

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the
Board of Directors of the District

August 9, 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 1:05 p.m. on August 9, 1979, at which time President Marvin L. Holen called the meeting to order.

Directors Present:

David K. Hayward
Marvin L. Holen
Gerald B. Leonard
Mike Lewis
Carl Meseck

Thomas G. Neusom
Jay B. Price
Ruth E. Richter
Charles H. Storing
George Takei

Director Absent:

Donald Gibbs

Staff Present:

Jack R. Gilstrap, General Manager
Joe B. Scatchard, Controller-Treasurer-Auditor
Suzanne Gifford, Assistant General Counsel
George L. McDonald, Manager of Planning & Marketing
Jack Walsh, Acting Manager of Operations
David Dominguez, Manager of Equal Employment Opportunities
Thomas Michael, Director of Personnel
Ralph de la Cruz, Director of Administration
Helen M. Bolen, Acting District Secretary

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

Recognition of Retired District Personnel

Director Neusom presented plaques to District personnel who have retired.

Appearance of Dr. Alice Thurston, Los Angeles Valley College

Dr. Thurston appeared before the Board requesting an extension of Line No. 159 to Fulton Avenue to better serve the College, and also the provision of night service on that line.

Paul Taylor, Director of Planning reported that staff has considered an extension to the College, but the route requested by Dr. Thurston would require an additional bus and extensive rescheduling.

It was the consensus of the Board that this request be brought to the Advance Planning Committee for further consideration.

Appearance of Gwen Kirk, on behalf of Sunshine Day, August 19, National Celebration of Children

Ms. Gwen Kirk, representing Los Angeles County Steering Committee for International Year of the Child, appeared before the Board requesting that the District support Sunshine Day, August 19, 1979, by providing free rides for all children accompanied by an adult on Sunday, August 19th.

There was discussion concerning the legality of providing free transportation and impact upon revenues. Ms. Kirk indicated that the concept was proposed to be limited to children under 12 years of age. General Manager Gilstrap reported on operational problems.

Resolution
No. Assigned

After further discussion, on motion of Director Takei, seconded and carried as noted below, the following resolution was adopted:

Ayes: Hayward, Holen, Leonard, Lewis, Meseck, Neuson, Price, Takei
Noes: Storing
Abstain: Richter
Absent: Gibbs

R-79-333

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District does hereby support Sunshine Day, August 19, 1979, and will provide transportation free of charge to all children 12 years of age and under when accompanied by an adult on this day;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the staff is directed to prepare press releases advising the public of the District's participation in this nationwide commemoration of the International Year of the Child.

General Manager Gilstrap stated that due to the lack of sufficient time to instruct the operators and to avoid possible altercations, unless the Board feels otherwise, he will direct the operators to allow all children to ride free on that day, whether 12 years of age or not or whether or not accompanied by an adult.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of the Surface Operations Committee

On motion of Director Price, Chairman of the Surface Operations Committee, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Items No. 2 and 3 were approved and the following resolutions adopted:

R-79-334

RESOLVED, that the apparent low bid submitted by Temco on Items No. 9, 10 and 11 of Bid No. 7-7919 covering the District's requirements for miscellaneous pistons, liners and liner kits is hereby rejected in its entirety;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the General Manager is authorized to award contracts to the following lowest responsible bidders:

- a. Korody-Colyer, 112 North Avalon, Wilmington, covering Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, at an estimated cost of \$154,639;
- b. Grumman Flxible Distribution Center, 3215 North Alameda, Compton, covering Items 3 and 12, at an estimated cost of \$101,767;

form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-335

RESOLVED, that the apparent low bid submitted by Pathcom, Inc., is hereby rejected in its entirety, and the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to RCA Mobile Communications, 15335 Morison Street, Sherman Oaks, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 7-7916, covering procurement of 12 portable radios at a total bid price of \$18,470; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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

Appearance of Bob Galvan, Shamrock Base Corporation

Director Price reported that Mr. Bob Galvan, Shamrock Base Corporation, had appeared at the Surface Operations Committee meeting to protest a 29% increase in lease rate of property located at the District's Macy Yards. The matter was deferred to the full Board and Mr. Galvan was invited to appear.

Director Price summarized Mr. Galvan's request that the lease rate be amended. Mr. Annis, Real Estate Manager, explained that the lease had not been up-graded for several years and consistent with the District's policy, the

Resolution
No. Assigned

rental rate was brought into line with current market value when the lease was up for renewal.

After discussion, Director Leonard moved that the rental rate be increased 7% over the previous rate, which was seconded by Director Lewis. Directors Richter, Storing and Meseck commented on impact upon other tenants, rate of return, etc.

