

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes of Special Meeting of
the Board of Directors of the District

August 17, 1976

Upon notice duly given, the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District met at a special meeting in the District Board Room, 425 South Main Street, Los Angeles, California, at 1:38 p.m. on August 17, 1976, at which time Vice-President Thomas G. Neusom called the meeting to order.

Directors present:

Byron E. Cook (entered at 1:40 p.m.)	Jay B. Price
Marvin L. Holen	Ruth E. Richter
Mike Lewis (entered at 1:45 p.m.)	Charles H. Storing
Thomas G. Neusom	George Takei

Directors absent:

George W. Brewster
Donald Gibbs
Baxter Ward

Staff present:

Jack R. Gilstrap, General Manager
George W. Heinle, Manager of Operations
Jack Stubbs, Asst. General Manager for Administration
Richard T. Powers, General Counsel
John S. Wilkens, Manager of Employee Relations
Richard Gallagher, Manager of Rapid Transit
George L. McDonald, Manager of Planning & Marketing
Joe B. Scatchard, Controller-Treasurer-Auditor
Michael Olivas, Deputy Admins.-Equal Employment Opportunities
Robert Williams, Manager of Customer Relations
Richard K. Kissick, Secretary

Also present were members of the news media and the public.

Board of Directors Recessed in Executive Session at 1:39 p.m.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors recessed in Executive Session at 1:39 p.m. to receive a report on labor matters.

The Board reconvened at 2:15 p.m. with Directors Cook, Holen, Lewis, Neusom, Price, Richter, Storing and Takei responding to Roll Call. Directors Brewster, Gibbs and Ward were absent from the meeting.

Discussion of Senate Bill 2153 (Robbins) - Tabled Until Later in the Meeting

Mr. Gilstrap reported that Senate Bill 2153 (Robbins) had been defeated in the Assembly yesterday (August 16) by a vote of 41-18, with 54 votes being necessary for passage since it was an emergency measure, but that Senator Robbins had asked for reconsideration in the next few days and that the deadline for placing the issue on the November 2 ballot would probably be extended. He also felt the bill in its present form was consistent with the vote of the people in 1974 when Proposition 5 was approved.

Director Price reported that Senator Robbins had called him that morning and stated that misinformation was being presented to the cities in the County, and felt the voters should have the opportunity to vote on it, moved endorsement of the bill, which motion was seconded.

Director Takei had concerns about both the Robbins' measure and the RTD ballot proposal, the next item on the agenda for consideration, being on the ballot at the same time.

Director Holen moved that consideration of SB-2153 be tabled until after consideration of the RTD ordinance on the agenda, which motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Copies of Senator Robbins' letter to Director Richter dated August 9 were distributed to Directors.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 0-76-3 - Motion to Introduce Failed

Mr. Powers reviewed the draft of Ordinance No. 0-76-3 which would place on the November 2 ballot a proposition authorizing the levy of a special tax by the District for rapid transit capital financing for a three-year period, and was on the agenda for introduction.

Director Price suggested that the wording "Rapid Transit" in paragraph 8 be changed to "Public Transit", moved introduction of the ordinance with that change, which motion was seconded.

On inquiry, Mr. Powers felt the election could be jeopardized if the wording was changed, that the Board had no authority to change that wording, since it was included in the District Law, and the Bond Counsel concurred in that opinion.

Director Price withdrew his original motion and moved introduction of the ordinance as submitted by the staff, which motion was seconded.

Director Holen moved an amendment to insert the word "only" after the word "expended" in Section 3 and insertion of the words "without the issuance of bonds" at the end of Section 5, which motion was seconded and agreed to for inclusion in the original motion by Director Price.

The question was called for on the motion, including the amendment, and failed by a Roll Call vote of 5-3 as follows:

Ayes: Cook, Holen, Neusom, Price, Takei
Noes: Lewis, Richter, Storing
Abstain: None
Absent: Brewster, Gibbs, Ward

Agenda Item Nos. 3, 4 and 5 - Not Considered

President Cook announced that it was not necessary for the Board to consider Agenda Item Nos. 3, 4 and 5, which items were contingent on the successful introduction of the ordinance under Item No. 2. These items were listed on the agenda as follows:

- "3. Consider resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to consolidate the Special Tax Election of the Southern California Rapid Transit District as a ballot proposition with the statewide general election to be held on November 2, 1976.
4. Consider resolution authorizing and designating persons to file a written argument for the District's special tax election to be held on November 2, 1976.
5. Consider authorization to publish notice to electors of date after which no arguments for or against the District's ballot proposition may be submitted to the Registrar of Voters."

