

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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

February 5, 1975

Upon notice duly given, the Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District met at a regular meeting in the District Board Room, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California at 1:00 p.m. on February 5, 1975, at which time President Thomas G. Neusom called the meeting to order.

Directors George W. Brewster, Byron E. Cook, A. J. Eyraud, Jr., Adelina Gregory, Thomas G. Neusom and Jay B. Price responded to Roll Call. Director Schabarum entered the meeting at 1:10 p.m. and Director Ward arrived at 1:50 p.m. Directors Victor M. Carter and George Takei were absent from the meeting.

Also present were General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap; Manager of Operations George W. Heinle; Assistant General Manager for Administration Jack Stubbs; Manager of Planning & Marketing George L. McDonald; Chief Engineer Richard Gallagher; Controller-Treasurer-Auditor Joe B. Scatchard; General Counsel Richard T. Powers; Secretary Richard K. Kissick and the public.

Presentation of Commendatory Resolutions to Former Directors
Baldonado and McMillan

President Neusom presented commendatory resolutions to former Directors Arthur Baldonado and Don C. McMillan in recognition of their years of service to the District. Messrs. Baldonado and McMillan spoke briefly thanking the Board for opportunity to have worked with them and for their consideration

in presenting the resolutions to them.

Oath of Office - Director Peter F. Schabarum

Secretary Richard K. Kissick administered the Oath of Office to Supervisor Peter F. Schabarum, as director representing the First Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County for the term expiring September 30, 1978. Director Schabarum assumes the directorship vacated by the resignation of Director Arthur Baldonado. A copy of Director Schabarum's Oath of Office is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit 1.

Approval of Item Nos. 3 through 11 on the Consent Calendar

On motion of Director Eyraud, Chairman of the Surface Operations Committee, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were adopted and/or actions taken:

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 21, 1975 were approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-35

RESOLVED, that the temporary route diversions caused by construction work affecting Line Nos. 51, 104, 150, 358, 360, 401 and 402, as described in report dated January 27, 1975 filed with the Secretary, be and the same are hereby ratified and approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-36

RESOLVED, that the report dated January 27, 1975 relating to bus stop changes filed with the Secretary, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved.

The following Purchasing Agent's reports were ordered "Received and Filed":

- a. Report of Sale Orders and Sales of Surplus, Obsolete or Used Material, Supplies or Equipment for the periods: July 1, 1974 through September 30, 1974; and October 1, 1974 through December 31, 1974.
- b. Statement of Material & Supplies Account submitted January 16, 1975.

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-37

WHEREAS, on February 5, 1975, the Surface Operations-Advance Planning & Marketing Joint Committee and the Finance Committee considered and concurred in the report dated January 27, 1975, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, recommending rejection of all bids received under Bid No. 1-7515 covering landscaping requirements at the Busway Hospital Station, and authorization of the Purchasing Agent to reissue a call for bids in accordance with the Rules and Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all bids received under Bid No. 1-7515 as indicated on the Abstract of Bid attached to these Minutes as Exhibit 1, covering landscaping requirements at the Busway Hospital Station be and they hereby are rejected in their entirety;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Purchasing Agent be and he hereby is authorized to reissue a call for bids covering the landscaping requirements at the Busway Hospital Station; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-38

WHEREAS, on February 5, 1975, the Surface Operations-Advance Planning & Marketing Joint Committee considered and concurred in the report dated January 29, 1975, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, recommending authorization of the General Manager to enter into agreements with the cities of Gardena and Torrance permitting the District to operate over cities' lines incidental to implementation of the South Central grid system, and further providing for the District to survey the effect, if any, of this service on the cities' municipal bus patronage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he hereby is authorized to enter into agreements with the cities of Gardena and Torrance

permitting the District to operate over said cities' lines incidental to implementation of the South Central grid system, and further providing for the District to survey the effect, if any, of this service on the cities' municipal bus patronage; form of agreements subject to approval of the General Counsel.

