



**Rail  
Construction  
Corporation**



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**RAIL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 1989**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

JACKI BACHARACH  
CAROLE STEVENS  
WALTER KING  
RAY GRABINSKI

APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS  
12/4/89

**STAFF PRESENT**

NEIL PETERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
ED MCSPEDON, ACTING PRESIDENT, RAIL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION  
AL SCALA, MANAGER OF CONTRACTS  
NORM JESTER, MANAGER OF RAIL SYSTEMS  
ROBIN MCCARTHY, MANAGER OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
NAOMI NIGHTINGALE, SENIOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER  
JOHN HIGGINS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER II  
ART GOMEZ, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER II  
TORRI HILL-WILLIAMS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER II  
BARBARA NORRIS, SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

**OTHERS**

BOB NEWLAND, TRANSCAL II  
DIANE KRAVIF, TRANSCAL  
VIDA BROWN, TRANSIT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATORS

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 1989**

The minutes of the meeting of October 18, 1989 were approved as submitted.

**STATUS REPORT ON THE RAIL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION**

Neil Peterson made an announcement appointing Ed McSpedon Acting President of the Rail Construction Corporation effective today.

Mr. Peterson briefed the Board on the status of the grantee on MOS-2. He distributed to the Board a legal opinion from UMTA confirming that the LACTC is the grantee and has full management authority on the project. Also, copies of two letters of no prejudice have been received on the grant. He stated that the only remaining action on MOS-2 is getting the signatures on the Full-Funding Grant Agreement.

Jacki Bacharach suggested a workshop be held for the board on MOS-2 to review the project in total and bring them up to date on outstanding issues.

Mr. Peterson briefed the Board on the Rail Construction Corporation staffing, salary ranges and incentives discussed by the Government Relations and Finance Committee and being presented to the Commission at its next meeting .

Mr. Peterson stated an item will be going to the Transit Committee for action today allowing us to move ahead with land acquisition and engineering on MOS-2. After this recommendation is approved by the Commission, all contracts would come back to the Board.

Mr. Peterson stated that he will be bringing to the next R.C.C. meeting names of potential Board Members to be considered by the Interim Board. Since SCRTD has not made a decision to appoint members to the R.C.C. Board at this time, the LACTC will proceed to appoint 5 Board members. He also stated that staff will brief the Transit Committee today clarifying the separation of MOS-1 and MOS-2, RTD managing MOS-1 and LACTC managing MOS-2.

**REPORT ON THIRD-PARTY ACTIONS AND CONTRACT CHANGE NOTICES**

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

City of L.A. - Mr. King asked for the LADOT's status on pre-emption on Washington Blvd. Mr. McSpedon stated we have asked for priority. He also stated LACTC has signed agreement with LADOT stating the Commission will develop new software for ATSAC to accommodate trains and automobiles in the downtown area. Also stated in the agreement is the mutual intent of the parties to provide maximum priority for rail vehicles in the downtown area without unduly impacting automobile traffic.

UMTA is sending its Project Management Oversight consultant to LACTC shortly to review our procedures and processes used for controlling project scope, project cost and project schedule in anticipation of our involvement in the federally funded rail programs. Staff will prepare a presentation for the PMO consultant.

#### **GOVERNMENT CODE CLAIMS**

The Board recommended that the Commission formally reject the claims of Reva A. Moore; Francisco Andres Munquia; Rosa Munquia; Mark S. Cox; David Gonzales; Tomas Mercado; Isabel Dominguez; and Rogelio Novoa

#### **METRO GREEN LINE - AWARD CONTRACT R01-T01-C420, ROSECRANS STREET DEMOLITION/UTILITY DEMOLITION, WILLOWBROOK AVENUE EAST TO SPRING STREET**

Al Scala presented staff's report on contract C420 which includes performing the demolition and relocation of utilities for Rosecrans Avenue and other streets as indicated within the boundaries of the C420 contract. The Board recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award contract R01-T01-C420 to Shawnan Corporation, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The contract award will be for a total estimated contract price of \$2,108,660. A 10% contract reserve fund of \$211,340 is also recommended to cover the cost of changes and extra work, but will not be included in the contract award amount.

