

The regular monthly meeting of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority was held in Room 405 of the Jonathan Club at 545 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, on October 7, 1952.

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1:15 P.M. with the following members present:

Walter J. Brunmark
B. O. Miller
H. C. McClellan
Martin Pollard
Jim Wilson

Absent:

Fred S. Dean
Lloyd S. Whaley

The minutes of previous meeting of September 23 were read and approved as read.

Mr. Beebe rendered a verbal opinion as to the legality of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority acting as agent for the County of Los Angeles or other governmental agencies in making, or directing the making, of traffic, transit or other surveys within the County of Los Angeles outside the area included in Assembly Bill No. 3112, for the purpose of obtaining statistical data that would be useful to the Authority as a basis for securing adequate financing for the construction of transportation systems within the County.

He stated that he finds nothing in the Act to prevent the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority from acting in such capacity; and that he will submit a written opinion on the subject to be included in the minutes.

Mr. Beebe, in reply to inquiry, gave it as his legal opinion that the Authority is obligated under the provisions of the Act to elect a treasurer.

Chairman Pollard then gave a report on his negotiations with the Board of Supervisors regarding the allocation of funds to the Authority, to the effect that the Board had taken action to make available to the Authority the sum of \$45,000 for administrative purposes, and will make available funds in the amount of \$50,000 for survey purposes. The Chairman said that Mr. McClellan had been extremely helpful in bringing about this action by the Board of Supervisors and expressed the appreciation of the members of the Authority for his assistance.

Mr. McClellan made objection to the request of the Authority for immediate allocation of funds for transit and other surveys for the reason that that action could be well withheld until such a time as the members of the Authority and the members of the Committee to be appointed by the Los Angeles Traffic and Transit Committee have opportunity to meet and, if possible, mutually agree upon a plan for the expenditure of said funds. He said it was his understanding that the request for the instant availability of the survey fund of \$50,000 would not be made at this time in conformity with his attempt to bring about some kind of harmonious arrangement with the Los Angeles Traffic and Transit Committee for a method of distribution of said fund.

Some discussion was had on the subject but no official action taken. Chairman Pollard gave it as his opinion that the Authority and the Traffic and Transit Committee should have an early meeting regarding the action on item Number 2 of Mr. McClellan's request; and Mr. McClellan said that meetings for the discussion of joint meetings and consequent joint action by the two groups were under way.

Mr. Pollard gave a short resume of his experiences in Europe regarding various types and developments of suspended monorail systems in

Great Britain, Scotland, France and Germany, with special reference to the Wuppertal Monorail System in operation since 1901.

General Manager Merritt reported upon the situation as to the introduction of Resolution Number 29 introduced at the last special session of the State Legislature; also upon his discussions with State Highway Commission and State Employment Bureau officials. He said that he found them to be very friendly to the Authority and willing to assist its program in any way possible.

He also informed the members that he was about to meet with a group of citizens in San Francisco, pursuant to their request, who are engaged in forming an organization composed of representatives of the nine counties in the San Francisco Bay area, for the purpose of forming a State Authority similar to the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the November regular meeting of the Authority be held on November 4, 1952 at 12:15 P.M. at the Jonathan Club at 545 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California.

It was moved and seconded that a special meeting of the Authority be held on Tuesday, October 21, 1952 at 12:15 P.M. in Room 405, or such other room as may be available, in the Jonathan Club at 545 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, for the conduct of such business as may be properly brought before it. Motion carried and Chairman Pollard was requested to make necessary arrangements for said meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.


Secretary