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-39

WHEREAS, on February 5, 1975, the Surface Operations-Advance Planning & Marketing Joint Committee considered and concurred in the report dated January 27, 1975, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, recommending approval of a minor route modification of Line No. 13 to correct a hazardous operating condition and ensure a more orderly traffic flow in the Playa Del Rey area which can be accomplished within the framework of present schedule and equipment requirements without additional cost and with no adverse affect to passengers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he hereby is authorized to make appropriate revision of the Official Route Descriptions adopted November 4, 1964, as amended, to include Third Revised Page 13 to become effective as soon as practicable; subject to approval of the Consulting Engineer.

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-40

WHEREAS, on February 5, 1975, the Surface Operations-Advance Planning & Marketing Joint Committee considered and Concurred in the report dated January 27, 1975, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, recommending approval of a route modification of Line No. 128 and the discontinuance of two passenger stops on the Santa Monica Freeway which will provide a more reliable on-time performance and more effectively serve residents of the Marina Del Rey area travelling between that area and the Los Angeles Central Business District which modification can be accomplished within the framework of existing schedules and equipment requirements without additional costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he hereby is authorized to make appropriate revision of the Official Route Descriptions adopted November 4, 1964, as amended, to include First Revised Page 128 to become effective as soon as practicable, and he be and he hereby is further authorized to delete the passenger stops along the Santa Monica Freeway at Western and Vermont Avenues; subject to approval of the Consulting Engineer.

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-41

WHEREAS, on February 5, 1975, the Surface Operations-Advance Planning & Marketing Joint Committee and the Finance Committee considered and concurred in the report dated January 28, 1975, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, recommending renewal of the District's memberships in the National Safety Council at an estimated cost of \$7,100 and in the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council at a cost of \$1,965 for the calendar year 1975;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that renewal of the District's memberships in the National Safety Council and the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council be and the same are hereby approved, and the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to pay to the National Safety Council an estimated amount of \$7,100 and to the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council the amount of \$1,965 as the membership dues for the calendar year commencing January 1, 1975.

Approval of (a) Agreement with Pacific Drive-In Theatres Covering Operation of a Park-Ride Service from the Canoga Park Drive-In Theatre; (b) Establishment of new Line No. 715 Discontinuance of Line No. 793 and Revision of Line Nos. 35, 721 and 724; and (c) Establishment of One Additional Position of Patrolman

After discussion, on motion of Director Eyraud, Chairman of the Surface Operations-Advance Planning & Marketing Joint Committee, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-42

WHEREAS, on February 5, 1975, the Surface Operations-Advance Planning & Marketing Joint Committee and the Finance Committee considered and concurred in the report dated January 30, 1975, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, recommending execution of an agreement with Pacific Drive-In Theatres covering operation of a new Park-line from the Canoga Park Drive-In Theatre to downtown Los Angeles, with said line commencing service from a westerly terminal at Roscoe Boulevard and Fallbrook Avenue, with five morning and evening rush hour trips on approximately 20-minute headways, at an estimated annual cost of \$191,600 together with discontinuance of Studio City Park-Ride Line No. 793, with said facility to be served by means of a diversion of West Valley Freeway Flyer Line No. 35, with the aforementioned

report also recommending extension of the Van Nuys Drive-In Theatre Park-Ride Line No. 721 westerly along Roscoe Boulevard to Reseda Boulevard and extension of the San Val Theatre Park Ride Line No. 724 westerly along Van Owen Street to Van Nuys Boulevard, with both extensions proposed in order to increase the passenger generating potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the District an agreement with the Pacific Drive-In Theatres covering the operation of a park-ride service from the Canoga Park Drive-In Theatre covering up to 500 parking spaces, for a six-month period and month-to-month thereafter; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the General Manager be and he hereby is make appropriate revision of the Official Route Descriptions adopted November 4, 1964, as amended, to include Original Page 716, Third Revised Page 35, Original Page 721 (Revised), Original Page 724 (Revised) and deletion of Original Page 793, together with necessary modifications of local passenger tariffs; subject to prior approval of the Consulting Engineer; with said services to commence approximately four weeks after receipt of favorable comments from the County of Los Angeles pursuant to the provisions of the Flat Fare Agreement with said County;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the General Manager is authorized to establish one additional position of Patrolman at Grade 3 (\$865-\$1,071) under the Non-Contract Position Classification and Salary Plan effective with the establishment of the Canoga Park - Park-Ride Line No. 716 service.

