

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes of
Committee of the Whole
December 6, 1979

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Directors present: Marvin L. Holen, President
Ruth E. Richter, Vice-President
David K. Hayward
Gerald B. Leonard
Mike Lewis
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing

Directors absent: Donald Gibbs
Carl Meseck
Thomas G. Neusom
George Takei

Staff present: Jack Gilstrap
Sam Black
Richard Powers
Joe Scatchard
Richard Gallagher
George McDonald
Helen Bolen
Bob Williams
David Dominguez
Paul Taylor
Tony Fortuno
Larry Crews

Also present: Members of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p. m. by President Holen.

Visits to out of state rapid transit properties

Director Leonard gave a report on visits to rapid transit property sites in operation and construction stages at Atlanta, Washington and Baltimore, made by him, Director Lewis and Mr. Gallagher. Director Leonard considered the trips most beneficial, following consulting presentations regarding management philosophies for the conduct of the Los Angeles Regional Core Transit Development program, and suggested other Board members make such visits.

Agenda Item A

The Committee received the General Manager's report dated November 14, 1979, regarding Policy for Bus Park/Ride and Freeway Transit Facility Development, which was acted upon at the November 29th Board meeting, for the purpose of hearing Paul Taylor's verbal presentation and update on the subject.

Rita Schmeir of Councilwoman Joy Picus' office appeared before the Committee questioning the proposed location of the Caltrans Park/Ride facility at Valley Circle-Ventura Freeway since the site abuts residential property. Ms. Schmeir added that there is ample space at a nearby theatre parking lot which could serve this purpose well and she suggested the owners/operators of the property be contacted before blanket approval is given for Caltrans' proposed location.

Mr. Taylor informed the Committee and Ms. Schmeir about a meeting scheduled for next week in Councilwoman Picus' office to be attended by representatives of the District and Caltrans at which time the problem will be addressed.

Per Mr. Lewis' concern about Caltrans sometimes not moving fast enough on projects, Mr. McDonald said he would include in future TSM reports any delay with Caltrans relating to progress and also any community objections or problems.

Agenda Item B

The Committee received the General Manager's report dated November 10, 1979, on California Highway Patrol Wheelchair Lift Regulations.

Mr. Black reported that the California Highway Patrol regulations call only for self-certification by the lift manufacturers which is unacceptable to the District. Upon notifying the CHP of this, a CHP representative has offered to have an inspector go with District staff to the manufacturer to determine if the lift is in line with regulations.

Mr. Gilstrap has notified the CHP and Caltrans, since the regulations were set by them with assistance of an advisory panel and there being no transit operators on the panel, that participation by transit operators in the development of regulations applicable to them is essential.

The CHP has stated the draft regulations were distributed; however, there is no indication of the District having been sent them nor receiving them.

Agenda Item C

The Committee received the General Manager's quarterly report dated December 3, 1979, on Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Projects.

The Committee directed the report be received and filed.

Agenda Item D

The Committee received the General Manager's report dated December 6, 1979, on Advertising and Promotional Program for Pass Sales and Gift Certificate Program.

The Committee directed the report be received and filed.

Agenda Item E

The Committee received the General Manager's report dated December 3, 1979, on the Spring Street Contra-Flow Status.

The Committee directed the report be received and filed.

Agenda Item F

Bob Williams gave an oral report on the Computerized Customer Information System (CCIS) status. He stated that all personnel concerned have been trained on the system and that the greatest portion of the software to provide a level of information is now in place and the remaining add-on should be completed by June, 1980.

Mr. Gilstrap said that the District, along with UMTA, has yet to decide that the CCIS is a success. There is also being conducted an independent evaluation of the cost and potential benefits and if the operation is deemed a success, UMTA will grant us the full go-ahead for complete implementation.

Mr. Gilstrap added that there is one very significant plus that has been proven and that is the reduction from eight or more weeks training per operator to approximately a week. Also, there is the consistency in response to questions whereby every operator who puts the same question in the computer will receive the same answer. This is certainly a real benefit.

Special Item

The Committee received the General Manager's report dated December 6, 1979, on the Proposed Los Angeles County Transportation Commission Fund Allocation Policy recommending that the Board consider the LACTC report and staff comments on the proposed TDA Entry Criteria and the Allocation Formula for TDA, Section 5 and SB 620 and provide direction as necessary.

Following Mr. de la Cruz's run-through of the report and questions directed to Joe Misner of LACTC, the Committee referred the report back to staff for further working with the LACTC, which might result in a more acceptable compromise. Mr. Lewis will keep abreast of the matter.

Agenda Item G

The Committee received the General Manager's report dated November 29, 1979, giving a status report summarizing programs and projects designed for employee education, training and development.

Joann Bowman appeared before the Committee and was commended for her work on the subject. Ms. Bowman made introductory remarks about the film "Welcome Aboard" for new employees which was then shown to the Committee and staff members.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p. m.



Committee Secretary