

MINUTE RECORD OF LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MEETING HELD ON THE

Thirtieth

DAY OF

June

1954

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Pursuant to the call of Chairman Pollard, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority met in special session at the office of the Authority, 2233 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on Wednesday June 30, 1954. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 3 p.m.

On roll call the following members were present:

Walter J. Brunmark  
Fred S. Dean  
Hayden F. Jones

Martin E. Pollard  
Jim Wilson  
Clarence A. Winder

Absent: Emmett E. Doherty

Also in attendance: Ralph P. Merritt, General Manager  
James L. Beebe, General Attorney

Moved by Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. Winder, that reading of the minutes of June 8, 1954, be waived and that said minutes be approved as written and previously distributed to the members. Roll was called, six members voting aye on motion, no members voting no.

It was duly moved and seconded that minutes of special meetings of February 1, 1954 and March 2, 1954 be approved as written and previously distributed. On roll call motion was adopted, six members voting aye and no members voting no.

The General Secretary then read the communication from the Board of Supervisors, dated June 16, with reference to the appropriations for the Authority for the year 1954-55, which letter reads as follows:

"Mr. Arthur J. Will  
Chief Administrative Officer

"At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on June 16, 1954, orders were adopted with respect to the requests of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority as follows:

1. Authorizing inclusion of \$49,770.00 in the Final Budget for 1954-55 for administration expenses, with the understanding that none of this money can be used for legal services, and
2. Authorizing inclusion of \$40,000.00 in the 1954-55 Final Budget for engineering studies on all types of rapid transit.

"Order adopted  
By Board of Supervisors  
June 22, 1954

Ray E. Lee, Chief Clerk  
by G. Thornton"

"REL/am/hs

The Chairman expressed appreciation to the members of the Authority for their participation with him in the obtaining of the favorable action of the Board of Supervisors on the budget requests of the Authority.

Attention was called to the clause contained in paragraph No. 1 of the Order of the Board of Supervisors, which states: "with the understanding that none of this money can be used for legal services". Mr. Beebe, who has been the General Attorney of the Authority since its organization in 1952, stated that he had discussed with Supervisor Jessup the interpretation which the Board of Supervisors desired to make of their action in specifically providing that no administrative funds can be used for legal services. Supervisor Jessup had stated to Mr. Beebe that at the time the order was passed by the Board there was no knowledge on the part of Supervisor Jessup that Mr. Beebe had been the General Attorney of the Authority for more than two years. The action was stated to be a declaration of policy by the Board of Supervisors by which legal advice would be provided hereafter by the office of the County Counsel. The Chairman pointed out to the members of the Authority that Mr. Beebe

had rendered continuous legal services for more than two years and that these services had included the development of the bylaws of the Authority, the checking as to form of the minutes of all meetings of the Authority, preparation of proposed amendments presented to the Legislature of California, the development of all contracts of the Authority with the County and with Engineers and others, and all other legal services that had been required. No bill for services had ever been rendered by Mr. Beebe but the members of the Authority had ordered paid to the General Attorney during the entire period of time the sum of \$1000.

Mr. Pollard expressed great appreciation on behalf of the Authority to Mr. Beebe for his generous and public-spirited services. Mr. Beebe then recommended to the Authority that no attempt should be made to modify the terms of the appropriation made by the Board of Supervisors and that arrangements should be made for legal services to be rendered by the office of the County Counsel. However, in addition, Mr. Beebe stated that he would be glad to act from time to time in any advisory legal capacity which might be requested by the Authority prior to such time as the Authority might undertake the actual development of transit systems for Los Angeles.

It was moved by Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. Jones, that Chairman and General Manager be requested to confer with Chief Administrative Officer of the County, Mr. A. J. Will, at an early date with reference to the availability of funds and the procedures to be followed by the Authority pursuant to the action of the Board of Supervisors. The Chairman put the motion and on roll call all members voted aye, no members voting no.

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At his request, Mr. Beebe was excused from the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Winder, authorization was given to the Chairman and Treasurer to make monthly payments from administrative funds for staff salaries as follows:

General Manager	\$1250.00
General Secretary	600.00
Treasurer	300.00

less the usual withholding taxes, and the payment of telephone, telegraph, rental, travel, supplies and miscellaneous expenses upon a monthly basis from funds within the budget allowances, reports of all payments to be made to members quarterly.

It was stated that the books of the Authority for the year 1953-54 for administration and for engineering contracts would be closed during the month of July and that in each of the appropriations by the supervisors there would be balances to be returned to the County in accordance with the contracts.

Moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Dean that the Chairman of the Authority should send a letter to each member of the Board of Supervisors and all interested department heads, containing the annual report of the Treasurer of the Authority, calling special attention to the items of unexpended balances refunded to the County from amounts appropriated. The Chairman called for a vote of the members, all members voting aye, no members voting no.