Director Meseck made a substitute motion that the rental rate be increased by approximately half of the proposed rate for a six-month period, and then the full increased rate for the remainder of the lease period, which motion was seconded and carried on the following vote:

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

R-79-336

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. R-79-313 adopted July 12, 1979, is hereby rescinded in its entirety;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the General Manager is authorized to enter into a renewal of a lease agreement with Shamrock Base Corporation, covering a portion of the District's Macy Street Yard, at a lease rate of \$4,010 per month for a six-month period and a lease rate of \$4,520 per month for the remaining 30-month period of the three year lease period; form of lease agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of the Rapid Transit Committee

Director Leonard, Chairman of the Rapid Transit Committee, reported that the Committee had met to review Rapid Transit Development Activities Schedule and to consider scheduling of preliminary interviews with rapid transit engineering consultants, as stated under Items No. 4 and 5 on the agenda. He reported that it is the Committee's recommendation that staff begin to proceed to schedule the meetings and workshops necessary to progress with the Wilshire Rapid Transit Starter Line. The Board members present concurred in this recommendation.

Report of the Facilities & Construction Committee

Director Price, Vice-Chairman of the Facilities & Construction Committee, moved that Agenda Item No. 6 be approved. Director Richter stated that the West San Fernando Valley site for the Park-and-Ride Lot was strongly opposed by the residents and the 17 acres adjacent to the West Valley Division was to be used for this purpose.

Resolution
No. Assigned

A motion to separate the question was made, seconded and unanimously carried. On motion of Director Price, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item No. 6, relating to the Diamond Bar Park-and-Ride Lot only was approved, and the following resolutions adopted:

R-79-337

Resolution authorizing the General Manager to file applications for funding pursuant to State Senate Bill 1879 and the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as Amended, for a Park-and-Ride Lot in Diamond Bar.

(Text of complete resolution is filed with the Secretary)

R-79-338

RESOLVED, that a public hearing on the District's applications for funding pursuant to State Senate Bill 1879 and the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, will be held November 8, 1979, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room, second floor, 425 South Main Street, Los Angeles.

Ayes: Hayward, Holen, Leonard, Lewis, Meseck, Neusom, Price, Richter, Storing, Takei

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gibbs

In response to Director Richter's questions on the West San Fernando Valley site, Brian Pearson, Chief Engineer, Bus Facilities, reported that it

Resolution
No. Assigned

is the consensus of staff that a Park-and-Ride site near the Ventura Freeway is the best location if we are to have a Park-and-Ride in the area. A report was sent to Board members concerning the 17 acres adjacent to the West Valley Division and a recommendation not to pursue this acquisition because it is competing for funds needed for more important capital projects. Mrs. Richter stated that the Board had voted to acquire the property. General Manager Gilstrap reported that his recollection was that the Board had requested the staff to seek to obtain an advance land acquisition loan from UMTA. As reported to the Board, UMTA has indicated that a certain amount of money is earmarked for the District. If the District chooses to use part of that money for this acquisition, then another project will suffer.

After further discussion, staff determined that there was sufficient time to delay the filing of the funding applications so that this matter could be carried over to the next meeting of the Board in order to further investigate this matter.

Resolution
No. Assigned

With the concurrence of all members present, Agenda Item No. 6, relating to the West San Fernando Valley Park-and-Ride Lot, and reading as follows, was carried over to the next Regular Board Meeting:

"Consider:

- a. authorization of the General Manager to file applications for funding pursuant to State Senate Bill 1879 and the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as Amended, for Park-and-Ride Lot in the West San Fernando Valley;
- b. Setting a date of public hearing on the above-described application to be held November 8, 1979, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Second Floor, 425 South Main Street, Los Angeles."

Report of the Advance Planning Committee

Director Hayward, Chairman of the Advance Planning Committee, reported that the Committee had reviewed Agenda Item No. 7, the Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Second Annual Report. He reported that the Committee recommended that staff identify projects which require involvement of other agencies and submit a report to the Committee. The Board concurred in this recommendation.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Under Agenda Item No. 8, Director Hayward made a motion which was seconded and carried as noted below, and the following resolution was adopted:

R-79-339

RESOLVED, that the report dated August 1, 1979 is adopted and the General Manager is authorized to enter into an Inter-Agency Transfer Agreement with the City of Claremont; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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

Approval of Consent Calendar

On motion of Director Richter, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Items No. 8 through 16 on the Consent Calendar were approved and the following resolutions adopted and/or actions taken:

R-79-340

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 8-8000-166 is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to amend an existing contract with CKT Associates, Public Participation Consultants, 21050 Waveview Drive, Topanga, increasing the cost from \$8,500 to a total amount not to exceed \$12,000, covering professional services assisting with the official public hearings on the Draft Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for Transit

Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-340
Continued

Improvements in the Los Angeles Regional Core; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-341

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-7099-53 is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to amend a contract with Patrick D. Murphy & Co. covering a 30-day extension of accounting services at an increased cost not to exceed \$6,200; form of amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-342

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to All American Uniform Rental, 3680 North Tyler Avenue, El Monte, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 7-7918 covering the District's laundry and dry cleaning services for a two-year period at an estimated cost of \$111,563; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-343

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Grumman Flexible Distribution Center, 3215 North Alameda Street, Compton, the only bidder responding to Bid No. 7-7917 covering procurement of 200 air suspension drivers' seats at a total bid price of \$58,609; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-344

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-3399-1000 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the procurement of 9,000 yards of vinyl seat covering; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-345

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-3399-1002 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the District's requirements for bevel gear and pinion assemblies for a one-year period; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-346

RESOLVED, that the report dated July 31, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, relative to a minor route modification to Line No. 829 - Pasadena-Seal Beach in the City of Seal Beach in Orange County, is adopted, and the General Manager is authorized to include in the Official Route Descriptions Second Revised Page 829, effective immediately.

Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting held July 26, 1979 and Special Meeting held August 2, 1979.

Ratified temporary route diversions as described in report dated August 3, 1979 filed with the Secretary.

Ratified bus stop zone changes as described in report dated August 3, 1979 filed with the Secretary.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Received and Filed Purchasing
Agent's Statement of Material & Supplies
Account for the month of June, 1979.

Report of the Personnel Committee

Director Takei, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported that the Personnel Committee had met in the morning and had considered two items. He moved that these matters be added to the agenda, which motion was seconded and carried by all members present.

With respect to the granting of Leaves of Absence, the Committee recommends that the General Manager authorize Leaves of Absence up to six months with Leaves of Absence in excess of 90 days to be reported to the Board. Any requests for Leaves of Absence in excess of six months are to be brought to the Personnel Committee and Board for approval. Director Takei moved approval of this recommendation, which motion was seconded by Director Lewis.

Director Richter stated that a policy now exists that is different from the recommendation. General Manager Gilstrap reported that he had set the policy on this and a number of other matters. Mr. Gilstrap reviewed the four

Resolution
No. Assigned

instances where he had granted leaves of absence in excess of the 90-day limit stated in the current policy.

For the record, Director Storing reported that the recommendation from the Personnel Committee came to the Board on a 3-2 vote.

Director Neusom presented the minority opinion of the Personnel Committee. He stated that a 90-day leave by the General Manager was appropriate and any leave in excess of 90 days should be reported to the Board prior to the granting of such leave. It is not a question of use or misuse of the program. It is simply a judgmental question of how it should be used. If a six-month leave is granted based on only the General Manager's recommendation it can be used as a precedent by others who may be refused. The possible charge of different treatment being afforded for different employees could be raised. Mr. Neusom reiterated his belief that the reporting should be done prior to or in advance of the granting of the leave.

Director Leonard commented that in his opinion the policy is not the issue. The issue is the person who was granted the six-month

Resolution
No. Assigned

leave. Director Hayward commented that the Board is attempting to involved itself in the day-to-day personnel matters that are the perogative of the General Manager. Director Richter stated that in the case of Byron Lewis, the most recent Leave of Absence granted, recently the Board acted to create a department and a position for this person. The Board was not informed that Mr. Lewis was granted the Leave of Absence. Director Richter questioned why a department head of this importance and value could be granted a leave of absence. She concluded by stating that if any Executive Staff member needs a Leave of Absence for more than 90 days, the Board should approve the request. The General Manager pointed out that it is common practice among public agencies including the City and County of Los Angeles to permit managers to grant leaves of absence up to six months and even beyond without policy body approval.

After further discussion, Director Neusom made a substitute motion that requests for Leaves of Absence over 90 days and up to six months be brought to the Board in advance

Resolution
No. Assigned

of the General Manager's decision and Leaves of Absence in excess of six months be brought to the Board for approval.

The substitute motion was seconded by Director Leonard and failed on a Roll Call vote as noted below:

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

The question was called for on the original motion, which carried on a Roll Call vote as noted below, and the following resolution was adopted:

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

R-79-347

RESOLVED, that the Non-Contract Leave of Absence Policy is amended to give the General Manager the authority to grant Leaves of Absence of up to six months duration, with any Leave of Absence granted in excess of 90 days to be reported to the Board of Directors, and any requests for Leaves of Absence in excess of six months duration are to be brought to the Personnel Committee and the Board of Directors for approval.

Director Takei reported as a matter of information that the Personnel Committee had also discussed the possibility of the establishment of a job concerning the Department of Transportation 504 Regulations compliance, with staff instructed to prepare specifications for the job for review by the Personnel Committee prior to any further action.

Appearance of Lazar Israel

Lazar Israel appeared before the Board and urged that in the event of a strike by the labor unions, service not be suspended. He suggested that supervisory personnel drive as many buses as possible so that some service could be maintained.

Director Special Items - Report on Service to Los Angeles International Airport

Director Takei reported on a series of events that have taken place since the last Board Meeting on the airport service issue. He reported that he had met with Mayor Bradley and the Los Angeles City Council's Transportation Committee and the Finance Committee. Director Takei reported that the City Council had taken action thanking the District for stepping in and providing service to the airport when the private carrier could no longer do so and voted to rescind their request to the District to provide service to the airport. The motion by the City Council also asked that the RTD

retain the authority to monitor the level of service to be provided by the private carrier.

President Holen, at the request of Director Takei, directed that the matter of the District's service to Los Angeles International Airport and related litigation be placed on the agenda for the meeting of August 23, 1979.

Recess to Executive Session

President Holen reported that the Board would receive a report on labor negotiations in Executive Session. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board recessed into Executive Session at 3:02 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 4:12 p.m. with Directors Holen, Lewis, Meseck, Price, Neusom, Richter and Storing present.

There was no report made of matters discussed in Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.


Acting District Secretary

