

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of the Board
of Directors of the District

April 10, 1979

Upon notice duly given, the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District met at a regular meeting in the District Board Room, 425 South Main Street, Los Angeles, California, at 1:10 p.m. on April 10, 1979, at which time President Marvin L. Holen called the meeting to order.

Directors Present:

Byron E. Cook	Thomas G. Neusom
Donald Gibbs (entered at 2:12p.m.)	Jay B. Price
David K. Hayward	Ruth E. Richter
Marvin L. Holen	Charles E. Storing
Gerald B. Leonard	George Takei
Mike Lewis	

Staff Present:

Jack R. Gilstrap, General Manager
Jack Stubbs, Assistant General Manager for Administration
Richard T. Powers, General Counsel
Samuel M. Black, Manager of Operations
George L. McDonald, Manager of Planning & Marketing
Joe B. Scatchard, Controller-Treasurer-Auditor
John S. Wilkens, Manager of Employee Relations
Robert G. Williams, Manager of Customer Relations
David Dominguez, Manager of Equal Employment Opportunities
R. K. Kissick, Secretary

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

President Holen announced that the order of Items No. 2 and 3 on the agenda would be reversed for consideration.

Presentation of Plaques to Retired Employees

Director Lewis presented plaques to retiring District employees.

Approval of Portions of Energy Shortage Contingency Plan

President Holen stated that the Energy Shortage Contingency Plan on today's agenda was necessary and that the District must be prepared to meet the energy problem when it becomes an emergency.

Mr. Gilstrap briefly reviewed the plan and the need for public transportation to be prepared to meet the problem, especially due to the shortage of buses and the lack of a rapid transit system, and hoped the District could receive the cooperation of outside agencies to support the plan.

Mr. McDonald reviewed the staff recommendations and the fact that if the plan is adopted it would help the District to double its passenger capacity within an approximate one-year period. Last week we recorded a record average of one and one-quarter million passengers per weekday. Under the plan, 300 additional buses could be placed into service in approximately a year. Staggered work hours by private businesses is a key energy crisis factor, and could greatly increase the percentage of work trips the District carries.

Mr. Black explained the \$3 million bus refurbishing program that is necessary in order to implement the proposed program.

On inquiry of Director Hayward, he was informed that the District is apparently the first such plan to be submitted. On Director Lewis' inquiry, Mr. Wilkens reported the District could lease buses from private companies but would be required to use our own drivers.

Mr. Lewis favored the employment of the additional telephone operators and implementation of bus stop sign program, but was concerned about the necessary funding for the additional expenses. President Holen felt we would have to ask the President and the Congress to fund these contingency plans. He also hoped the labor leaders would be responsive to the District's proposals.

Mr. Gilstrap felt the staff needed Board direction in order to proceed with any portion of the programs.

There was a discussion of the possibility of increasing fares, including a peak period surcharge.

Director Leonard opposed the staff being authorized to expend \$3 million to refurbish buses at the District's own expense if other funding is not available.

Director Leonard moved to adopt the program, except extend from 30 days to 90 days for the federal government to fund the \$3 million to refurbish older buses, which motion was seconded.

Resolution
No. Assigned

There was further discussion of various aspects of the plan, following which Mr. Gilstrap stated that he felt that staff should be authorized to:

1. proceed with the hiring of the additional telephone operators;
2. send communications to UMTA and Department of Energy regarding the necessary fuel allocations;
3. Proceed with the bus stop information sign program (funds for which are already included under an UMTA grant);
4. Call upon the City and the County to implement staggered work hour programs;
5. Attempt to obtain part-time workers;
6. Retention of outside contractors for mechanical refurbishing of the old buses;
7. Request our Congressional Delegation to assist the District in the program; and
8. Include many other matters in the 1980 fiscal year budget for discussion.

President Holen felt that the Finance Committee should investigate the funding sources.

(Director Gibbs entered the meeting at 2:12 p.m.)

