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MINUTES

RAIL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION (RCC) AUGUST 1, 1994 MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

ROBERT KRUSE, CHAIRMAN
DAVID ANDERSON
ROBERT ARTHUR
JIM BROWDER
RAUL PEREZ
CARL RAGGIO

STAFF PRESENT

EDWARD McSPEDON, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CONSTRUCTION & PRESIDENT, RCC
DAVID SIEVERS, PROJECT MANAGER, METRO GREEN LINE
MICHAEL BACA, DIRECTOR, CONTRACTS MANAGEMENT
LINDA MEADOW, MANAGER, SYSTEMS SAFETY
JAMES GIVENS, FACILITIES ENGINEERING MANAGER, MRL-3
MELISSA SCHIAVO, ACTING RCC BOARD SECRETARY
MERCY MENESES, ASSISTANT RCC BOARD SECRETARY

OTHERS

AUGUSTIN ZUNIGA, COUNTY COUNSEL
PHYLLIS PAPAN, ALTERNATE TO JOHN FASANA, MTA BOARD MEMBER
MARIUS BEJAN, SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER, SVERDRUP CIVIL, INC.
KATHERINE DIAMOND, SIEGEL DIAMOND ARCHITECTS
MARGARET GARCIA, ARTIST

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:14 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 11, 1994 meeting were approved with the following corrections. All references to "Councilwoman Burke" on pages 9 & 10 are to be changed to read "Supervisor Burke."

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Kruse complimented the MTA leadership and staff on their remarkable handling of the transit strike issue.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. McSpedon reported the following:

- The construction program continues at a normal pace although the transit strike is in effect and a number of RCC staff are on strike duty.
- At last week's MTA Board meeting, the major item that affected the RCC was the Mid-Cities Extension of Metro Red Line, Segment 3. The MTA Board adopted the staff recommendation to take the alternatives identified: 1) a shallow subway; and 2) a partial aerial alignment and carry these forward to the environmental review process to arrive at a final alternative.

In addition, a few RCC items did not get approved due to difficulties with quorums and having enough eligible principals to vote. These items will be carried forward to the next meeting. In future, staff will consider bringing forward consultant amendments more frequently so they won't reach a sum where they require a principal's vote.

- A tour of the Metro Red Line, Segment 2 will follow today's meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for public comment.

STANDING INFORMATION REPORTS

6. FORECAST OF UNEXECUTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
CONTRACT CHANGES OVER \$200,000

The RCC Board received this status report.

**7. FORECAST OF UNEXECUTED CONSTRUCTION/PROCUREMENT
CONTRACT CHANGES OVER \$200,000**

The RCC Board received this status report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Anderson asked for clarification on Item 10 as to whether the appropriate operating unit of the MTA will be represented in the evaluation and the review of those recommendations. Mr. McSpedon replied that the Metro Green Line opening will be a joint effort of the various MTA departments and it is very important to have a well-integrated bus-rail plan.

Mr. Kruse asked whether the Operations Division has enough funds in the budget to cover the Metro Green Line start-up. Mr. Sievers replied that there are adequate funds for start-up and integrated testing up to revenue operation.

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Arthur seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was approved.

**8. METRO RED LINE, SEGMENT 1 AND METRO BLUE LINE (LONG BEACH)
INVITATION FOR BID NO. C6130
INSTALLATION OF VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS (ADA)
NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT**

The RCC Board authorized staff to proceed with the advertisement and solicitation of IFB No. C6130.

**9. METRO RED LINE, SEGMENT 1
INVITATION FOR BID NO. C0180
ANCILLARY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE
NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT**

The RCC Board authorized staff to proceed with the advertisement and solicitation of IFB No. C0180, Ancillary Construction and Maintenance.

**10. METRO GREEN LINE - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. MS062
PRE-OPENING MARKET RESEARCH
NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT**

The RCC Board authorized staff to proceed with the advertisement and solicitation of Contract No. MS062.

REGULAR CALENDAR

12. METRO RED LINE, SEGMENT 3 - PRESENTATION ON UNIVERSAL CITY ART CONCEPT

Mr. Givens introduced Mr. Bejan, leader of the Section Design Team for the Universal City Station; Ms. Garcia, the artist; and Ms. Diamond, the architect, who made a presentation on the subterranean portion of the station.

Mr. Kruse asked whether the adobe structure at Campo de Cahuenga is a designated historical site and, if so, what is going to be the relationship between that site and the MTA's work within the station. Ms. Diamond responded that it is a designated state historical monument and that there is a possibility to open up the garden portion of the site and make it a part of the station's public plaza. Mr. Kruse asked who is charged with the responsibility to integrate the station and Campo de Cahuenga site. Mr. Givens responded that it is the Metro Red Line, Segment 3 team's task to maintain the integrity of the site and incorporate it into the plaza.

13. METRO BLUE LINE (LONG BEACH) - UPDATE ON GRADE CROSSING SAFETY

Ms. Meadow gave a slide presentation on this item. Ms. Meadow stated that the Grade Crossing Safety Program was authorized by the MTA Board in March, 1993 and it contains four types of activities, those concerned with: 1) enforcement; 2) education; 3) engineering; and 4) legislation. The safety problems which are occurring on the Metro Blue Line (and other locations where there are grade crossings) that this Program will address are threefold: 1) motorists who disobey traffic laws; 2) motorist or pedestrian confusion over signage and signals; and 3) pedestrian inattention.

The enforcement program has two parts: 1) L.A. County Sheriff's grade crossing detail which consisted of six deputies, seven days per week. Over 20,000 citations were issued during the period of the program, for an average of over 800 citations per month; and 2) photo enforcement using a digital camera developed by the engineering students of Harvey Mudd College. The results from the photo enforcement program were dramatic. In Compton, there was a 92% reduction in violations; and, in the City of Los Angeles, there was a 40% reduction in violations. The accident rate in the gated areas, which is where the program has been focusing its enforcement, has been reduced by over 80%.

Requests for Proposals (RFPs) have been sent out on a photo enforcement implementation in the 17 gated crossings. The Best and Final Offers (BAFOs) have been evaluated and staff will be bringing forward a recommendation for award of this contract to the September 12, 1994 RCC Board meeting.

Mr. Arthur asked if the RFP coming to the September 12, 1994 meeting is for the photo identification portion of the Program. Ms. Meadow responded that it was for using photo cameras at the 17 grade crossings. Mr. McSpedon asked what is included in the scope of the photo enforcement contract. Ms. Meadow replied that the contract covers furnishing, installation, operation and maintenance.

14. BOARD MEMBER REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

There were no requests for future items at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

Submitted by:



MELISSA SCHIAVO
Acting RCC Board Secretary

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