With regard to the current engineering study of Pacific Electric rights of way and related matters which are being financed from the balance of the funds appropriated by the Board of Supervisors for engineering studies for the period ending June 30, 1954, the General Manager made the following statement:

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"Pursuant to the memorandum of May 18, 1954, on the subject 'Study of Pacific Electric Rights of Way in Los Angeles County' and the authorizations given therein, the General Manager begs to advise the members of the Authority that contracts of employment have been made with Mr. L. H. Appel, Consulting Engineer, in the amount of \$1000 and with Mr. S. P. Barnes, Consulting Civil and Structural Engineer, in the amount of \$2000. Copies of both contracts for the minutes are herewith attached. Funds necessary thereto have been encumbered from the engineering funds appropriated by the Board of Supervisors. In addition thereto, salary payments to Sam Akers in the amount of \$750 at the rate of \$500 a month and incidental expenses not to exceed \$200. Total appropriation for the preliminary investigation of Pacific Electric rights of way and for availability of Pacific Electric subway and station terminal in Subway Terminal Building, not to exceed \$4000."

The General Manager reported that pursuant to the minutes of the Authority of June 8, 1954, two informal meetings have been held with Mr. Leland Kaiser of Kaiser & Company, Russ Building, San Francisco, resulting in an acknowledgment by Mr. Kaiser of the informal suggestion to act as Financial Advisor, which he has taken under advisement and upon which there will be further discussion and further report to the Authority.

Request was made by General Manager for authorization to employ Sam M. Akers at the rate of \$500 a month for the continuation of economic studies, and it was thereupon moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Dean that the General Manager be given authorization to employ Sam M. Akers to render special economic and other services as may be required by General Manager by personal service contract for a period of three months at the rate of \$500 a month, beginning July 1, 1954, payment to

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be made upon monthly bill being rendered by Mr. Akers. The roll was called, all members voting aye, no members voting no.

Authorization was given to the General Manager to respectfully advise the Public Utilities Commission of California, in reply to their inquiry, that the right of way presently owned by the Pacific Electric Railway on Cahuenga Pass from Highland Avenue extending 920 feet beyond Barham Boulevard is a portion of the right of way proposed by the Coverdale & Colpitts Report for use in a Mass Rapid Transit System from the San Fernando Valley to Hollywood and Los Angeles. The Authority, by such a letter, would request the Public Utilities Commission to postpone action on the proposed transfer of this property to the Highway Commission pending further discussion of the matter between the General Manager of the Authority and the Chief Engineer of the Highway Commission to determine the urgency of need by the Highway Commission, in order that the requirements of the Mass Rapid Transit System may be given full consideration.

The General Manager then requested authorization to undertake correspondence with the firm of Coverdale & Colpitts to determine the availability of that firm for an engineering study of the subject "Are buses adequate and sufficient as the sole transit facility to meet the needs of Los Angeles County for Mass Rapid Transit?". Attention was called to the statement that had been made to the Authority by Mr. Beebe that Supervisor Jessup was of the opinion that buses were the answer to the transit problems of Los Angeles County and that opinion was shared by others and was continually being presented to the public as a solution of the transit problems of Los Angeles County by the Metropolitan Coach Lines and the Los Angeles Transit Lines.

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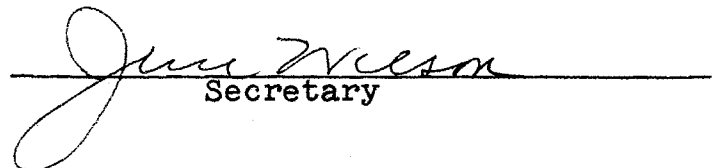
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In discussing the desirability of obtaining the services of Coverdale & Colpitts to make this report, the General Manager stated that such a report would be an important and necessary part of the eventual final study of transit for Los Angeles County to be presented to investment bankers and that the conclusions of the foremost Economic Engineers, Coverdale & Colpitts, would carry the greatest weight in the determination of the final answer to this important question. After thorough discussion it was moved by Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. Winder, that the General Manager communicate with Coverdale & Colpitts to determine the scope, cost and time involved in the making of a report: "Are buses adequate and sufficient as the sole transit facility to meet the needs of Los Angeles County for Mass Rapid Transit?".

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

  
Secretary

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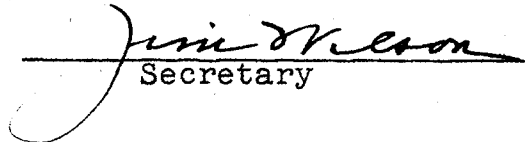
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Los Angeles, California  
June 25, 1954

Notice given to all members:

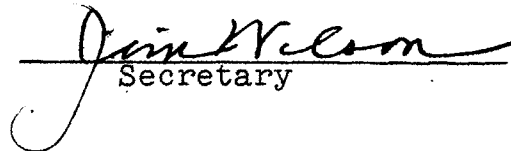
You are hereby notified that Chairman Pollard has called a special meeting of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority to be held at the office of the Authority, 2233 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on Wednesday, June 30, 1954, at 3 p.m.