#### **METRO GREEN LINE - CONTRACT R01-T01-C140, LACBD APPROACH, CHANGE ORDER NO. 115**

Al Scala presented staff's report requesting compensation to Homer J. Olsen, Contractor for acceleration of trackwork installation to achieve substantial trackway completion no later than January 31, 1990. The revised completion date for all contract work is April 7, 1990. Mr. Scala stated that the Change Order is subject to legal review and approval of specific language. The concern is

that the express purpose of the 167 day extension is for the assessment of the penalty bonus clause for early and late completion. LACTC's intent is to reserve all rights against Homer J. Olsen for late completion damages.

Mr. Grabinski raised concerns as to whether it was cost-effective to spend this money at this time when the 7th & Flower Street station is begin delayed. Mr. McSpedon stated that any delay in this contract would also delay other contractors on the project.

The Board recommended, contingent upon legal counsel's approval of the Change Order language before the Commission's November 15th meeting, that the Commission approve Change Order No. 115 in the amount of \$1,025,469. Sufficient contingency remains within the current AFE amount to cover the cost of this Change Order. It is also recommended that the target completion date be extended by 167 calendar days beyond the current completion date of October 22, 1989, to April 7, 1990.

**METRO GREEN LINE - CONTRACT R01-S11-E001 - GENERAL ENGINEERING,  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAIL CONSULTANTS - CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

Al Scala presented staff's report. This amendment is necessary to incorporate into the contract costs associated with the MC-5 and Long Beach Loop Scopes. The Board recommends that the Commission approve increasing the AFE by \$94,083 and approve Amendment No. 5 in the amount of \$1,589,083. The Commission will hold in retention all monies allowed in accordance with the contract.

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT - SIMMONS CABLE TV**

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report. The Board recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute the cooperative agreement with Simmons Cable TV and begin to issue work orders for necessary activities including design work, which should be done by LACTC-controlled forces to the maximum extent possible.

**PLANNING DIRECTION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OCCUPATIONS PROGRAM**

Robin McCarthy and Naomi Nightingale addressed the Board on the recommendations and strategies for the phasing the TOP out of the Blue Line area and moving on to the Green Line area.

Naomi Nightingale stated that there are over eight school jurisdictions in the Norwalk/El Segundo area and that it is not feasible based on existing staff and budget to simultaneously operate the TOP with all the districts. After further discussions on the problems with the logistics of the Program and where the role of the Commission ends, the Board recommended that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Hire, immediately, a contract person to and raise funds and develop corporate support for the Transportation Occupations Program.
2. Initiate contacts and develop plans to expand the TOP functions to the schools within the Norwalk-El Segundo corridor.
3. Staff is to develop and submit for the Commissioners' consideration TOP options which will continue and expand the success of the program without diminishing the quality and effectiveness of program benefits currently being experienced by TOP participants.
4. Initiate joint meetings between school board trustees and Commissioners to explore ways in which the educational institutions and the LACTC can improve and expand TOP functions in schools and to students.
5. Assist school districts with schools no longer impacted by construction to transition from co-sponsorship with LACTC to the independent operation of TOP functions with continuing advisory assistance from LACTC.
6. Plan and execute a "Youth and Transit" one-day workshop to focus on the developing transportation industry and to encourage the interest and involvement of our youth in transit occupations. This workshop will involve Commissioners, civic leaders and transportation leaders outside and within LACTC.

#### **METRO RAIL MOS-1 VEHICLE OPTION**

Richard Stanger presented staff's report. In June 1988, SCR TD entered into a contract with Breda to purchase 30 rail transit cars for MOS-1 of the Metro Red Line. This contract included an option to be exercised by November 30, 1989, for 42 additional rail cars for MOS-2. SCR TD has asked LACTC to commit \$58,480,821 for this purpose.