Approval of Lease Agreement with Jaybee Manufacturing Corp.
Covering Lease of Property for Employee Parking at Division #3

After discussion, on motion of Director Eyraud, Chairman of the Surface Operations-Advance Planning & Marketing Joint Committee, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-43

WHEREAS, on February 5, 1975 the Surface Operations-Advance Planning & Marketing Joint Committee and the Finance Committee considered and concurred in the report dated January 29, 1975, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary,

recommending approval of a lease agreement with the Jaybee Manufacturing Corporation covering lease of an approximate 0.61 acre parcel of property at the southwest corner of Avenue 27 and McClure Street for Division #3 employee parking, in accordance with a commitment made during labor negotiations, and site preparation at District cost estimated at \$3,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the District an agreement with Jaybee Manufacturing Corporation, covering lease of an approximate 0.61 acre of property located at 626 West Avenue 27, Los Angeles, for use as a parking lot for Division #3 employee, for a three-year term commencing March 1, 1975 at a monthly rental of \$650.00; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the staff is authorized to proceed with necessary appraisals and negotiations to purchase the aforementioned property and institute condemnation proceedings if said purchase negotiations are not successful, together with authorization to file application with the Urban Mass Transportation Administration to assist in funding the purchase of said property; form of all documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Carried Over - Proposed Contract Covering Assistance to the District in Improving its Timekeeping/Payroll and General Accounting/Cost Accounting Systems

President Neusom announced that Agenda Item No. 14, reading as follows, had been removed from the agenda and carried over to the next meeting of the Board:

"Consider approval of Requisition No. 7099-16 and authorization of the General Manager to negotiate a contract covering assistance to the District in improving its timekeeping/payroll and general accounting/cost accounting systems, at a cost not to exceed \$38,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel."

Consideration of Adoption of Policy Regarding Employee Parking - Further Report and Criteria to be Submitted

Director Eyraud stated that the Surface Operations-Advance Planning & Marketing Joint Committee had considered the report dated

January 31, 1975 recommending adoption of a policy regarding the providing of parking for employees which, using this policy as a criteria, the staff will commence a division-by-division review of the parking situation and bring back to the Board recommendations. He further stated the Committee had recommended that a fifth item be added to the policy criteria that the reviews include investigation of purchase of property for parking purposes rather than leasing. With this amendment, he moved adoption of the report, which motion was seconded.

A discussion ensued which resulted in the conclusion that more information should be developed before adoption of a policy, and Director Eyraud accepted an amendment to his motion that the staff is to come back to the Board with a complete criteria for a future policy, including items such as whether property is to be leased or purchased, whether parking is to be free, feasibility of double decking existing divisions, policies of other transit properties and public agencies, effect on labor negotiations, etc.

Director Eyraud stated the matter was a problem that had been avoided for some time because of costs involved, and that he had no idea where the requested study is going to lead the District moneywise.

After further discussion, the amended motion was carried and the following resolution adopted, with Director Eyraud voting "No":

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-44

RESOLVED, that the staff is to develop and bring back to this Board for consideration a comprehensive report with respect to employee parking on a division-by-division basis, among the criteria which will be basis for a policy are what the estimated costs might be to implement a policy, if adopted, cost of purchase of property, including appraisals if necessary, parking effect on labor negotiations of a policy, policies of other transit properties and public agencies regarding free parking, or charging for parking.

