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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's Board Room, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California, at 3:00 o'clock p.m. on September 2, 1958, at which time the Chairman called the meeting to order.

Chairman Carl P. Miller, Members Don Belding, Fred S. Dean, Hayden F. Jones, Russell A. Quisenberry, Arthur J. Will and Clarence A. Winder attended. Also present were Executive Director Ralph P. Merritt; General Attorney Gerald G. Kelly; General Manager Cone T. Bass; Public Relations Director James H. Raport; Controller Wm. W. Wakelee; Ernest V. Gerlach, Clark Abbott, and George Burpee of Coverdale & Colpitts, Consulting Engineers of the Authority; Secretary Virginia L. Rees; Administrative Assistant James H. Lyons; John Wagner of the Public Relations Department; Roderick M. Hills of Musick, Peeler & Garrett; representatives of the press; and the public.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on August 5, 1958 were approved.

Labor Matters

Mr. Kelly reported that the State Conciliation Service had asked counsel for the Authority and counsel for the various unions to submit to the Service a suggested procedure for the forthcoming hearings. Mr. Kelly then read the "Procedure under Section 3.6 (d) of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority Act of 1957 for the determination of appropriate units and the certification of bargaining representatives." After discussion, and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the action of the General Attorney in agreeing with the labor unions and in approving the procedure to be followed before the State Conciliation Service be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Agreement with Transit Casualty Company

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 the Agreement between the Authority and Transit Casualty Company reviewed at this meeting and attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Concession Stand Lease Agreement

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

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director and Secretary be and they are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Authority the Concession Stand Lease Agreement and Consent to Sub-Lease between the Authority and Mrs. Lorena M. Hagerty reviewed at this meeting and attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

Paragraph IX of the AGREEMENT is amended so as to read as follows:

Agreement with Metropolitan Coach Lines

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

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director and Secretary be and they are hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the Authority the Amendment to Agreement between the Authority and Metropolitan Coach Lines reviewed at this meeting and attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

Extension of Pacific Electric Trackage Agreement

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

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director and General Attorney be and they are hereby authorized to negotiate a 90-day extension of the Pacific Electric Railway Company trackage agreement with necessary modifications.

Employment benefits of Authority employees

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

WHEREAS, the interests of the public, the employees of the Authority and the Authority will best be served by a restatement of intent and policy of the Authority in respect to the benefits accruing to both contract and noncontract employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that with regard to contract employees, all provisions of the labor agreements in effect on March 2, 1958, between Los Angeles Transit Lines, Metropolitan Coach Lines and Asbury Rapid Transit System and the labor unions that represented certain employees of these companies, shall be continued so long as such contracts are in effect; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the benefits provided for all classifications of noncontract employees, including but not limited to such benefits as pensions, insurance, vacations and medical and hospital care, shall be not less favorable than such benefits as are provided for contract employees of the same or nearest classification.

Report of Consulting Engineer

A progress report on the Origin and Destination Survey was presented by Mr. George Burpee, a Senior Partner of Coverdale & Colpitts. A copy of his report is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

Coverdale & Colpitts' budget for the period May 1, 1958 to December, 1958, inclusive was discussed. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that Coverdale & Colpitts' budget in the total amount of \$254,070, covering the period May 1, 1958 through December 31, 1958, inclusive, be and the same is hereby approved, and that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized to take whatever action is necessary to make the appropriate payment or payments.

Mr. Merritt reported the following statement from Mr. John Slater of Coverdale & Colpitts with reference to the recent survey of transit riders: "We should like to express our gratitude for the excellent cooperation received from the Authority's staff and our admiration for the smooth and efficient manner in which the operating personnel carried out the task of distributing and checking the questionnaires. The operators of the vehicles themselves, who provided the point

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of direct contact with the riding public, are particularly deserving of high praise."

Report of Controller

The report of the Controller relating to the finances of the Authority for the month of July was received and filed. A copy of said report is on file in the office of the Secretary.

Report of General Manager

Express Line 35

Mr. Bass reported that the results on Express Line 35 from the San Fernando Valley are most encouraging. The passenger increase necessitated the adding of an additional trip.

Downtown Loop, Line 33

Mr. Bass reported that the results of the Downtown Loop operation did not support its continued existence. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the Downtown Loop operation, Line 33, be and the same is hereby discontinued as of September 6, 1958.

Special Service - Woodbury College

Mr. Bass reported that 150 foreign students who are going to attend Woodbury College had come into town. He pointed out that at present these students would be required to ride three lines with two transfers to go from 8th Street and Vermont

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Avenue to Woodbury College. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to inaugurate a special service from 8th Street and Vermont Avenue to Woodbury College at Wilshire Boulevard and St. Paul Street, such service to start on September 2, 1958 and to continue so long as patronage justifies it.

Temporary reroutings

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

RESOLVED, that the temporary reroutings on Lines 53, 11, 49, 50, 14, 21, 92, and 18 be and the same are hereby ratified and approved.

