

The regular monthly meeting of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority was held at the offices of the Authority, 2233 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California on March 3, 1953. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:10 p.m.

The roll of members was called.

Members present: Walter J. Brunmark B. O. Miller
Fred S. Dean Martin E. Pollard
H. C. McClellan Jim Wilson

Members absent: Lloyd S. Whaley

Also in attendance: Ralph P. Merritt, General Manager
James L. Beebe, General Attorney
Stephen S. Wells, Public Information
Counsel

The minutes of the meeting of February 10, 1953 were read by the Secretary. On motion made by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Brunmark, and carried by unanimous vote of members present, the minutes were approved as read.

A telegram was read by the Secretary, as follows:

"San Francisco, California, March 2, 1953, Ralph P. Merritt, General Manager, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, 2233 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles: Happy to report proposal received from Gibbs & Hill makes possible for us to submit overall proposal along lines discussed at eighty-five to ninety thousand. (signed) George W. Burpee"

The General Manager reported that he had written Mr. Burpee that day acknowledging the receipt of this telegram and expressing grateful appreciation of the members of the Authority for the splendid cooperation manifested by Mr. Burpee with the Authority during his stay in Los Angeles as the representative of the engineering firm of Coverdale & Colpitts of New York.

Mr. Beebe then read the contract made by and between the County of Los Angeles and the Authority, by the terms of which the County agrees to contribute to the Authority the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of payment of engineering and legal fees and incidental expenses for engineering and economic studies of rapid transit routes.

Motion was made by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Miller, that the Chairman and Treasurer of the Authority be authorized and directed to execute the same for and on behalf of the Authority. The roll was called and the motion was carried, six members voting aye, voting no, none.

The General Manager read a statement regarding the clarification of a resolution of February 10, 1953 adopted by the Authority, providing for the continuance of the services of Ralph P. Merritt as General Manager of the Authority and recommending that the wording of the resolution to accomplish the indefinite continuation of the employment of the General Manager read as follows:

"The employment of Ralph P. Merritt as the General Manager of the Transit Authority for a six months period, commencing July 18, 1952, with option of continuing that employment, having been called to the attention of the members of the Authority, and the members of the Authority having expressed a desire to continue such employment for an indefinite period on the same terms of payment and availability of funds as stated by the Authority Resolution of July 18, 1952: It is, therefore

"RESOLVED, That the powers vested in the General Manager by the Authority shall be the powers set forth in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority Act, Section 3.6, which reads as follows:

'The Authority may appoint a General Manager, who may be a member of the Authority and who shall be a man of recognized ability and experience, to hold office during the pleasure of the Authority. The General Manager shall have management of the properties and business of the Authority and the employees

thereof, subject to the general control of the Authority, shall direct the enforcement of all resolutions, rules and regulations of the Authority, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Authority.' "

This resolution shall be known as Resolution No. 13.

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Brunmark, that the report of the General Manager be approved, and that Resolution No. 13, as above written, be adopted. The roll was called and the resolution was adopted, six members voting aye-- voting no, none.

At the request of the Attorney there was placed on the agenda for today's meeting the following:

"The question is raised by the Attorney as to the validity of the action of the Authority of February 10, 1953, with regard to public information counsel policies and payments, and requests a review of the resolution authorizing a formulation of policy on public relations."

Mr. Beebe discussed the matter of the validity of the action of the Authority at considerable length.

The Secretary then read from the minutes of the Authority the several actions taken by the Authority regarding employment and compensation of the General Attorney and the Public Information Counsel. Mr. Beebe informed the members that no compensation could be legally paid to either the General Attorney or the Public Information Counsel on the basis of actions heretofore taken. Discussion followed as to the method of paying these two officials.

Motion made by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Miller, that the matter of payments by the Authority for legal services and public information services from July 1, 1952, be referred to Attorney Beebe for recommendation after consultation with County Counsel. On roll call the motion carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. McClellan, that action taken by the Authority at its meeting on February 10, 1953, with reference to the employment by the Authority of a Public Information Counsel be reconsidered. The action taken reads as follows:

"A motion was made by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Whaley, that Stephen L. Wells be employed as Public Information Counsel for the Authority for the period ending June 30, 1953, at a total compensation of \$7,500 for the entire period from March 3, 1952, to June 30, 1953, inclusive. The roll was called on the motion which was adopted by vote of seven ayes-- noes none."