This meeting is to be held for the purpose of considering the budgetary appropriations to the Authority by Los Angeles County for the fiscal year 1954-55, and for such other business as may properly come before it.

  
Secretary

I, Jim Wilson, Secretary of Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of notice of a special meeting of the Authority to be held on June 30, 1954, at 3 p.m. at its offices at 2233 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Said notices were delivered to all members of the Authority.

  
Secretary



COPY

S. B. BARNES

CONSULTING STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

2236 BEVERLY BOULEVARD

LOS ANGELES 57, CALIFORNIA

DUNKIRK 2-2385

MARK F. DEERING  
ROBERT J. KADOW  
ASSOCIATES

June 28, 1954

Mr. Ralph P. Merritt  
General Manager  
Los Angeles Metropolitan  
Transit Authority  
2233 Beverly Boulevard  
Los Angeles 57, California

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Pursuant to our recent discussion, I propose to make a preliminary study of the feasibility of constructing a rapid transit monorail type line from Sunset Boulevard and Glendale Avenue through the existing tunnel into the Subway Terminal Building and thence to the edge of the Pacific Electric Building at Sixth and Main Streets and north under Hill Street to the Civic Center. I propose to make this study and submit to you a report on this study for a fee of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

If this meets with the approval of the Authority I will be able to start work on this study when authorized.

Approval of this proposal may be indicated by signature in the space provided below or by more formal contract if desired.

Very truly yours,

S. B. BARNES  
Consulting Civil and  
Structural Engineer

By

  
S. B. BARNES

SBB:s

PROPOSAL ACCEPTED:

LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BY Ralph P. Merritt  
General Manager

DATE: June 28 1954

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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 shown upon the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 30, 1954, and do hereby declare them to be the acts, resolutions, appointments, proceedings, rules and regulations of the Authority, and do hereby approve said minutes.

<u>W. B. Green</u>	_____
<u>James E. Doherty</u>	_____
<u>Hayden Jones</u>	<u>9/14/54</u>
<u>Frank Wilson</u>	<u>8/30/54</u>
<u>Walter E. Taylor</u>	<u>8/30/54</u>
<u>Carroll</u>	<u>7-6-54</u>
<u>Clayton Williams</u>	_____
<u>John Wilson</u>	<u>7-6-54</u>

June 25, 1954

Memorandum to Members of the  
Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority

From Ralph P. Merritt, General Manager

Authorization is requested of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority by the General Manager to undertake the development of a series of studies or reports on various subjects which pertain to the development of a mass rapid system for the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area.

If Engineers or other specialists are to be employed the Authority will be notified in advance and if financial commitments are made the Authority's authorization will be specifically requested.

Among the reports and studies to be undertaken the following tentative and preliminary list is suggested:

1. A review of that portion of the Economic Report of Coverdale & Colpitts dealing with the location of routes, rights of way and stations to develop a study and report and possible increase of services and decrease of capital costs through changing the route at Sunset and Glendale Boulevard to use the tunnel owned by the Pacific Electric, and use the facilities of the Subway Terminal Building as Central Downtown Station, including a continuation of the present subway from the Subway Terminal Building to the Pacific Electric Building and surfacing parallel to Sixth Street on property to be purchased, and the use of Pacific Electric rights of way through Vernon and the industrial area to Huntington Park.

Preliminary checks indicate the possibility of savings in capital cost of at least 10 million dollars and substantial increase of payloads. Indications of the value of such a report may be determined by the Authority from the preliminary information which will be presented to the Authority by the end of July, resulting from the current study being made by Mr. L. H. Appel and Mr. S. P. Barnes and the staff of the Authority.

2. Report on the availability of rights of way between Panorama City and the San Fernando Valley through Los Angeles to Long Beach, as proposed by Coverdale & Colpitts Report.
3. Report on the availability of rights of way of Pacific Electric Railway and/or the County of Los Angeles and/or City on lines that have in the past been used for countywide transit services, with special reference to the integration of these rights of way with the proposed system from San Fernando Valley to Long Beach. Studies will follow the general information presently

being prepared for the Authority by Mr. L. H. Appel and will include consideration of an integrated transit system serving Pasadena, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, San Pedro, Whittier and Pomona, with special reference to potential grade-separated surface operations on the private rights of way under study.

4. The development of a Joint Committee between the State Department of Highways and the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, and the report of such Joint Committee on present and anticipated development of freeway services which must be recognized in any consideration of future mass transit planning.
5. Study and report of relative unit costs of various types of mass rapid transit, with special reference to the capital and operating costs of monorail, modern elevated, subway and grade-separated surface operations.
6. Study and report on the forecasted changes and expansion of population and industry in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area.

