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The recessed meeting of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority of May 15, 1953, was held at the offices of the Authority, 2233 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on the date above written and was called to order by Chairman Pollard at 3:20 p.m.

The following members of the Authority were present:

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

Absent: B. O. Miller

Also in attendance: James L. Beebe, General Attorney  
Miss Bea Kay, Public Information Counsel

The Chairman stated that he had just talked with Mr. Merritt in Sacramento, who reported to him his intention to have the amendments in Assembly Bill 2311 presented to the Legislature as a Senate bill, to be sponsored by Senator Collier.

Mr. Beebe inquired as to the possibility of having the amendment exempting the Authority from taxation adopted, to which the Chairman replied that he believed favorable action on that amendment was doubtful. Mr. Beebe said that the matter of tax exemption was quite important; that only by being able to sell tax exempt bonds could our proposed project be accomplished. Further, he advised that definite routes will have to be established before revenue bonds can be made salable; that we can yield our position on some points but that if we yield on the matter of taxation, any bonds we may issue cannot be sold.

Mr. Beebe went on to say that he knows of no area where rapid transit problems are being solved by privately owned companies; that a monorail rapid transit system from the San Fernando Valley to Long Beach would move two and a half times as many people as could be moved by bus lines. He said that if this area is to have adequate rapid transporta-

tion it will have to be provided by this Authority or by some other public agency. He also stated that the Authority should have its powers broadened so that it can conduct any type of transportation--monorail, subway or other types-- in Los Angeles County; that, because the Authority might have to operate buses or other types of transportation as feeder lines, that did not put us in the general bus business; that we would not have the authority to run buses from the Valley to Los Angeles, thence to Long Beach, but the Authority would have the authority to operate rail and bus lines as feeder lines.

Mr. McClellan said he had been making some investigations with respect to strategy to be used, and suggested that the following be substituted for the present amendments proposed in Assembly Bill 2311:

1. Widen area to include all of Los Angeles County.
2. Expand scope of activities to include other lines of transportation as feeder lines.
3. Insert standard clause governing members of the Authority and its staff as to profits from activities of the Authority.
4. Give Governor of State power to appoint members of the Authority.
5. Increase number of members to nine.
6. Retain amendment as to Treasurer.

Mr. McClellan thought that these changes would remove opposition from some quarters and gain some supporters. It was the opinion of all members that suggestions made by Mr. McClellan should be followed.

Motion was made by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Brunmark, that the General Attorney for the Authority prepare these amendments in proper legal form and deliver same to Mr. Merritt in Sacramento the next day, being May 19, 1953. Upon roll call the motion prevailed, six members voting aye; no members voting no.

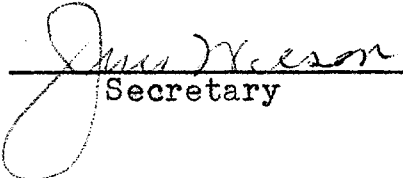
These are the proposed amendments as prepared by Mr. Beebe:

1. Retain the amendment providing for increased territorial scope of the Authority (countywide).
2. Retain amendment providing for additional types of operation by the Authority.
3. Insert usual provision against officers and employees being interested in contracts made by the Authority.
4. Enlarge Board to nine members.
5. Provide reappointments to be made by the Governor.
6. Retain the amendment which would permit Treasurer to be less than full time employee.

There was some discussion of the manner in which our amendments should be presented in the Legislature, also discussion as to period of time required to make proper studies as to transportation needs in this area and methods of their solution.

The matter of salary to be paid to Public Information Counselor was taken up. The Wells Agency reported that it had a report ready to be submitted and they were requested to submit same at the next meeting, June 4.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Whaley, seconded by Mr. McClellan, that regular monthly meeting of the Authority of June 2, 1953, be cancelled and that the Authority meet in special session at its offices on Thursday, June 4, 1953, instead.

  
Secretary