On roll call, the motion for reconsideration was unanimously adopted, six members voting aye-- voting no, none.

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Dean, that James L. Beebe be employed as General Attorney for the Authority and that compensation for his services as General Attorney for the Authority begin as of this date. The roll was called, six members voting aye on the motion-- no votes, none. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Dean, seconded by Miller, that Mr. Stephen L. Wells be employed as public information counsel and that compensation for his services in that capacity begin as of this date. Roll was called on the motion which was carried, six members voting aye-- voting no, none.

The General Attorney was requested to present the proper resolutions to the Authority for the employment of the officials named in the above motions.

Mr. Beebe then supplied each member of the Authority present with copies of additional amendments to Assembly Bill 2311 and Senate Bill 1258, now before the State Legislature, amending the present Transit Authority Act. Action on same was held in abeyance until the next meeting of the Authority which will probably be on March 24, 1953.

Considerable discussion followed by the General Attorney and several members of the Authority with regard to various phases of the additional amendments to the Transit Authority Act, including provisions for working capital, reserve funds, local governmental jurisdiction, and provision for certificates of public necessity and convenience to be issued upon approval of applications before the California Public Utilities Commission.

As a matter of record, attention is called to the date of this meeting, March 3, 1953, which marks the first anniversary of the appointment of the members of the Authority by the Governor of California. On March 3, 1952, Governor Warren appointed seven members of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority for the purpose of developing a mass rapid transit system within a portion of Los Angeles County and by a monorail system of transit.

The members so appointed, and still constitute the personnel of members of the Authority, are:

Walter J. Brunmark	Fred S. Dean	Jim Wilson
H. C. McClellan	B. O. Miller	
Martin E. Pollard	Lloyd S. Whaley	

The officers elected to serve the Authority are:

Chairman	Martin E. Pollard
Treasurer	Lois Wright
Secretary	Jim Wilson
General Manager	Ralph P. Merritt
General Attorney	James L. Beebe
Public Information Counsel	Stephen L. Wells

A revised statement of the General Manager as to the accomplishments of the Authority for the year is being prepared and will be presented March 24.

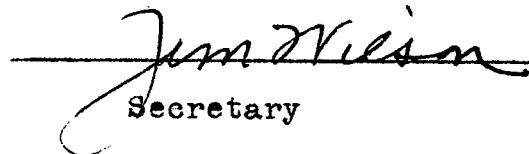
Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Dean, that attendance fees of

members of the Authority as provided for in Assembly Bill 3112 for the year ending March 3, 1953, be waived. Motion carried, all members present voting aye.

Mr. Miller was excused from the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Brunmark that a special meeting of the Authority be held at its offices, 2233 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on March 24, 1953, at 3 o'clock p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.


Secretary

SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by the Chairman. A quorum being present, the Chairman stated the purpose of the meeting as stated in the call of the same.

Members present: Walter J. Brunmark Martin E. Pollard
Fred S. Dean Jim Wilson
H. C. McClellan

Members absent: B. O. Miller
Lloyd S. Whaley

Also in attendance: Ralph P. Merritt, General Manager
Stephen L. Wells, Public Information
Counsel

It was moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Brunmark, that the reading of the minutes of the special meeting of the Authority of February 10, 1953, be waived. On roll call the motion was adopted. The Chairman then requested the General Manager of the Authority to make a statement regarding the program of today's meeting, who introduced Mr. George W. Burpee, representative of the engineering firm of Coverdale & Colpitts of New York City.

The Secretary then read Authority Resolution No. 10 which covers the proposed contract between the Authority and Coverdale & Colpitts for the purpose of determining whether or not the rapid transit route defined in Assembly Bill 3112 is an appropriate first step in developing rapid transit in Los Angeles; whether or not a monorail rapid transit system would be practical on such a route; and whether or not revenues derived from its operation would promise to make it self-supporting.

Mr. Merritt gave a resume of the subjects discussed by him and Mr. Burpee and reported on the trip taken over some of the possible routes of the proposed monorail system.