Director Leonard presented a substitute motion to approve Items 1 and 2 on page 2 of the

Resolution
No. Assigned

report, Items 3, 4 and 7 on page 3, together with Item 1 on page 3, except to change from 30 to 90 days to receive UMTA funding for the refurbishing of the buses, with the matter to come back to the Board before proceeding with the project at District expense, with Items 2, 5 and 6 on page 3 to be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration, which motion was seconded, carried as noted below, and the following resolution adopted:

R-79-162

RESOLVED, that in connection with the Energy Shortage Contingency Plan dated April 10, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, the staff is authorized to:

1. Call upon the Department of Energy and all other necessary federal and state agencies to ensure that the District is able to obtain the entire amount of diesel fuel needed in a crisis;
2. Call upon the federal government to cut the lengthy approval cycles that prevent the District from obtaining the equipment and facilities needed to enable it to respond in a crisis. In particular, call for immediate approval of SCRTD capital and operating grants now pending before the Urban Mass Transportation Administration;
3. Request the Urban Mass Transportation Administration to allocate \$3 million to refurbish 31 old-look and 171 new-look buses, and if such

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approval is not received within 90 days to bring the matter back to the Board of Directors for consideration as to whether said refurbishings shall be performed at District expense;

4. Call upon Los Angeles County, Los Angeles City and private employers in the regional core to stagger work hours for employees;
5. Direct the Manager of Employee Relations to discuss with the appropriate labor unions the issues of part-time operators and hiring of outside mechanical assistance for an energy crisis; and
6. Accelerate the Bus Stop Information Sign program which is presently funded under an UMTA grant.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Finance Committee is requested to discuss and consider recommendations regarding:

- a. Calling upon the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration to locate funds that may be used to operate 300 additional buses (approximately \$25,500,000) and, if such subsidy is not forthcoming, consider revision of the District's fare structure, including a possible peak-period surcharge;
- b. Authorization to employ 45 additional telephone information operators at an approximate first-year cost of \$877,500; and

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No. Assigned

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c. Authorization to establish 500 bus information outlets at an approximate first-year cost of \$108,000.

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

On motion of President Holen, seconded and carried as noted below, the following resolution was adopted:

R-79-163

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District does hereby go on record requesting the President and Congress to establish a new emergency fund to meet the costs of transit energy conservation programs, including the Contingency Plan adopted by this Board of Directors on April 10, 1979 under Resolution No. R-79-162.

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

Appearance of Mr. Fred J. Webb, Leyland Vehicles Export, Ltd.

Mr. Fred J. Webb, Overseas Manager, Product and Marketing, representing Leyland Vehicles Export, Ltd., London, England, appeared

Resolution
No. Assigned

before the Board for a presentation of buses manufactured by his company, and, in particular, double-deck buses.

Mr. Webb gave a slide presentation of Leyland equipment buses, including their various models of articulated and double-deck buses, and reported on the numbers of buses and other types of vehicles manufactured by his company annually.

He reported that his company is investigating the forming of a consortium of U.S. operators to enable them to manufacture a bus that would be acceptable in the U.S. with the buses to possibly to be assembled in the U.S., with the study hopefully to be completed by next June.

(Director Cook returned to the meeting at 2:22 p.m.)

Director Hayward stated that it was unfortunate that Leyland could not bid on the present procurement of double-deck buses (bids to be opened April 16), but hoped they could bid in the future.

On inquiry of Director Storing, Mr. Gilstrap reported there is a possibility of forming the consortium.

Resolution
No. Assigned

On inquiry of President Holen, Mr. Webb reported that 200 would be an appropriate number of buses for the consortium to order.

President Holen thanked Mr. Webb for his appearance, and apologized for the necessity in reducing the time allotted for his presentation.

