

LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Regular Meeting of
the Members of the Authority

October 23, 1962

Upon notice duly given, the Members of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority met at a regular meeting in the Authority Board Room, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California, at 10:30 a.m. on October 23, 1962, at which time the Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order.

Vice-Chairman Fred S. Dean, Members N. R. Dumont, M. W. Hall, Martin Pollard and Warden Woolard were present. Chairman A. J. Eyraud and Member Walter M. Briggs were absent. Also present were Executive Director C. M. Gilliss; General Attorney Gerald G. Kelly; General Manager Cone T. Bass; Treasurer Walter J. Braunschweiger; Controller H. L. Black; Director of Public Relations R. O. Christiansen; Chief Engineer Ernest R. Gerlach; Secretary Virginia L. Rees; Don H. Sheets, General Chairman, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; O. G. Nation, General Chairman, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks; Homer Porcher, President, Transportation Union, Division 1277; and the public.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 9, 1962 were approved.

San Fernando Valley Re-routing

The Vice-Chairman announced that several persons had indicated a desire to be heard by the Authority in connection with the San Fernando Valley rerouting program adopted by the Authority at its meeting on October 9, 1962.

The following persons thereupon spoke:

1. Mrs. Leona R. Trissel, 1407 Morningside Drive, Burbank, California, and Mrs. Thelma Kestron, 233-237 North Hollywood Way, Burbank, California, who protested the rerouting of Line 86 from Alameda Street to Olive Street between Buena Vista Street and Victory Boulevard.

2. Mr. Byron Slater, 20418 Clark Street, Woodland Hills, California, who protested the routing of Lines 35 and 81 along Clark Street between Winnetka Avenue and De Soto Avenue in lieu of Ventura Boulevard.

The Vice-Chairman referred these suggestions and proposals to the Engineering Committee for study and report.

Report of Director of Public Relations

Mr. Christiansen presented the report of the Public Relations Department, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary.

Operating Report

Mr. Black presented the Operating Report for September, 1962. A copy of this report is on file with the Secretary.

Approval of Requisitions (IR-33, IR-34, and IR-35)

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

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. IR-33, covering bi-annual physical examinations of street car and motor coach operators for the year 1963 at \$5.00 per examination, not to exceed a monthly cost of \$650.00, be and the same is hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Requisition No. IR-34, covering pre-employment physical examinations, including laboratory tests, for the year 1963 at \$7.50 per examination, not to exceed a monthly cost of \$1,000.00, be and the same is hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Requisition No. IR-35, covering special physical examinations as required by the Personnel Department for the year 1963, not to exceed a monthly cost of \$135.00, be and the same is hereby approved.

Changes of Bus Stop Zones

The General Manager reported that for the purpose of more efficient operation and more convenience to the public, certain changes had been made in bus stops. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the report dated October 15, 1962, filed with the Secretary, relating to changes of bus stop zones, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved.

Temporary Route Diversions

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

RESOLVED, that the temporary route diversions resulting from construction work affecting Lines 33, 39 and 59, as described in report dated October 16, 1962 filed with the Secretary, be and the same are hereby ratified and approved.

Report of Purchasing Agent of Sales of Surplus, Obsolete or Used Materials, Supplies or Equipment

The General Manager reported that pursuant to Section 9.8 of the Rules and Regulations, the Purchasing Agent had submitted a report of Sales of Surplus, Obsolete or Used Materials, Supplies or Equipment for the quarter ending September 30, 1962, a copy of which report is on file with the Secretary.

Report of Purchasing Committee

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

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Purchasing Committee of Authorizations for the period of October 9, 1962 through October 22, 1962, as discussed at this meeting and filed with the Secretary be and the same is hereby ratified and approved, and the appropriate payments are hereby authorized.

Changes of Route Description - Line No. 124

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

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to make those changes in route on Line No. 124, as discussed at this meeting and as described in report dated October 17, 1962, effective October 24, 1962, subject to prior approval of the Consulting Engineer;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to make appropriate revisions in the Official Route Authorizations of the Authority as adopted on April 5, 1960 to reflect the above changes in route description.