Mr. Stanger reviewed the three relevant factors for exercising the option and the reasons staff recommends not exercising the option:

1. Attractiveness of the option price - The option price is very attractive on face value (\$1.3 million/car but the option is not cost-effective due to lag time between delivery and use, 6 years before they are needed.
2. Appropriateness of purchasing the cars now - Better to order all Phase II vehicles in 1996. This would present a substantial order to the industry, and minimize the length of time extra vehicles are on hand.
3. Price of the option - A cost comparison by staff indicates that the present value of a future combined purchase is less than the present value of buying 42 vehicles now and another 28 in 1996.

The Board recommended that the Commission not exercise the option to purchase an additional 42 rail cars from Breda for the Metro Red Line. Instead, it is recommended that the Commission purchase all cars needed for Phase II in 1996.

#### **METRO GREEN LINE- PROJECT BUDGET**

Ed McSpedon addressed the Committee stating that on October 25, 1989, the Commission reaffirmed its decision to proceed with automated driverless technology on the Green Line, but the budget issue was deferred back to the RCC Board for additional work. Mr. McSpedon briefed the Board on the budget history. Bob Newland addressed the Board on the system features and estimate update, also addressed the Board on the contributions and changes. (See attached.)

Diane Kravif addressed the Board on the mini-yard features, and explained how this mini-yard design could easily be converted to a full yard in the future in a cost-effective manner.

The Board had further discussion on the size of the fleet; the security; the size of the yard and whether a car wash should be part of the yard; and other outstanding issues. The Board felt that no decision could be taken on the budget until some of these outstanding issues have been resolved. The Board asked that staff return at either of the next two meetings with more specific options and resolution of the outstanding issues.

#### **METRO BLUE LINE - AUDIT ON PROJECT READINESS**

Norm Jester briefed the Board on staff's report regarding LACTC's response and recommended actions concerning the Metro Blue Line readiness. This item will be presented at the Transit Committee today for a budget approval.

Mr. Jester addressed the Board on the roles and responsibilities of the Rail Activation Team, which is to ensure that all Blue Line construction, installation, testing, safety certification are complete prior to turning it over to SCRTD for operation on the Revenue Operating Date (ROD). Mr. Jester briefed the Board on the joint LACTC/SCRTD Agreement signed in July 1989, for the testing, acceptance, and safety certification phase of the Metro Blue Line. During this rail activation period SCRTD acts as agent to the Commission. When the Blue Line is turned over to SCRTD for pre-revenue operations, the Commission's role becomes that of support to the SCRTD.

The Board discussed a news release from the SCRTD Board regarding the issue of safety and security on the Blue Line. Mr. Peterson stated that this issue will be discussed at a meeting scheduled with Mr. Alan Pegg on Wednesday, November 8.

#### **METRO BLUE LINE - SECURITY ISSUE**

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report regarding LACTC's response to the Metro Blue Line security issue. Mr. Jester gave a slide presentation on the graffiti problem and stated that we need to take aggressive action now in order to avoid any further deterioration from the lack of graffiti clean-up. Mr. Jester briefed the Board on extending the contract with the Sheriff's Department to the ROD. This item is being presented at the Transit Committee today for action.

The Board discussed the problem of trying to keep on top of the clean-up of graffiti and also, options to consider such as using landscaping as a way of covering potential graffiti areas, uneven surfaces to make it harder to mark, etc. Mr. Grabinski stressed the importance of getting the communities involved in the landscaping programs.

#### **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS**

Robin McCarthy updated the Board on the status of current enhancement activities in the communities.

John Higgins briefed the Board on the right-of-way planting efforts being considered with the Tree People; Ms. Hill-Williams addressed the Board on the anti-graffiti efforts; Ms. McCarthy spoke on the local merchants buy-in efforts and sponsorship of a rail strategy by Chambers of Commerce,

**EL SEGUNDO STATION ARCHITECTURE - TOUR OF TRANSCAL DISPLAY AND TOUR OF TUNNEL**

The Board adjourned to view a display of the El Segundo Station architecture, and also to tour the Flower Street tunnel.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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