Endorsement of City of Los Angeles' Application to UMTA for a Demonstration Grant to Construct a Downtown People Mover System

Mr. Gallagher reviewed the two reports dated August 16 regarding the application of the City of Los Angeles to UMTA for a demonstration grant to construct a Downtown People Mover system. He reported that in accordance with the Board's instructions the application had been reviewed by the Rapid Transit Advisory

Committee (RTAC) on August 13, but the Committee had stated it needed more time to consider the matter and would meet again on August 27. Mr. Gallagher also reviewed the pros and cons of the proposal, including the duplication of portions of the rapid transit starter line and the fact that the City and the District could be competing for the same federal funds. He also stated, as outlined in the report, that it was essential, due to the interface problems of fares, schedules and convenience of mode change, that the District should not only operate the People Mover system but also be closely involved with the planning, design and construction.

Director Takei felt all doors should remain open on all types of transportation, including the DPM, and moved that the Board endorse the proposal, contingent on RTD being the operator of the system, and being involved in the planning and design, which motion was seconded.

Director Holen inquired how much federal money would be brought into the area and Mr. Gallagher replied \$131-million. Director Lewis asked the Community Redevelopment Agency representative (CRA) if the application had been filed, and CRA Transportation Planner Albert Perdon stated that the application had not been formally filed but that a request for consideration had been submitted, that UMTA was considering twelve cities out of the 38 cities being considered which would be visited, and then reduce to three cities for selection of preliminary engineering, following which UMTA will then fund one or more of those

three cities' applications. He further stated that decisions as to whether the system will be above or below ground will be made at a later date after environmental impact studies. He also stated that UMTA does require that potential local funding sources be identified.

The question was called for on Director Takei's motion, carried as noted below, and the following resolution adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-76-385

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District endorses the application of the City of Los Angeles to the Department of Transportation, Urban Mass Transportation Administration, for a demonstration grant to construct a Downtown People Mover system, contingent on the District being the operator of the system and being involved in the planning and design of the system.

Ayes: Cook, Holen, Lewis, Neusom, Price,
Richter, Storing, Takei
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Brewster, Gibbs, Ward

(Director Takei left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.)

Report on Status of District Services as Result of Discontinuance of Diamond Lane Project

Mr. Gilstrap reviewed the report dated August 16, 1976 regarding the status of District services as a result of U. S. District Judge Matt Byrne's Judgment and Order in the Diamond Lane case, which order discontinued operation of preferential bus-car pool lanes on the Santa Monica Freeway effective at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 13. The order also provided that

the District may not receive federal Demonstration Grant funds after August 13.

Mr. Gilstrap further reported that due to discontinuance of the premium service on the Santa Monica Freeway, it was necessary to discontinue the premium fare and charge the one or two-zone fares specified in the tariff and, further, it would be necessary to discontinue one, or possibly two, park-ride lines in September (Lines 708 and 746).

Mr. McDonald reported that there were 48 buses in the former Diamond Lane service and that not too many will be released at the present time for use elsewhere. Director Price requested that some buses released be used to relieve an overloading problem on the Mid-Cities lines in the Downey area (Lines 800/802).

President Cook ordered that the report be received and filed.

(Director Takei returned to the meeting at 3:40 p.m.)

Reconsideration and Endorsement of Senate Bill 2153 (Robbins)

Director Price moved that Senate Bill 2153, tabled earlier in the meeting, be removed from the table and reconsidered, which motion was seconded and carried.

Director Price thereupon moved that the Board endorse Senate Bill 2153, which motion was seconded.

After ascertaining that the bill would provide \$200-million in local matching funds and \$800-million in federal funds for rapid transit construction, Director Holen felt that with the failure of the ordinance proposal the Downtown People Mover application could reduce amounts available for the starter line.

Mr. de la Cruz reported that UMTA was setting aside \$300-million for the People Mover applications, and Mr. Gilstrap felt if everyone was in agreement, the Los Angeles area shouldn't have any problem in obtaining sufficient funds for both the starter line and the People Mover project. Director Lewis felt that the cities and the City of Los Angeles would oppose the legislation since they would lose road funds.

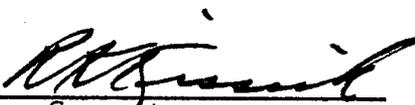
By a Roll Call vote of 6-2, as noted below, Director Price's motion carried and the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-76-386

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District does hereby endorse and support Senate Bill 2153 which would provide Proposition 5 funds as local matching funds for the construction of rapid transit facilities in Los Angeles County commencing with Fiscal Year 1977-78.

Ayes: Cook, Holen, Neusom, Price, Richter, Takei
Noes: Lewis, Storing
Abstain: None
Absent: Brewster, Gibbs, Ward

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.


Secretary