



**Rail  
Construction  
Corporation**



a Subsidiary of  
the Los Angeles County  
Transportation Commission

**RAIL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION  
RAIL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 1990**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

JACKI BACHARACH  
CAROLE STEVENS  
WALTER KING  
RAY GRABINSKI  
MIKE LEWIS

**STAFF PRESENT**

NEIL PETERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
ED McSPEDON, ACTING PRESIDENT/CEO, R.C.C.  
JERRY GIVENS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION  
NORM JESTER, MANAGER OF RAIL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING  
LOU HUBAUD, RAIL SYSTEM SAFETY COORDINATOR  
AL SCALA, MANAGER OF CONTRACTS  
ROBIN MCCARTHY, MANAGER OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
PAMELA SIMMONS, ACTING MANAGER OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE  
ROBERT CASHIN, MANAGER OF HIGHWAYS/TSM  
ERICA GOEBEL, MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND GRAPHICS  
JESSICA CUSICK, SENIOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER  
BARBARA NORRIS, SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

**OTHERS**

ROBERT KRUSE, SCRTRD APPOINTEE TO THE RAIL CONSTRUCTION  
CORPORATION  
SHARON PAPA, CHIEF, SCRTRD TRANSIT POLICE  
LT. RON EUTSEY, SCRTRD TRANSIT POLICE  
KIT ARMSTRONG, SCRTRD TRANSIT POLICE  
SHARI BARBERIC, SCRTRD TRANSIT POLICE  
COMMANDER JOHN HAMMEGRIN, L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
RENEE PETROPOULOS, ART PROGRAM  
KEN KLEIN, COUNTY COUNSEL  
RICHARD MAULLIN, FAIRBANK, BREGMAN & MAULLIN

CALL TO ORDER

INFORMATION ON REVISED AGENDA

Jacki Bacharach reported on the revised Agenda. She stated items pertaining to construction will go to the Rail Construction Corporation which is composed of 7 citizen members--three appointed by SCRTD, three appointed by LACTC and the seventh member appointed by the other 6. Other rail items having to do with the system in general will continue to go to the Rail Committee.

Items pulled from the February 12, 1990 Rail Construction Corporation to go to the Rail Committee were:

11. Metro Blue Line - Security Services
12. Metro Green Line - Advance funding
13. Jobs Training Program
14. Rail Activation
15. Metro Blue Line - Progress Report on Art Program

RAIL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, JANUARY 24 AND JANUARY 31, 1990  
RAIL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION STATUS

The Board approved the minutes of January 8, January 24 and January 31, 1990 as submitted.

RAIL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION STATUS

Jacki Bacharach introduced Mr. Robert Kruse, one of two appointees selected by SCRTD for the Rail Construction Corporation.

Mr. Peterson gave an update on the status of the LACTC appointees being considered for the Rail Construction Corporation.

**METRO BLUE LINE - THIRD-PARTY ACTIONS AND CONTRACT CHANGE NOTICES**

Mr. McSpedon report on third-party actions. (Outline attached)

He clarified that regarding SCRTD/UMTA - the MOS-2 Financial Plan, MOS-2 schedule, MOS-2 Project Management Plan, Value Engineering recommendations and Cost Reduction Panel recommendations have been finalized and submitted to UMTA.

**METRO BLUE LINE - GOVERNMENT CODE CLAIM - CHERYL MING**

Mr. McSpedon presented staff's report. The Board recommended that the Commission formally reject the claim of Cheryl Ming.

**METRO BLUE LINE - CONSTRUCTION SAFETY AWARDS**

Mr. McSpedon reported on the construction safety awards stating that the recipients must achieve a record of safety performance of at least 25% better than the national average for heavy construction.

The Board recommended that the Commission recognize the following general contractors with outstanding safety performance on Metro Blue Line contract sites:

Al Binger accepting for Morrison/Knudsen - Contract C335, Long Beach Boulevard construction from Willow St. to Anaheim;

Dwayne Pojan and John Eads accepting for Morrison/Knudsen - Contract C265 for mid-corridor station superstructures.