Adoption of Policy Regarding Private, Non-profit Corporations to Provide Transportation for the Elderly and the Handicapped

After discussion, on motion of Director Eyraud, Chairman of the Surface Operations-Advance Planning & Marketing Joint Committee, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-45

WHEREAS, on February 5, 1975, the Surface Operations-Advance Planning & Marketing Joint Committee considered and concurred in the report dated January 30, 1975, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, reporting that Section 16 (b) (2) of the UMTA Act has been amended to include 80 percent capital funding for the transportation of the elderly and the handicapped by private non-profit corporations and associations, with one of the requirements of applications being that support and approval of the regional carrier accompany such applications, and recommending that the General Manager be authorized to issue letters of support to qualifying applicants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he hereby is authorized to issue letters of support to qualifying applicants to receive capital funding support under the provisions of Section 16 (b) (2) of the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act; form of all said letters of support subject to approval of the General Counsel;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of all letters of support issued under the above authorization are to be forwarded to members of the Board of Directors for information.

Ratification of Standing Committees

After discussion, on motion of Director Eyraud, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-46

RESOLVED, that the President's report dated January 27, 1975, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 3, recommending a policy for appointment of substitutes for absent members at Committee meetings, together with a list of Standing Committees on an interim basis until the election of officers in March, 1975, be and the same is hereby ratified and adopted effective February 5, 1975.

Report of President

President Neuson reported that the Executive Committee had met on January 21 to consider the matter of equipment to serve the elderly and the handicapped and had recommended that the staff contact and consult with organizations representing handicapped persons and make a report back to the Board at an early date with respect to a possible program of integrating special equipment into the fleet during a period that we would be waiting to receive buses equipped to handle the elderly and the handicapped.

Report of General Manager

General Manager Gilstrap presented a report of activities of the District since the last meeting. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 4.

Adoption of RTD Policy Regarding Designated Recipients of Federal Capital and Operating Grants Filed Pursuant to Section 5 of the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974

General Manager Gilstrap invited to the Board's attention to his report dated January 29, 1975 regarding establishment of a policy concerning designated recipients of Federal Capital and Operating grants filed pursuant to Section 5 of the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974, copies of which had been forwarded to all Directors.

With the approval of the seven Directors present, the matter was added to the agenda for consideration.

After discussion, on motion of Director Price, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-47

RESOLVED, that the General Manager's report dated January 29, 1975 entitled "Designated Recipients of Federal Capital and Operating Grants Filed Pursuant to Section 5 of the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974", a copy of which is attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 5, be and the same is hereby adopted.

Director Ward entered the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Consideration of Proposal to Establish a Separate Rail/Rapid Transit Division

With the approval of the eight Directors present, consideration of Director Ward's report to the Board of Directors dated January 31, 1975 was added to the Agenda.

Director Eyraud reported that the Committees had reviewed Director Ward's report at their meetings that morning, which report proposes that separate Rail/Rapid Transit Division be established, reporting to the General Manager, together with other proposals regarding the implementation of commuter rail service

now and in the future, including the carrying forward of the District's Rapid Transit program. Director Eyraud thereupon moved that the staff proceed with the preparation and furnishing of a detailed report regarding the proposal for consideration by the Board at its next meeting, which motion was seconded by Director Ward.

Director Ward requested that the report include specific assignments by the General Manager.

The question was called for and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-48

RESOLVED, that the General Manager be and he hereby is directed to submit to this Board of Directors for consideration at its next meeting a report regarding the establishment of a separate Rail/Rapid Transit Division within the District, reporting to the General Manager, together with a report on other details requested in a report submitted by Director Baxter Ward dated January 31, 1975, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 6.

Director Price departed the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Discussion of Contract Awards Covering Medium Capacity Systems Study and Subway Analysis Study

With the approval of the seven Directors present, Information Item "B" was added to the Agenda for discussion.