Changes of Route Description - Line No. 23

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

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to make those changes in route on Line No. 23, as discussed at this meeting and as described in report dated October 17, 1962 filed with the Secretary, effective October 24, 1962, subject to prior approval of the Consulting Engineer;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to make appropriate revisions in the Official Route Authorizations of the Authority as adopted on April 5, 1960 to reflect the above changes in route description.

Report on Application to Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency on Long Beach

Mr. Gerlach reported receipt of a letter, dated September 21, 1962 from Mr. John C. Kohl, Assistant Administrator, Transportation, for the Housing and Home Finance Agency relating to Federal participation in the construction of a modern rapid transit route from Long Beach to downtown Los Angeles. Mr. Kohl's letter, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary, stated that the "very magnitude (of the program) would preclude any suggestion on our part that you submit a formal application for a mass transportation demonstration grant. If it actually is a capital grant

request, it is premature because the Congress has authorized, as yet, no such program of transit financial assistance."

Substitution of motor coach lines for street car and trolley coach lines

Upon approval of the five Members present, consideration of the substitution of motor coach lines for all remaining street car and trolley coach lines was added to the agenda, and after discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was voted upon:

RESOLVED, that the Authority hereby adopts a program whereby motor coach lines will be substituted for all remaining street car and trolley coach lines, said substitution to become effective on March 31, 1963.

Messrs. Dean, Dumont, Hall and Woolard voted "Yes." Mr. Pollard refrained from voting. Motion carried.

Purchase of 200 New Motor Coaches

Upon approval of the five Members present, consideration of the purchase of 200 new motor coaches was added to the agenda, and after discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were voted upon:

WHEREAS, the Authority has authorized the substitution of motor coach lines for all of its remaining street car and trolley coach lines effective on March 31, 1963; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete such replacement by that date it is necessary for the Authority to acquire three hundred new motor coaches prior to March 31, 1963; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 1962 the Authority requested quotations for 100 motor coaches of the type now required by the Authority and received two competitive public bids, as follows:

General Motors Corp. - \$25,845.39 per coach

The Flxible Company - \$25,462.50 per coach

and

WHEREAS, no other person has ever bid to furnish motor coaches to the Authority, and it is for that reason extremely unlikely that any other or lower bids could now be obtained; and

WHEREAS, each of the above-named bidders has advised the Authority's General Manager that it can furnish 100 motor coaches as described in its bid, but not more, by March 31, 1963, at its bid price, provided that a purchase order is submitted by November 2, 1962; and

WHEREAS, because further competitive public bidding would delay the award of a purchase order beyond November 2, 1962, the Authority finds that further competitive public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 1962, the Authority authorized the Executive Director to award a purchase order to the Flxible Company for 100 motor coaches at the bid price of \$25,462.50 per coach (not including taxes, loading and freight charges or driveaway charges);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to award an additional purchase order, in the total amount of \$2,546,250.00 (not including taxes, loading and freight charges or driveaway charges) to The Flxible Company for 100 motor coaches in accordance with all of the terms and conditions of that company's bid dated August 1, 1962, and to award a purchase order, in the total amount of \$2,584,539.00 (not including taxes, loading and freight charges or driveaway charges) to General Motors Corporation for 100 motor coaches in accordance with all of the terms and

conditions of that corporation's bid dated July 31, 1962, all of said coaches to be delivered to the Authority on or prior to March 30, 1963, such purchase orders to be dated November 2, 1962;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the General Attorney be and he is hereby authorized to negotiate a supplemental Equipment Trust Agreement for the purpose of financing the purchase of the 100 Flexible coaches authorized by the Authority on August 7, 1962, and the 100 Flexible coaches and the 100 General Motors coaches, the purchase of which is hereinabove authorized, said agreement to be submitted to the Authority for approval and execution after said negotiation;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay loading and freight charges or driveaway charges and taxes on the purchase of said buses;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that said purchase agreements are to be approved as to legality by the General Attorney.

Messrs. Dean, Dumont, Hall and Woolard voted "Yes." Mr. Pollard refrained from voting. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

After discussion, upon 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 10:30 a.m. on November 6, 1962.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

VIRGINIA L. REES

Secretary