Al Landis and Scott Purdy accepting for Herzog Construction - Contract C2125 - freight track relocation and Contract C258 - Trackwork

Ray Chase and Jim Wilson accepting for Continental Heller - Contract C335, Long Beach Station Superstructures

Also, for the first time the RCC recognized the following consultant and LACTC staff members for their contributions toward furthering the construction safety program:

Henry Fuks, TransCal Resident Engineer on Contract C258, Trackwork

Helmut Schweitzer, TransCal Resident Engineer on Contract H825, Transit Signaling System

Kathy Sweet, LACTC/RCC Rail Facilities Coordinator II for initiating training programs, CPR, accident prevention, first aid, etc. for staff and consultants.

**AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DELEUW CATHER & COMPANY**

Mr. McSpedon reported on the need for someone to manage the overall systems engineering efforts due to the temporary re-assignment of Norm Jester, Manager of Rail Systems Engineering, to focus on the Metro Blue Line rail start-up.

The Board recommended that the Commission approve an amendment to Contract RE1-E0006 - DeLeuw-Cather & Company, covering the provision of services by an employee of this firm, David Benjamin, to assist the RCC in managing systems design efforts on the Metro Green and Red Lines. This amendment would increase the contract's value from \$30,946 to \$90,116 (an increase of \$59,170) and extend its expiration date from March 9, 1990 to June 29, 1990. Funds to cover this increase will be available when the mid-year amendment to the FY '89/90 Operating Budget for the Green Line is approved.

**METRO BLUE LINE - AMENDMENT TO VEHICLE DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT CONTRACT - LTK I**

Al Scala presented staff's report stating the extension of contract time and associated price increase is required to support carbuilder performance which was originally anticipated to end in March 1990, but which will now continue until September 1990. This amendment also covers out-of-scope services requested by the Commission and adjustments to audited overhead rates. The out-of-scope services have been appropriated to the various projects.

The Board recommended the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to the subject contract in the amount of \$833,704. The revised Contract Ceiling Price is \$4,972,850. An extension of contract time is also required which will extend the performance time to September 30, 1990.

**METRO BLUE LINE CHANGE ORDERS:**

Contract C140. #133 - LACBD Approach (Homer J. Olsen)

Al Scala presented staff's report on Change Order No. 133 which involves at-grade construction of dual-track line and station superstructures along Washington Boulevard, Grand Avenue and San Pedro Street for the Metro Blue Line. The Board recommended the Commission approve Change Order No. 133 in the amount of \$416,112. Sufficient contingency remains within the current AFE amount as presented to the Commission for approval on January 24, to cover the cost of this Change Order.

Contract C415. #24 - Firestone Bridge (Morrison-Knudsen, Inc.)

Al Scala presented staff's report on Change Order #24 in the amount of <\$329,733.60> which deletes selected Contingency Pay Items which were not used during the course of construction for this contract.

The Board recommends that the Commission approve Change Order #24 in the amount of <\$329,733.60>.

Contract C3270. Change Order #18

Al Scala presented staff's report on Change Order No. 18 providing procurement and installation of traffic signal hardware from C&S manholes to predictor controllers to provide local signal Controller Communications on the Long Beach Loop.

At this point Ed McSpedon briefed the Board on the Project Reserve Fund for the Metro Blue Line and reviewed the forecasted total cost to complete the project.

The Board recommended that the Commission approve Change Order No. 18 in the amount of \$670,851. Also recommended is that the Commission approve an increase to the current AFE amount by \$1,480,000 to a revised total of \$23,280,000. This increase in AFE will enable staff to process pending and anticipated changes and claims. The \$2,480,000 required as additional funding will be transferred from the Project Reserve.

Contract C325, #21

Al Scala presented a report on Change Order No. 21 providing an equitable adjustment to the Contractor for all impacts, delays and inefficiencies experienced during construction of Contract C325.

