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Upon notice duly given, the members of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority met at a regular meeting at the Authority Board Room, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on November 4, 1958, at which time the Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order.

Vice-Chairman Clarence A. Winder, Members Don Belding, Fred S. Dean, Hayden F. Jones, and Russell A. Quisenberry attended. Chairman Carl P. Miller and Arthur J. Will were absent. Also present were Executive Director Ralph P. Merritt; General Attorney Gerald G. Kelly; General Manager Cone T. Bass; Public Relations Director James H. Raport; Treasurer Wm. W. Wakelee; Ernest R. Gerlach of Coverdale & Colpitts, Consulting Engineers of the Authority; Secretary Virginia L. Rees; Administrative Assistant James H. Lyons; Stephen O'Donnell, John Wagner and R. O. Christiansen of the Public Relations Department; representatives of the press; and the public.

The Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 21, 1958 were approved.

Trailer for Way & Structures Dept.

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

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to purchase (including equipment) from the lowest bidder, but at a cost not to exceed \$1,700, a trailer for use as a tool and chemical toilet trailer by the Way & Structures Department.

Paving of Yard Area at Division 3

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

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to arrange for the paving of approximately 35,600 square feet of yard area at Division 3 at a cost of not to exceed \$10,700.

Lease with Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association

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

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Authority a lease with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, leasing a portion of the Pasadena Car House from December 1, 1958 to 3:00 a.m. on January 1, 1959 to the Association at a rental of \$500, said lease to be subject to approval as to form by the General Attorney.

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Purchase of Sandblasting Cabinet

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

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to purchase a sandblasting cabinet with approved built-in filter unit for Macy Street Garage at a cost of \$1,100.

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to dispose of the replaced sandblasting machine in a manner to the best interest of the Authority.

Paving Cost Approval

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

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to pay paving costs in connection with reconstruction of double track curves and westbound car stop at 7th and Hoover Streets in an amount not to exceed \$1,450.00.

Supplemental Agreement with Southern California Edison Co.

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

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Authority a supplemental agreement with Southern California Edison Company to include electrical energy furnished at Carson Substation, said supplemental agreement to be subject to approval as to form by the General Attorney.

Report of Purchasing Committee

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

RESOLVED, that the Report of Purchasing Committee of Authorizations from October 21, 1958 to October 27, 1958, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved and the appropriate payments are hereby authorized.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that said report be filed with the Secretary of the Authority.

Report of Public Relations Director

Mr. Report presented the report of the Public Relations

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Department. A copy of said report is on file in the office of the Secretary.

Report of Treasurer

The report of the Treasurer for the second calendar quarter of the Authority operations was received and filed. A copy of said report is on file in the office of the Secretary.

Replacement of 2-Way Radio System

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, the Authority has two 2-way radio systems acquired from the former Metropolitan Coach Lines and former Los Angeles Transit Lines, which systems operate on different wave-lengths and which systems are inadequate and more than 13 years old; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has a need for an adequate 2-way radio system for communication with the 85 mobile units of the Authority;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized to secure bids for the purchase and installation of a central 2-way radio broadcasting system and to submit said bids to the Authority for action;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the sum of \$87,500 be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Depreciation Reserve Fund to be held until the awarding of the contract by the Authority;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to make application at the appropriate time to the American Transit Association and any other agencies necessary for appropriate authorization to accomplish the installation and operation of such 2-way radio system;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized to sell to the highest bidder salvage resulting from replacement of the present radio systems.

Discontinuance of San Pedro Rail Operations

The Executive Director recommended that the present rail operation from Los Angeles to San Pedro be converted into motor coach operation, including express services, to effect annual savings estimated at \$300,000 and improved transit services as set forth below, effective as of December 1, 1958:

1. Route authorizations:

A. Establishment of San Pedro-Wilmington-Los Angeles Freeway Flyer Motor Coach Line, as follows:

From 6th St. and Harbor Blvd. in San Pedro; thence via Harbor Blvd., Front St., Wilmington-San Pedro Rd., "B" St., Avalon Blvd., San Pedro St., Rosecrans Blvd., Figueroa St., Harbor Freeway, 9th St. (eastbound) 8th St. (westbound), and Main St. to 6th St.