Report of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee

On motion of Director Storing, Chairman of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Items No. 4 through 7 were approved and the following resolutions adopted:

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

R-79-164

RESOLVED, that the report dated April 4, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the various requisitions listed in the report are also approved, and the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to call for bids covering spare units needed for the District's unit pool, including engines, compressors, air conditioner compressors, engine blowers, cam shafts, fly wheels, rear hubs, blower motor assemblies, engine doors, radiator doors, alternators, starters, and related equipment; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that the General Manager is hereby authorized to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidders; form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-165

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Original Parts Supply Co., 13615 Excelsior Drive, Santa Fe Springs, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 3-7921, covering the District's requirements for maintenance-free batteries for a one-year period, with option for one additional year at the election of the District, at an estimated cost of \$51,620; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-166

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Electro-Dimensions, P. O. Drawer 2608, Rancho Palos Verdes, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 3-7916 covering procurement of 55 hand-held radios and 15 base stations at a total bid price of \$39,778; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-167

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Case Power & Equipment Co., 14841 Don Julian, City of Industry, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-03-0132-U, covering procurement of one (1) tractor with loader at a total bid price of \$31,219, which purchase is funded in part under UMTA Capital Grant Project No. CA-03-0132; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of the Customer Relations & Public
Information Committee

On motion of Director Richter, Chairman of the Customer Relations & Public Information Committee, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item No. 8 was approved and the following resolution adopted:

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

R-79-168

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Continental Graphics, 101 South La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 3-7930, covering the procurement of 100,000 Bus System Map Guides at a total bid price of \$13,790; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

With respect to Item No. 9, Chairman Richter reported that the Committee recommended that the report on the placement of commercial advertising on exteriors of non-standard buses be referred back to staff for a review by the Design Review Committee for a recommendation regarding a policy of the type of advertising on the exterior of buses including the articulated buses, and to report back on April 24.

Resolution
No. Assigned

With the concurrence of all members present,
the Board concurred in this recommendation.

Report of the Advance Planning Committee

Chairman Hayward, of the Advance
Planning Committee reported that the Committee
recommended that Item No. 10 on the agenda
relative to a request for provision of service
along Topanga Canyon Boulevard between the San
Fernando Valley and the Pacific Coast Highway
be carried over to the April 24 meeting, with
staff to investigate the possibility of Los
Angeles County funding a portion of the cost
of providing the service. With the concurrence
of all members present, Agenda Item No. 10 was
carried over to the April 24 Board Meeting.

Report of the Finance Committee

On motion of Director Lewis, Chairman
of the Finance Committee, seconded and carried
as noted below, Agenda Item No. 11 was approved
and the following resolution adopted:

Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-169

RESOLVED, that the report dated March 29, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to execute a Standard Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans), which agreement will provide State funding under Senate Bill 283 for the provision of parking facilities adjacent to free-ways, specifically under available free-way airspace in Glendora, Pomona and North Long Beach, as outlined in the aforementioned report; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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

Director Lewis reported that the report dated April 6, 1979, on the subject of "Inter-County Allocation of UMTA Section 5 Bus Capital Funds" was an information item which had been received and filed by the Finance Committee.

Report of the Personnel Committee

On motion of Director Takei, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item No. 13 was approved and the following resolution adopted:

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No. Assigned

R-79-170

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute amendments of the present Group Health insurance contracts for Non-Contract employees with the California Medical Group (CMG) and the Continental Insurance Company (CNA) to provide maternity benefits in compliance with Public Law 95-555, effective April 29, 1979, and providing for increased premium rates effective May 1, 1979, with Non-Contract employees to pay an additional fifty cents (50¢) per month as their share of the cost of this additional insurance; form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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

Approval of Consent Calendar

On motion of Director Richter, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Items No. 15 through 19 on the Consent Calendar were approved and the following resolutions adopted and/or actions taken:

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

R-79-171

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Rosco, Inc., 144-31 91st Avenue, Jamaica, New York, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 3-7919 covering the District's requirements

Resolution
No. Assigned

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for rearview mirrors for a one-year period, at an estimated bid price of \$26,191; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-172

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-7300-46 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the District's requirements for energy absorbing bumpers; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-173

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-3399-79 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the procurement of one (1) track loader, which purchase is funded in part under UMTA Capital Grant Project No. CA-03-0132; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-174

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-3314-7486 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the purchase of 1,000 clutch drive discs and facing assemblies; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting held March 27, 1979, Adjourned Meeting held March 29, 1979, and Special Joint Meeting with O.C.T.D. held March 28, 1979.