The Board recommends that the Commission approve Change Order #21 in the amount of \$526,667. Also recommended is that the Commission approve an increase to the current AFE amount by \$417,168 to a revised total AFE of \$21,172,768. This increase in AFE will enable staff to process pending and anticipated changes and claims. The \$417,168 required as additional funding will be transferred from the Project Reserve.

AMEND CONTRACT WITH DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING (DFEH)

Al Scala presented staff's report. Pam Simmons reviewed with the Board the role of the DFEH. She stated that Commission staff requires the services of DFEH for review of contractor compliance with Commission's EEO requirements and evaluation of complaints of noncompliance. Specific duties include monitoring of compliance, receipt and review of contractor reports, preparation of reports and statistical analyses, performing desk and field audits, processing and investigation of complaints, preparation of findings of possible violations, and recommendation of corrective and remedial action where appropriate.

The Board recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award a contract amendment to the existing contract with DFEH for review of contractor compliance with EEO requirements for an amount not to exceed \$203,000. This will increase the base contract amount from \$225,000 to \$428,000.

METRO BLUE LINE - UPDATE ON MC-5

Jerry Givens briefed the Board on the status of MC-5. He stated that the Southern Pacific Railroad has responded to LACTC's draft agreement and will soon meet with staff to go over the railroad's comments. Also, the railroad will form a special team of engineers to inspect the relocation and rearrangements of their facilities for final certification of completion.

Mr. Givens stated that the City of Compton has entered into a professional services contract with Willdan Associates to begin its environmental assessment for Section 130 federal safety funds for MC-5 grade crossings.

We have received concurrence from the railroad regarding our Rosecrans/Alameda overpass design.

Supervisor Deane Dana has met with the County Department of Public Works, City of Compton and LACTC to talk about local agency certification. The County is considering the designation of county staff to act as construction manager on the Rosecrans/Alameda grade-separation element of MC-5.

City of Compton has acquired right-of-way from the developer, TELACU for the extension of East Alameda Street. The developer has given property to the City at no cost, saving the Commission approximately \$1 million in acquisition fees.

City has also selected an engineering firm to begin environmental clearance and engineering work for the proposed West Alameda grade separation, a City project which impacts MC-5.

Contract C500, the City of Compton has executed an agreement with the Commission for the temporary closure of the pedestrian crossing at Caldwell Street.

The City has also agreed to be responsible for all property acquisitions needed for the pedestrian structure.

#### CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board schedule the next meeting for Thursday, March 8, 1990 at 12:00 noon. This meeting will be held in the El Segundo area with a specification to be stated in the next agenda.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Rail Construction Corporation adjourned. The Rail Committee followed.

RAIL COMMITTEE ITEMS

METRO BLUE LINE - RAIL ACTIVATION PROGRESS UPDATE

Norm Jester reviewed with the Committee the Rail Activation monthly progress report (outline attached).

The Committee asked that staff return to the Committee with a more detailed report on the problem that RTD is having in securing 800 MHZ radio frequencies from the FCC.

METRO BLUE LINE - SECURITY SERVICES

Norm Jester reported on the actions the Committee requested at its last meeting. Mr. Jester stated that since the Committee's last meeting staff was invited attend a SCRTD Board Meeting to make a presentation on the security concept. A vote was taken at the RTD on two motions: 1) to support that the transit policing for the Blue Line be done by the SCRTD Transit Police; 2) add a security person to each station 24-hours a day and to each physical facility. Both passed the RTD Board with one abstention.

The Committee heard presentations from the following:

Richard Maullin, Fairbank, Bregman and Maullin, contracted by LACTC for Marketing Research and Public Opinion Analysis - reported on the results of two surveys and two focus groups (consisting of ten to twelve people) held in December on ridership interest, potential factors for keeping people from riding the Blue Line, then focusing on security issues--the perceptions of police enforcers that might offer security on the Blue Line.

Norm Jester summarized staff's report that was presented to SCRTD at its last Committee meeting and the SCRTD Board's actions at that meeting. Summarized by Mr. Jester were: the potential risks involved if the security is not adequate, especially in the first year; facts relating to SCRTD vs. Sheriff's Department on security; LACTC's proposal for RTD police reorganization; RTD's position on LACTC's proposal; reasons for utilizing the Sheriff's Department; staff's opinion on why RTD's proposal is lacking. (See attachments.)

