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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 a.m. on October 20, 1959, at which time the Chairman called the meeting to order.

Chairman Carl P. Miller, Members Don Belding, Fred S. Dean and Hayden F. Jones were present. Members A. J. Eyraud, Russell A. Quisenberry and Arthur J. Will were absent. Also present were Executive Director C. M. Gilliss; General Attorney Gerald G. Kelly; General Manager Cone T. Bass; Treasurer Wm. W. Wakelee; Director of Business Development and Information James H. Raport; Ernest R. Gerlach of Coverdale & Colpitts, Consulting Engineers; Richard Winn, R. O. Christiansen and Guy G. Gifford of the Business Development and Information Division; Secretary Virginia L. Rees; representatives of the press; and the public.

The Minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 1959 were approved.

Business Development and Information Division Report

Mr. Raport presented the report of the Business Development and Information Division. A copy of said report is on file in the office of the Secretary.

Approval of Work Order

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

RESOLVED, that Work Order No. 1233, for the purchase of a 12-foot "Backhoe" attachment for Ford Tractor at a total cost of \$3,475, including sales tax and preparation for service, be and the same is hereby approved.

Lease with Pacific Electric Railway Company (No. 13981)

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

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be and he hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Authority supplement to Lease Agreement No. 13981 with Pacific Electric Railway Company, Lessor, and the Authority, Lessee, extending the term of said lease agreement from October 1, 1959 to March 31, 1960 and providing for the sub-lease of the subject property by the Authority to Lewis F. Crosby, as discussed at this meeting; said supplement having been approved as to form by the General Attorney.

Uniform Charter Bus Rates (Increase)

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, on June 17, 1958 the Authority adopted a Charter Motor Coach Service Rate Schedule; and

WHEREAS, it now appears desirable to amend said Charter Motor Coach Service Rate Schedule so as to increase the minimum charge per coach for charter trips from points in the Los Angeles area to major sports events at the Coliseum or the Sports Arena from \$40 to \$50 at all times other than legal holidays, and from \$60 to \$75 on national legal holidays;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective as of November 1, 1959 the Charter Motor Coach Service Rate Schedule adopted June 17, 1958 be amended as follows:

	<u>Other Than</u> <u>Legal Holidays</u>	<u>Legal</u> <u>Holidays</u>
Minimum charge per coach	\$50.00	\$ 75.00

except, however, that all such service contracted for prior to November 1, 1959 shall be charged at the rate established as of June 17, 1958; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that no other change in said Charter Motor Coach Service Rate Schedule adopted June 17, 1958 be made at this time.

Temporary Reroutings and Special Services

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

RESOLVED, that the temporary reroutings resulting from construction work affecting Lines No. 15 and No. 60-V and the temporary special services operated over portions of certain lines, all as more particularly described in report filed with the Secretary, be and the same are hereby ratified and approved.

6th and Main Street Station Facilities

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, under the terms of that certain lease between the Pacific Electric Railway Company and the Authority covering the 6th and Main Street passenger station facilities, the Authority is obligated to maintain the leased premises other than the waiting room and has the obligation jointly with Pacific Electric Railway Company to maintain the waiting room thereof; and

WHEREAS, it now appears necessary and desirable to repaint the interior of the bus concourse at, and to proceed with certain cleaning and redecorating in the waiting room of, the 6th and Main Street Station;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he hereby is authorized to proceed with the repainting of the interior of the bus concourse at, and with certain cleaning and redecorating in the waiting room of, the 6th and Main Street Station, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$12,000 for the Authority's share of this work; such work to be done by independent contractors after securing competitive bids.

Changes of Bus Stops

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

RESOLVED, that the report of the General Manager relating to bus stop changes as discussed at this meeting and as filed with the Secretary, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved.

Report of the Purchasing Committee

Upon recommendation of the General Manager, the matter

Approval of the Report of the Purchasing Committee was put over to the next regular meeting of the Authority.

Addition to Agenda - Approval of Line No. 44 Route Change

Upon approval of the four Board members present, consideration of an additional route authorization on the Beverly Boulevard Line No. 44 was added to the agenda, and after discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the additional route description of the Beverly Boulevard Line No. 44, as discussed at this meeting and as filed with the Secretary, be and the same is hereby approved.

Approval of Requisition No. A-103 - Uarco Corporation

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

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. A-103, issued to Uarco Corporation for the purchase of one Model 631-IBM card burster to burst continuous IBM cards 14-7/8" x 3 1/2" (3 1/4" detached), at a cost of \$1,278, including sales tax and freight, be and the same is hereby approved.