Ratified bus stop zone changes as described in report dated April 6, 1979 filed with the Secretary.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Ratified temporary route diversions as described in report dated April 6, 1979 filed with the Secretary.

Received and Filed Purchasing Agent's Report of Sales Orders, First Quarter, 1979.

Director Special Items

Director Richter stated that it was her understanding that the May 1 meeting with the Long Beach City Council was also to include the Board of Directors of the Long Beach Public Transportation Company, but that the meeting had been scheduled with the Council only.

President Holen explained the reasons for separating it into two separate meetings and the fact that arrangements were proceeding to have the Long Beach transit people meet in Los Angeles, with the meeting to include a tour of RTD facilities and a luncheon.

Calling of Meeting of the City Selection Committee Corridor "C" Subcommittee

On motion of Director Cook, seconded and unanimously carried, the matter of calling a meeting of the City Selection Committee Corridor "C" Subcommittee was added to the agenda for consideration.

Resolution
No. Assigned

On motion of Director Cook, seconded
and carried as noted below, the following
resolution was adopted:

R-79-175

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 30221 of the Southern California Rapid Transit District Law (Public Utilities Code), the Board of Directors hereby calls a special meeting of the City Selection Corridor "C" Subcommittee to be held on Thursday, May 3, 1979 at approximately 6:00 p.m., at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, for the purpose of electing a Director from Corridor "C" for the term expiring June, 1980, which directorship will become vacant on May 1, 1979 by reason of Byron E. Cook choosing not to retain his seat as a councilman of the City of Burbank, and instructing the Secretary to notify members of the City Selection Corridor "C" Subcommittee of the date, time and place of such meeting, as provided by the District Law.

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

At the request of Director Richter,
Advertising Manager Connie Ward and Community
Relations Representative Carol Taylor appeared
before the Board to report on the APTA Western
Conference which was held in Albuquerque April
1-5.

Resolution
No. Assigned

(Director Neusom returned to the meeting at 3:06 p.m.)

Ms. Ward and Ms. Taylor reported that they had attended all of the marketing sessions accompanied by Director Richter (17½ hour overall session) and they felt the sessions were very informative. They reported that they also attended other sessions and felt the information generated would be most helpful in their respective fields of endeavor.

Report of the President

President Holen reported on continuing meetings regarding the District's bus procurement program--that meetings had been held with John Taylor of UMTA and Mr. Holen felt the program was moving along satisfactorily. He reported that he had appeared before a House Appropriations Committee hearing last week and testified, and also extended an invitation for key Congressmen to meet with the District in Los Angeles. He stated that he had also met with Secretary Adams, with UMTA Administrator Page also in attendance, together with representatives of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Resolution
No. Assigned

regarding the District's rapid transit program. Secretary Adams stated that he would not make a judgment of the matter, but also stated that he would refrain from making adverse comments regarding the Los Angeles rapid transit program.

Report of the General Manager

The General Manager's report of out-of-state travel during the month of March was received and filed.

Appearance of Ms. Melinda Callahan

Ms. Melinda Callahan appeared before the Board to complain regarding the thefts and vandalism that were occurring at the La Mirada park-ride lot, and the fact that her car had been broken into four times with her theft losses amounting to several hundred dollars. She stated that she had reported the thefts to the police and the RTD and had been told the RTD is not liable. She urged retention of a security guard in the lot to be paid for out of funds generated for parking and also to prevent people parking in the lot who do not use the bus service.

Discussion by the Board indicated that insurance was not deemed practical.

Director of Security James Burgess appeared before the Board and reported on his contacts with the Norwalk's Sheriff's department and his request for them to provide surveillance for a period of time in the hopes of apprehending the vandals.

Director Price inquired if CETA positions could provide this security, and Mr. Wilkens was requested to investigate.

President Holen thanked Ms. Callahan for her appearance, and requested her to contact General Counsel Powers for any further information regarding the results of the investigation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.



R. K. Kissick, Secretary