The Committee had further discussion on the use of part-time officers. Ray Grabinski stated his concern on using part-time officers from other agencies that may have already put in extra hours before arriving on duty for the transit line. Mr. Grabinski also stated that the public perception of the security on this line is an important factor.



The Committee questioned what response staff has received from other agencies on the part-time pool. Mr. Hubaud stated that City of Los Angeles and City of Long Beach have both expressed their position that they will not permit their officers to work in another agency's uniform nor under the direction of another agency.

Ms. Papa introduced staff of the SCRTD Transit Police who gave the following presentations: Lt. Ron Eutsey gave an overview of the Department's history; Sgt. Kit Armstrong reported on the Metro Blue Line Deployment Plan which covered the goals, expected criminal activity, strategies and operational plans; Sgt. Shari Barberic presented the special problems and undercover operations, especially the role of the "Taggers" who are believed to be the major source of graffiti in the area; Chief Sharon Papa ended the presentation with an overview of the part-time officer program implementation. Ms. Papa stressed the fact that although the Cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach may not be part of the program, many other agencies are interested in the part-time program and have committed their officers.

Commander John Hammegrin, L.A. County Sheriff's Department addressed the Committee on the questions asked of RTD and reported on the Sheriff's proposal plan to police the Blue Line.

After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of both the RTD Transit Police and the Sheriff securing the line, the Committee recommended that the Commission authorize staff to negotiate and award a contract to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department effective on February 28, 1990 with a not-to-exceed amount of \$11,550,700, and that staff be directed to continue to work with SCRTD as to how the contract will be administered. Staff is also directed to further negotiate this contract in order to bring the cost of the contract down.

#### JOBS TRAINING PROGRAM

Robin McCarthy presented staff's report. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve a one-year Contract position for an estimated contract amount of \$50,000, to create a jobs training program. The individual hired for the position will develop a program with input from existing community agencies along the Blue Line corridor. The program will emphasize training for transit-related jobs. Other avenues for jobs creation will include a "greeter" program to educate the riding public how to use the Blue Line stations and fare equipment; construction apprenticeship program co-sponsored with a construction-related agency, i.e., Associate of General Contractors; and concessionaires at stations along the Blue Line.

Additionally, staff is requesting a \$400,000 start-up budget for the program. These funds will be used for instructors' salaries, training, equipment, and transportation. A refined budget will be prepared and submitted to the Corporation three months after the contract person has been hired.

**METRO BLUE LINE - AWARD OF MARKETING CONTRACT**

Erica Goebel presented staff's report. At its December meeting, the LACTC approved the contract for the Marketing Plan on the Blue Line. Staff is now recommending award of this contract.

The Committee recommended that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to award a sole source, fixed fee contract to Berkheimer Kline Golin/Harris for \$141,8000 to cover production costs and consultant fees to launch the Metro Blue Line.

**METRO BLUE LINE - PROGRESS REPORT ON ART PROGRAM**

Jessica Cusick and Renee Petropoulos updated the Committee on the approaches being considered for the Art Program on the Green Line. Ms. Cusick will make a more detailed presentation at the next Committee meeting.

**METRO GREEN LINE - ADVANCE FUNDING I-105**

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report on the request from Caltrans for a temporary funding advance to match federal dollars so that the I-105 project would not be delayed. Bob Cashin briefed the Committee on the status of the I-105 financial plan and the ramifications of construction delays on the Green Line. Mr. Cashin reviewed available alternatives if SCA-1 (gas increase tax) fails in June, 1990. Mr. Cashin stated that if SCA-1 passes the State will have its share of the funding for I-105.

The Committee recommended that the Commission commit to the CTC that the Commission will underwrite the local funding share of the I-105 freeway providing the CTC agrees to the terms that LACTC has requested, such as: 1) priority for payback; and 2) priority the that I-105 freeway construction is completed .

**ADJOURNMENT**

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