Service changes

Mr. Bass reported on the service changes occurring between August 5, 1958 and August 18, 1958, a summary of which changes is attached hereto as Exhibit 5. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the service changes reported upon at this meeting be and the same are hereby ratified and approved.

Lines 60, 63, and 69

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

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized the use of stops on new bus turnouts on San Bernardino Freeway at Eastern Avenue and McGilbery Avenue by Lines 60, 63 and 69 in order to service the Ramona Campus of State College.

Changes of Bus Stops.

Mr. Bass filed with the Authority a list of all bus stop changes made from August 5, 1958 through August 27, 1958. 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 be and the same is hereby ratified and approved;

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

West Hollywood Division Construction

Mr. Bass reported that at the Authority meeting on July 15, 1958, the General Manager was authorized to secure bids for the construction of additional facilities at the West Hollywood Division. He reported that pursuant to such authority he had now received three bids, the highest of which was \$15,723 and the lowest of which was \$12,736, this latter bid being from the firm of Carpenter and Smallwood. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the firm of Carpenter and Smallwood for the construction of additional facilities at the West Hollywood Division, in the sum of \$12,736, such contract to be subject to the approval of the General Attorney;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the total cost for building this facility shall not exceed \$25,500.

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San Bernardino Station Sub-Leases

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

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to enter into an extension of sub-leases for certain space in the San Bernardino Station now subleased to Bud Ammons and Pirates Den, said leases to be extended from September 30, 1958 to June 30, 1959 on the same terms and conditions as the present leases.

Sale of Surplus Property

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

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to sell to the highest bidder the following motor vehicles:

- a. Seven (7) Model PDA-3701 Yellow Diesel Coaches numbered 1686, 1687, 1688, 1689, 1692, 1693 and 1694.
- b. Thirty-five (35) Model TDH 4505 Yellow Diesel Coaches numbered 2500 to 2534, inclusive.
- c. 1947 GMC Dump Truck No. 160 and 1951 GMC Tow Truck No. 163.

Equipping of Automobiles

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

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$1757.00 for the servicing and equipping of 6 Plymouth automobiles, the purchase of which was authorized by this Authority on July 15, 1958, such expenditure to be subject to the approval of the General Attorney.

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Relocation of Facilities

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

RESOLVED, that the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to expend funds to replace poles and rearrange trolley coach overhead to clear for street widening on Eastern Avenue between Rogers Street and City Terrace Drive at an estimated cost of \$4,000.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to expend funds to rearrange trolley coach overhead on Edinburgh Avenue between 3rd Street and Blackburn Avenue during installation of Los Angeles County Flood Control drain at an estimated cost of \$3,500.

Printing of System Maps

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

RESOLVED, that the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$1,396 for the printing of System Maps.

Report of Public Relations Director

Mr. Raport presented the report of the Public Relations Department. A copy of his report is attached hereto as Exhibit 6.

Asbury Rapid Transit Claims

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

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RESOLVED, that the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to make payment of the sum of \$7,616.16 to the Transit Casualty Company, representing amounts paid by Transit Casualty Company in settlement of claims of Asbury Rapid Transit for the period ending June 30, 1958, which claims have been approved by the General Attorney as to form.

Deductions for Health and Welfare Insurance

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

RESOLVED, that the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to make payroll deductions for premiums for health and welfare insurance upon meeting the requirements contained in the General Attorney's Opinion of August 26, 1958.

Deductions for Wives' Death Benefit Fund

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

RESOLVED, that the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to make payroll deductions for Wives' Death Benefit Fund to dates agreed upon with union representatives but not beyond August 31, 1958.

Deductions for MECCA

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

RESOLVED, that the rules and regulations of Management Employees Charity Chest Association (MECCA) be and the same are hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Controller is hereby authorized to make payroll deductions for MECCA according to the written requests of Authority employees.

Chambers of Commerce

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

RESOLVED, that the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to pay additional membership fees applicable by various of the Chambers of Commerce for which membership was approved on July 15, 1958; provided that no single Chamber of Commerce shall receive an increased membership fee of greater than \$25.00.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that membership in the California State Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$200 per year be and the same is hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that membership in the United States Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$200 per year be and the same is hereby approved.

Execution of Endorsements to Insurance Policies

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

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be and he is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the Authority endorsements or amendments to existing insurance policies arising from the obligations of agreement of purchase by the Authority, subject to approval as to form by the General Attorney.

Holidays

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

RESOLVED, that the resolutions adopted at the June 17, 1958 regular meeting of the Members of the Authority under the title "Holidays" are hereby rescinded in their entirety.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in lieu of such rescinded resolutions, the following resolutions are hereby adopted:

RESOLVED, that the administrative and business offices of the Authority shall be closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day; and said days and no others shall be considered holidays for the purposes of the Rules and Regulations of the Authority.

