

MINUTES



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APPROVED AS
SUBMITTED

**RAIL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION
MINUTES OF MEETING OCTOBER 18, 1989**

MEMBERS PRESENT

JACKI BACHARACH
CAROLE STEVENS
MIKE LEWIS
WALTER KING

STAFF PRESENT

NEIL PETERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ED MCSPEDON, DIRECTOR, DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION
CLAUDETTE MOODY, MANAGER OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
JESSICA CUSSICK, PUBLIC ARTS ADMINISTRATOR
MANIT CHURANAKOSES, MANAGER OF RAIL FACILITIES ENGINEERING
BARBARA NORRIS, SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

OTHERS

JEFF WOLFE, TRANSCAL

CALL TO ORDER

DRAFT 1990 LACTC LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Claudette Moody requested that this item be discussed first. The Board concurred. Ms. Moody briefed the Board on the 1990 legislative agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 1989

The minutes of the meeting of October 2, 1989 were approved as submitted.

Jacki Bacharach commented that Page 3, Paragraph 5 of the minutes stated that staff would return to the Board at their next meeting with an update on MC-5. Mr. McSpedon stated that the City of Compton has asked that we hold this item over to the November 6 meeting. Ms. Bacharach asked that staff note on the agenda any items slated to be discussed, but have been held over.

REPORT ON THIRD-PARTY ACTIONS AND CONTRACT CHANGE NOTICES

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report (outline attached).

C.P.U.C: - Southern Pacific wants a traffic signal at the 55th Street grade crossing, City of Los Angeles and the LACTC feel it is unnecessary. An agreement in concept has been reached to open the rail line without the traffic signal and operate it for 6 months, then do a reassessment as to whether there is a significant traffic issue. C.P.U.C. action is expected on our application with such a condition.

Regarding the outboard walkways and handrails issue, if an agreement is not reached with the Southern Pacific, LACTC may have to go to a formal Public Utilities Commission hearing.

LOS ANGELES: Groundbreaking scheduled on November 16 for the pedestrian crossing at 105th Street has been postponed.

SCRTD/UMTA: Walter King asked about an alternate operational plan from the 1990 interim terminal at Pico & Flower Street to the 7th & Flower Street Station. Mr. McSpedon stated that plans for a shuttle service will be discussed at the next meeting. Based on the October 17 earthquake in Northern California, Mr. King also asked about standby power on the rail line in case of an emergency. Mr. McSpedon stated that there are 21 substations on the LB/LA line and adjacent substations each draw power from independent sources. If any substation goes out, the two substations on either side can cross feed that section, and if they all go out, we have diesel equipment that can push a stalled train off of a grade crossing.

The Board discussed a reassessment of the County Transportation System in the event of seismic activity and the role of the Commission. The Board concurred to bring this issue to the Commission at its next meeting.

GOVERNMENT CODE CLAIMS

The Board recommends the Commission formally reject the claims of Tommy Joe McCain; Margaret McCain; Charlott McCain; Charles Lehr; Darlene Lehr; Alexander Salazar Romero; David Rutter; and Southern California Edison Company.

**METRO GREEN LINE (NORWALK/EL SEGUNDO) CONTRACT R23-S12-MC01,
APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 01 - O'BRIEN-KREITZBERG & ASSOCIATES,
INC.**

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report. The Board recommended the Commission approve Amendment No. 01 to the subject contract in the amount of \$330,965 increasing the current contract ceiling price to \$1,727,765. As this amended amount was deleted from the TransCal II contract, there is no net effect to the overall project budget.

**ART FOR RAIL TRANSIT PROGRAM - APPROVAL OF PANELIST LIST AND
PROGRAM UPDATE**

Jessica Cussick presented staff's report to the Board. She stated that in addition to the general public meetings, informational meetings have been held specifically for artists and the response has been very positive.

Ms. Cussick stated that LACTC has received a grant from the California Arts Council to host a design seminar in January with Caltrans on the design of the Green Line stations.

Mr. King stated that he felt the Commission's logo should be used on the Art Program and not a separate logo. Ms. Stevens stated she liked the use of "Art for Rail Transit" but concurred with Mr. King on the logo.

The Board recommended (Mr. Lewis voting no) that the Commission approve the list of potential panelists recommended in staff's report to be appointed to the Art Panel as appropriate.

METRO GREEN LINE RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT STATION DESIGN

Manit Churanakoses updated the Board on the architectural design of the Green Line Stations. Jeff Wolfe explained that a basic element for the canopies being used (the spine) creates a high-tech image that is consistent for all stations, but variations to the canopy supported by the spine can be made at each station to identify the specific area. Mr Wolfe and Jessica Cussick stated that there are many opportunities for the Art Program involving the canopies and the station areas and that the artists will be involved at the design stage.

Mr. Wolfe explained that all the basic structural design is standardized regardless of the canopy, artwork, etc., which keeps the capital and maintenance costs down.

Jacki Bacharach requested that starting October 25, 1989 all renderings produced on the Green Line depict catenary poles.

Mike Lewis asked about the cost of the canopies. Mr. Wolfe stated that a base price for all stations has been established which means the designers can do anything they want as long as their within the firelife safety codes, meet the design criteria and stay within the budget. If the cities, 3rd parties, etc. want a design change or addition and are willing to pay for it, the changes or additions can easily be made because of the standardized basic design.

Mr. Wolfe stated that he has a display of the different designs and will take the Board on a tour at its next meeting.

The Board scheduled the next meeting for November 6.

QUARTERLY REPORT ON SCHEDULE AND COST FORECAST

Ed McSpedon updated the Corporation on the Blue Line construction status. He reported on the progress, actions taken, priorities ahead and level of confidence in the forecasts (see attachment). He stated that the project is 86% complete, (measured as work in place in the field). The overall Blue Line budget is \$836.3 million. This includes adding to the \$770.8 million approved in 1985: MC-5, shifting some consultant dollars to the Green Line in 1988, adding \$3 million for transit security, \$2.7 million for the Arts Program, \$3.6 million for the Florence/Graham park and ride, and \$300,000 for bus/rail interface coordination.

The Board discussed touring the tunnel along with the Transit Committee on November 6. The tour will take place after the Rail Corporation meeting and before the Transit Committee meeting.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Ed McSpedon presented an overview on the actions taken and direction being follow toward full implementation of the Rail Construction Corporation (see attached report). Mr. Peterson also stated that staff is asking the Board to make a recommendation on proceeding with the staffing plan.

Ms. Bacharach stated that in regards to the staff/consultant ratio the report should reflect that this is the status to date and that this issue is continually being evaluated.

Mr. King asked what would occur if SCRTD doesn't sign an agreement with LACTC. Mr. Peterson stated that we are the grantee for the Metro Rail MOS-2. What is being prepared at this time is a proposal for staffing assuming they do sign and a proposal if they don't sign.

Jacki Bacharach stated that the Corporation Chart should reflect that the Executive Director is the person who would hire and fire the Corporation President.

Mr. Peterson reviewed with the Board a compensation survey being considered on the Corporation. He asked for comments from the Board and stated that at the next Government Relations and Finance Committee (GRF) meeting a specific proposal would be made and brought back to the Board at its next meeting. The Board approved authorization for staff to proceed with the staffing plan and to report to the Commission at its October 25 meeting on the actions taken today.

METRO GREEN LINE BUDGET ISSUE

No action was taken on this item. This item will go to the Commission's October 25 meeting.

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CLOSED SESSION

The Committee adjourned to a closed session to discuss Real Estate Matters on Parcel R01-R21-AS101 - Charles Dickson.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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