one of the best in the nation; and

WHEREAS, each day operators handle extraordinary traffic situations in a routine manner; and

WHEREAS, some of these actions border on true heroism beyond and above the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, on the 19th day of June, 1963, such an act of heroism was performed by Operator Lavern E. Hough, who halted his loaded coach, ran to a careening vehicle, and brought it to a halt; and

WHEREAS, this act not only saved his passengers from injury, but prevented possible injury to pedestrians and further collision with other vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority takes cognizance of this heroic action and commends Operator Lavern E. Hough for outstanding devotion to and beyond the call of duty, and for his unselfish concern for the safety of his fellowman.

Report of Director of Public Relations

Mr. Christiansen presented the report of the Public Relations Department, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary.

Approval of Work Order No. 1671

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

WHEREAS, on May 21, 1963 the Authority approved a Brokerage Agreement with American International Bus Exchange providing for that firm to act as sales agent for certain surplus used Authority equipment; and

WHEREAS, under that Agreement, American International Bus Exchange has completed the sale of Mack Bus No. 5026, without tires, to the City of Commerce, California, at a gross sales price of \$3,978.00, including taxes; and

WHEREAS, the sales agreement between the broker and the City of Commerce provides that the bus will be painted inside and out and made ready for service; and

WHEREAS, the net price that will accrue to the Authority after the execution of these repairs and the payment of sales commission, will exceed the minimum amount at which the said vehicle was advertised for sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Work Order No. 1671, covering the preparation for service of the said vehicle, at an estimated cost of \$650.00, be and the same is hereby approved.

Disposal of Surplus Equipment

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

RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Agent be and he hereby is authorized to dispose of one lot of obsolete motor coach parts for GMC Model TDH 4101, at a net price of \$400.00, pursuant to Article IX of the Rules and Regulations and subject to prior approval of the Consulting Engineer.

Approval of Work Order No. 1674

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

RESOLVED, that Work Order No. 1674, covering an addition to the Operators' Room and washroom facilities at Division No. 1 Administration Building, at a total cost of \$11,000, be and the same is hereby approved.

Approval of Work Order No. 1675 - Demolition of Substation Building

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

RESOLVED, that Work Order No. 1675, covering the demolition of existing substation building at Division No. 5, removal of all debris from premises, and paving area with 6-inch AC pavement, in the total estimated cost of \$10,000.00, be and the same is hereby approved; subject, however, to the General Manager reporting back to the Authority of award of bids on the work to be performed thereunder.

Changes of Bus Stop Zones

The General Manager reported that for the purpose of more efficient operation and more convenience to the public, certain changes had been made in bus stops. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the report dated June 24, 1963 relating to changes of bus stop zones, filed with the Secretary, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved.

Temporary Route Diversions

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

RESOLVED, that the temporary route diversions resulting from construction work affecting Lines 24, 39, 51, 68, 124 and 127, as described in report dated June 24, 1963, filed with the Secretary, be and the same are hereby ratified and approved.

Report of Purchasing Agent of Statement of Materials and Supplies Account

The General Manager reported that pursuant to Section 8.6 E of the Rules and Regulations, the Purchasing Agent had submitted a Statement of Materials and Supplies Account for the month

of May, 1963, a copy of which report is on file with the Secretary.

Report of Purchasing Committee

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

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Purchasing Committee of Authorizations for the period June 18, 1963 through July 1, 1963, as discussed at this meeting and filed with the Secretary, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved, and the appropriate payments are hereby authorized.

Changes of Route Description

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

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to make those changes in route on Line Nos. 113 and 116, as discussed at this meeting and as described in report dated June 24, 1963 filed with the Secretary, effective July 8, 1963, subject to the prior approval of the Consulting Engineer;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to make appropriate revisions in the Official Route Authorizations of the Authority as adopted on April 5, 1960 to reflect the above changes in route description.

Resolution of Board of Directors of The Ebell of Los Angeles

The Executive Director reported receipt of resolution adopted June 13, 1963 by the Board of Directors of The Ebell of Los Angeles, opposing the proposed plan as set forth by the Alweg Corporation to construct a monorail on 8th Street. The resolution was referred to the Engineering Committee.

Letter of City Council of the City of San Gabriel

The Executive Director reported receipt of letter dated June 21, 1963 from William J. Probert, Chief Administrative Officer of the City of San Gabriel, in which it is stated that the City Council at its meeting on June 18, 1963 went on record as vigorously opposing the use of Valley Boulevard for the installation of a monorail facility. The letter was referred to the Engineering Committee.

Letter of Fremont Place Association

The Executive Director reported receipt of letter dated June 6, 1963 from Irvin Kaiser, member of the Board of Directors of the Fremont Place Association, protesting the use of Fremont Place's private streets for a right of way for any rail system. The letter was referred to the Engineering Committee.

Resolution of City Council of City of El Monte

The Executive Director reported receipt of resolution No. 2954 of the City Council of the City of El Monte, dated June 24, 1963, endorsing in principle the Alweg Monorail proposal.

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 10:30 a.m. on July 16, 1963.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

VIRGINIA L. REES

Secretary