Director Eyraud suggested that Item B (a), contract award covering a Medium Capacity Systems study, and Item B (b), contract award covering a Subway Systems Analysis, be considered separately.

General Manager Gilstrap reported that these items had been given careful review by the Board previously and asked Chief Engineer Gallagher to summarize the Medium Capacity System study

proposal.

Chief Engineer Gallagher summarized the proposal and stated that as a result of the 1974 Transit Corridor Study the City of Los Angeles, SCAG, UMTA, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and CalTrans all requested that before any decision on mode or technology was made, the District investigate the feasibility of medium capacity systems in certain corridors.

Director Gregory stated that as one of the Directors who had sat through all of the consultant presentations the original recommendation for award of the contract should be acted upon. Director Gregory thereupon moved that the award of contract covering the Medium Capacity Systems study be made to the Joint Venture of TRW/Deleuw, Cather & Company/Gruen Associates, which motion was seconded.

Director Ward inquired as to what peril would be involved if the study is not done at this time, and Mr. Gallagher replied that as a result of the corridor study additional input is necessary regarding patronage estimates, as well as the requests from the other public agencies. Director Ward inquired as to the amount of Proposition 5 funds that might be available for a rapid transit starter program and how long would the study take, and Mr. Gallagher replied that CalTrans estimates were that about \$208-million would be available from Proposition 5 over the next five years and that the study would take about six months.

Mr. Gilstrap stated that the study would answer critical questions asked by UMTA, CalTrans, SCAG and other agencies regarding the type of system that will eventually be used and,

further, that anything adopted with respect to rapid transit would not go into operation for about seven years. The type of system, whether heavy duty, medium capacity, or whatever, all of these alternatives must be reviewed and studied before UMTA will give favorable consideration.

Mr. Ward stated he felt there is sufficient information available for the District to proceed without the proposed medium capacity study, and that study after study by the District is one of the reasons for the legislation being considered in Sacramento to disband or change the District.

Director Eyraud stated that one of his main objections was to changing design and planning consultants in midstream. Director Brewster agreed with Mr. Eyraud and stated that if Proposition A had passed he could understand why we should proceed. X

Manager of Planning & Marketing George McDonald stated that an independent analysis should be made by another firm, since Kaiser/DMJM had recommended that a high capacity standard rail system be selected. Director Brewster stated that he was satisfied with the staff's answer as to the reason for changing consultants.

Director Schabarum made a substitute motion that the matter be laid on the table for two weeks, which motion was seconded by Director Eyraud.

Director Ward inquired if the District had the funds to do the study in-house, and Mr. Gallagher stated that it might be possible to get approval to do the study in-house.

Mr. Gilstrap suggest contacting other agencies to ascertain ×
if they feel the study should be made and also investigate the
possibility of doing the study in-house.

Director Gregory moved that the General Manager's suggestion
be included in the substitute motion, which motion was approved
by Director Schabarum.

The substitute motion, as amended, was voted on and unanimously
carried.

It was then determined that Item B (b), the contract covering
the Subway Analysis study, should also be considered at the next
meeting of the Board.

Request for Reports by Director Schabarum

During the course of the above discussion, Director Schabarum
requested that the staff furnish information regarding:

1. Is there a so-called Master Plan that the Board uses
as a Master Plan to respond to ongoing UMTA require-
ments for Los Angeles County and, if so, what is that
Plan?
2. What is the program that the Board is supporting to
date that is the basis for funding requests under
the Federal Act recently approved? What are those
projects specifically, costs, etc.

Appearance of Mr. Howard Watts

Mr. Howard Watts, 1021 North Mariposa Avenue, Los Angeles,
appeared before the Board to object to the appointments of
Supervisors Schabarum and Ward to the Board of Directors; that
they were elected to be County Supervisors and they, therefore,
should appoint qualified persons to represent them on the RTD
Board.

Next Regular Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be held in the District's Board Room, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California, at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 1975.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.


Secretary