Condemnation of Property - near 16th and San Pedro Streets

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted

WHEREAS, the Authority at its regular meeting on September 15, 1959, adopted a resolution under the heading "Condemnation of Property - near 16th and San Pedro Streets"; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that as to Parcel 2 described therein, there is outstanding a Community Oil and Gas Lease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said resolution be and the same is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following substituted therefor:

RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority does hereby find and determine that the public interest, convenience and necessity require the acquisition of the fee simple title in and to the property hereinafter described for a public use; namely, to expand operating facilities at the Authority's Division 2 and for such other public uses as may be authorized by law. That said acquisition is necessary and proper for the extension, improvement and development of the Authority. That the said property is necessary for such public use and purpose and is a use authorized by law, and that such proposed public improvement and use are located in a manner which will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the General Attorney of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to institute eminent domain proceedings in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the purpose of acquiring the fee simple title in and to the said following described property for said public use. That the General Attorney be and he is hereby further authorized and empowered to hire such independent appraisers and other expert witnesses as may appear to him to be in the best interests of the Authority.

That said real property is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1: Lot 29, Goldsworthy and Chronis Sub-division of the Clement Tract, in the City of Los Angeles, as per map recorded in Book 24, Page 47 of Miscellaneous Records, in the office of the County Recorder of said County.

PARCEL 2: All of that portion located from the surface to a depth of 500 feet of Lot 30 of the Goldsworthy and Chronis Subdivision of the Clement Tract, in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 24, Page 47, Miscellaneous Records of said County; except therefrom a strip 10 feet wide off the Easterly end of said lot.

PARCEL 3: Lot 27 and the Easterly 10 feet of Lot 30, of Goldsworthy and Chronis Subdivision of the Clement Tract, as per map recorded in Book 24, Page 47 of Miscellaneous Records, in the office of the County Recorder of said County.

Appointment of Agents under, and approval of, the new
Claims Procedure

The General Attorney recommended that consideration of the appointment of Agents under the new claims procedure and approval of the claims procedure to be followed by Transit Casualty Company be continued until the regular meeting of the Authority to be held November 17, 1959 in order to afford Mr. Lloyd Boas, General Counsel of Transit Casualty Company, an opportunity to come to Los Angeles and review the matter. After discussion, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that consideration of the appointment of Agents under, and approval of, the new Procedure to be followed by Transit Company be continued until the regular meeting of the Authority to be held November 17, 1959.

Conversion of Watts Rail Line to Motor Coach Operation

The Chairman, after introducing the members and staff of the Authority, announced that the Authority would entertain the testimony of any persons present interested in the proposed plan to substitute bus service for rail service between 6th and Main Streets, Los Angeles, and Watts, and further stated that the Authority at its meeting on October 6, 1959 authorized the Executive Director to take all necessary steps to be ready to institute such service with November 2, 1959 as a target date and that the purpose of the testimony to be presented was to seek additional and new facts -- not opinions or the taking of a poll.

Thereupon the Executive Director discussed at some length the importance of making the conversion at this time, following which the meeting was opened to the public and the following witnesses testified:

1. Mrs. Faustina N. Johnson of 1457 East 99th Street, Los Angeles, representing the South Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, who desired retention of the rail service.
2. Mrs. Almeda Krejis of 6901 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, President of the Florence-Firestone Community Association, who opposed the conversion and stated her association, as a matter

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of record, approved the resolution opposing the conversion to be presented by the Florence-Firestone Chamber of Commerce.

3. Rev. Fergus Lawless of 10122 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, representing the South Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the Parish of St. Lawrence Church, who also desired retention of the rail service.

4. James E. Sefton of 6358 Yucca Street, Los Angeles (no affiliation - student at UCLA), who desired the retention of the rail service.

5. George Newton of 1423 East Florence Avenue, Los Angeles, President of Florence-Firestone Chamber of Commerce, read resolution adopted by his Chamber requesting retention of the rail service.

6. Robert J. Swan of 600 Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach, who protested the conversion.

7. Charles Bycroft of 2611 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles, who concluded that rail cars make better time than buses.

8. Wallace A. Richards of 1501 West Santa Clara Avenue, Santa Ana, representing only himself, who opposed the conversion.

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

RESOLVED, that final decision on the proposed replacement of motor coach service for rail operation on the Los Angeles-Watts Rail Line be deferred until October 27, 1959 at 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting

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

RESOLVED, that a special 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 October 27, 1959.

There being no further business before the meeting, it adjourned.

VIRGINIA L. REES
Secretary