

Pursuant to action taken by this Authority at its meeting held on May 8, 1953, a special meeting of the Authority was held at their offices, 2233 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on May 15, 1953.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pollard at 3:10 p.m. with the following members present:

Walter J. Brunmark
Fred S. Dean
H. C. McClellan

Martin E. Pollard
Jim Wilson

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

Also in attendance: Miss Bea Kay, Public Information Counsel

Letter was read from Gibbs & Hill requesting the Authority to order for them certain maps in the City Engineer's office, payment for same to be made by them. The Secretary was directed to obtain these maps and deliver them to Gibbs & Hill.

Chairman Pollard made report as to the result of hearings on the proposed Amendments to the Transit Authority Act included in A.B. 2311 held by the Governmental Efficiency and Economy Committee of the State Legislature during the present week. He stated that there were not enough favorable votes to bring the matter out of committee, so of course the matter was filed.

Mr. Pollard also gave it as his opinion that it would be useless to go back to the same Committee and have them reverse their action, but that it might be possible to have a Senate bill containing practically the same provisions as to amendments included in Assembly Bill 2311; and that Mr. Merritt would proceed immediately to see if that action might be taken. He said further that the big opposition to A.B. 2311 seemed to be on the question of granting too much power to the Authority. He believed it necessary for the Authority to decide as soon as

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possible just which of the proposed amendments the Authority is willing to remove from another bill in order that it meet with less opposition from the members of the Legislature.

There was considerable discussion on the subject of how the Authority should proceed from now on. Mr. McClellan said that when the members of the Authority failed to agree to the Amendments as proposed by Messrs. Lanham and Haugh, they went all out to defeat us. He felt that the only way to have a bill adopted by the State Legislature is to propose amendments that will be more acceptable than those which have been presented heretofore. He said the Transit Companies have a very powerful lobby and it would be well for the Authority to work with them before going before the Legislature again.

Chairman Pollard stated that the bill which will go before the Senate will have the four major amendments first discussed by the Authority. He thinks we will have to agree to limited control by the Public Utilities of California.

Mr. McClellan said that the Transit Companies would not have lobbied against A.B. 2311 if we had been able to come to some agreement with them. He added that he thought we should ask Mr. Lanham and Mr. Haugh to meet with us and see if we could not come to some friendly agreement. It was the stated opinion of Mr. Pollard that the Authority is still in a good position to negotiate with the Transit Companies and make some kind of compromise.

The Secretary was instructed to phone Mr. Lanham and attempt to arrange a meeting between him and members of the Authority before further meetings are held by legislative committees on the subject. The Secretary contacted Mr. Lanham at his office in Los Angeles, who declined

to meet with the Authority on account of lack of time at his disposal.

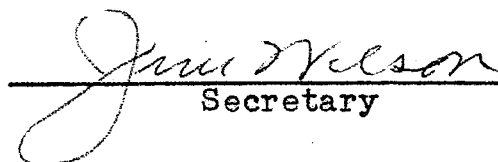
Mr. Brunmark said that he thought the Coverdale & Colpitts reports, when completed, would reveal the need for a mass rapid transportation system in this area. He made a motion that our representatives discuss the amendments with Senator Collier in Sacramento, to provide for broadening the scope of the Authority to include all of Los Angeles County and to be committed to all forms of transportation. The motion was tabled.

Mr. McClellan said it would be necessary for us to get the people back of the Authority; that our demands must be brought down to minimum requirements; that we have spent a lot of money and done nothing.

It was suggested by Mr. Dean that our representatives should discuss the amendments with Senator Collier to ascertain which of them could be adopted by the Legislature.

It was the consensus of opinion of members present that the Authority should accept whatever amendments to the Transit Authority Act that might be acceptable to the legislative committees.

Moved by Mr. Brunmark, seconded by Mr. McClellan, that the meeting recess until Monday, May 18, 1953, at the offices of the Authority at 3 p.m. Motion carried.


Secretary