Also, from 6th St. and Main St. via Main St. and Macy St. to Union Station.

Also, as an alternate route, from Rosecrans Blvd. and Broadway; thence via Broadway, 124th St. and Laconia Blvd. to Figueroa St.

Coaches to be turned at termini or at intermediate points by operating around one block contiguous thereto, or in accordance with traffic regulations.

Restriction: Passengers shall neither be picked up nor discharged between the Wilmington Station and Manchester Avenue--both points exclusive.

B. Establishment of San Pedro-Wilmington-Compton Motor Coach Line, as follows:

From 6th St. and Harbor Blvd. in San Pedro; thence via Harbor Blvd., Front St., Wilmington-San

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Pedro Rd., "B" St., Avalon Blvd., "D" St., McFarland Ave., Anaheim St., Alameda St., Olive St. and Willowbrook Ave. to Compton Station at Compton Blvd. in Compton.

Coaches to be turned at termini or at intermediate points by operating around one block contiguous thereto, or in accordance with traffic regulations.

- C. Discontinuance of the Los Angeles-San Pedro rail passenger service and the Los Angeles-Catalina Dock rail passenger service as such (in lieu of Los Angeles-Catalina Dock rail passenger service which is operated only from approximately May 15 through October 15, year-around service by motor coach to be operated over presently established route) and the abandonment of all rail passenger service between Dominguez Junction-Wilmington-San Pedro and Catalina Docks.

2. Fares:

Authorize the establishment of joint fares between proposed San Pedro-Wilmington-Compton motor coach line and Los Angeles-Long Beach Rail Line No. 36 at Compton Station in accordance with existing rate structures.

3. Salvage of abandoned facilities:

- A. Abandonment and removal of electrical overhead and substation facilities owned by the Authority and used by the San Pedro and/or Catalina Dock line southerly of Dominguez Junction, and the disposal of materials recovered as scrap or on such other basis as proves feasible.
- B. Abandonment and disposal of seven (7) 1500-1700 class rail cars as scrap or on such other basis as may be found feasible.

4. Bus terminal at Compton Station:

An agreement with the Pacific Electric Railway Company for use of a portion of its right-of-way at the Compton Station (Compton Boulevard) as a bus terminal, including indemnification of Pacific Electric Railway for any loss or damage resulting from such use; such agreement to be subject to approval as to form by the General Attorney.

5. Miscellaneous expense:

The necessary expenditures for bus stop signs, markings, and the installation of approximately 200 sq. ft. of paving on Pacific Electric Railway Company right-of-way at Compton Boulevard.

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The meeting was thereupon opened to the public, and the following witnesses testified:

1. Mrs. Ann Sorin, 18809 Cairo Avenue, Gardena, California, representing Victoria Park Civic Council, who asked that a bus stop be established at Victoria Avenue and Avalon Boulevard.

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2. Mrs. Mary Moody, 118 West 226th Place, Wilmington, California, representing the Valley Park Home Owners' Association, who asked that a bus stop be established at 231st Street and Avalon Boulevard.

3. Dr. Ray W. Johnson, Yacht Anna, California Yacht Anchorage, San Pedro, California, representing the San Pedro Smog Association, who desired the retention of the rail service.

4. Mr. Wallace Richards, 501 Santa Clara Street, Santa Ana, California, who desired the retention of the rail service.

5. Mr. R. H. Richmond, 339 West California Avenue, Glendale 3, California, who desired the retention of the rail service.

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6. Mr. Bob Swan, 600 American Avenue, Long Beach, California, who desired that newer type cars be placed on the San Pedro Line and that the rail service be retained.

The public hearing was then closed and a 15-minute recess taken.

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After the meeting re-adjourned and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the matter of the conversion of the Los Angeles-San Pedro rail operation into motor coach operation be and the same is hereby taken under submission to be decided upon by the Authority at the earliest possible time.

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Next Meeting

After discussion, on 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 10:00 a.m. on November 18, 1958.

There being no further business before the meeting it adjourned.

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Secretary

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