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

February 9, 1978

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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 1:00 p.m. on February 9, 1978, at which time President Marvin L. Holen called the meeting to order.

Directors Present:

George W. Brewster	Thomas G. Neusom
Byron E. Cook	Jay B. Price
Marvin L. Holen	Ruth E. Richter
Gerald B. Leonard	Charles H. Storing
Mike Lewis (entered at 1:15 p.m.)	George Takei

Director Absent:

Donald Gibbs

Staff Present:

Jack R. Gilstrap, General Manager
George L. McDonald, Manager of Planning & Marketing
Richard T. Powers, General Counsel
Samuel Black, Acting Manager of Operations
Joe B. Scatchard, Controller-Treasurer-Auditor
Richard Gallagher, Chief Engineer-Manager Rapid Transit
John S. Wilkens, Manager of Employee Relations
Robert Williams, Manager of Customer Relations
Paul Taylor, Director of Surface Planning
Richard K. Kissick, Secretary

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

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 Item No. 1 was approved and the following resolution adopted:

R-78-42

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.3 (B)(4) of the Rules and Regulations, a Special Purchasing Committee met on February 9, 1978 and recommended approval of Requisition No. 8-7300-738 covering the District's requirements for diesel fuel for a one year period at an estimated cost of \$11,000,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the report dated February 2, 1978, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, together with Requisition No. 8-7300-738, and the General Manager is authorized to exercise the option with Atlantic-Richfield Company, Box 5811, San Mateo, California, for one additional year covering the District's requirements for #1 and #2 diesel fuel, at an estimated cost of \$11,000,000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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

With the approval of all Directors present an item regarding PL & PD insurance was added to the agenda for consideration.

Director Price reported that at its meeting on February 2 the Surface Operations Committee had

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adopted a recommendation that the District reaffirm its position regarding the handling of PL & PD claims. On motion of Director Price, seconded and carried as noted below, the following resolution was adopted:

R-78-43

RESOLVED, that this Board of Directors does hereby reaffirm with the General Adjustment Bureau its policy of resisting public liability and property damage claims against the District which investigation shows are unfounded and indicate no liability on the part of the District.

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

Report of the Facilities & Construction Committee

On motion of Director Price, Vice-Chairman of the Facilities & Construction Committee, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item No. 2 was approved and the following resolution adopted:

R-78-44

RESOLVED, that the report dated February 1, 1978, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to negotiate a contract with CalTrans for a substitute site for employee parking at Division 2, as outlined in the aforementioned report, with final contract to be submitted to this Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

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No. Assigned

for further review and consideration at its next meeting the report dated January 20, regarding proposed Non-Contract reclassification recommendations.

Director Takei then reported that after further review of the report concerning implementation of peace officer status for the District's security force, the Committee had recommended that a Committee of the Whole be held for the Board to review the matter, so moved, which motion was seconded and carried as noted below, and the following resolution adopted:

R-78-46

RESOLVED, that a Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Directors be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 1978, in the District Board Room, to review the matter of implementation of peace officer status by the District's security force.

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

Approval of Consent Calendar

On motion of Director Cook, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item Nos. 4 through 12 on the consent calendar were approved, and the following resolutions adopted and/or actions taken:

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

R-78-47 RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 8-7300, 741 is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to exercise the option with Chemco Products, 19402 Susanna Road, Compton, California, for one additional year covering the District's requirements for heavy-duty granular floor cleaner at an estimated cost of \$46, 000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-78-48 RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 8-7300-743 is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to exercise the option with Flexible Company, 3215 North Alameda Street, Compton, California, for one additional year covering the District's requirements for Delco-Remy automotive parts at an estimated cost of \$28, 000; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-78-49 RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute a contract with AM Castle & Company, 2187 South Garfield, Los Angeles, California, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 1-7818, covering the District's requirements for aluminum sheets for a one-year period at an estimated cost of \$26, 000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-78-50 RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 8-7300-719 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the District's requirements for unitized torque converter impeller assemblies for a one-year period, with option for one additional year at the election of the District; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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R-78-51 RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 8-7300-744 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the District's requirements for shock absorbers for a two-year period; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-78-52 RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 8-7300-746 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the District's requirements for bevel gear sleeves and matched bevel gear assemblies for a one-year period; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-78-53 RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute a contract with Terrell Trucking, 2419 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California, the lowest responsible respondent under RFP No. 127727, covering the pick up and delivery of passes for a period of one year at an estimated cost of \$15,200, with an option of one additional year at the election of the District; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-78-54 RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 8-3399-25 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the District's requirements of coolant and anti-freeze for a one-year period; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

-- Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meetings held January 12 and January 26, 1978.

-- Ratified changes in bus stop zones as described in the report dated January 31, 1978 filed with the Secretary.

-- Ratified temporary route diversions as described in the report dated February 3, 1978 filed with the Secretary.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of the Government Relations Committee

Director Neusom, Chairman of the Government Relations Committee, reported that the Committee had held a morning meeting and received progress reports on state and federal legislation and planned to schedule another meeting in the near future to further review legislative matters and relations with local agencies.

He also reported briefly on the APTA Legislative Conference which is scheduled in Washington, D. C., March 6-8, and moved approval for Directors to attend the conference, which motion was seconded and carried as noted below, and the following resolution adopted:

R-78-55

RESOLVED, that members of the Board of Directors are authorized to attend the American Public Transit Association Legislative Conference to be held in Washington, D. C., March 6-8, 1978, and the Treasurer is authorized to pay expenses incurred in connection with attendance at said conference.

Ayes: Brewster, Cook, Holen, Leonard, Neusom,
Price, Richter, Storing, Takei

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gibbs, Lewis

President Holen reported that Director Storing, Chairman of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee,

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and staff members had met with representatives of AM General Corp. regarding the problems in connection with the procurement of the 200 E & H buses, and that copies of the AM General proposals had been sent to all Directors. Director Storing reported that AM General felt the District specifications go beyond what is necessary and the matter will be considered at a meeting of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee on Friday, February 10. He further reported that another meeting with the president of AM General will be held on February 13.

On inquiry of Director Price, Mr. Powers felt that the position of District personnel in connection with the inspection program and the specifications were justified in case of any litigation.

(Director Lewis entered the meeting at 1:15 p.m.)

President Holen reported that the Rapid Transit Committee was meeting immediately following adjournment of the regular meeting and invited all Directors to remain for the meeting.

President Holen remarked on an article which had been published in the February 9 issue of the Los Angeles

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Times, copies of which were distributed to the Directors, in which DOT Secretary Brock Adams stated the Transportation Department was interested in funding a free public transit system in a major city. With the approval of all Directors present, the matter was added to the agenda for consideration.

Director Neusom moved that the District offer the County of Los Angeles as an area to test free public transit and would be willing to enter into the program, that the District furnish the Department of Transportation a report on the results of the 25-cent flat fare program, and to also address communications to U. S. Senators Cranston and Hayakawa regarding the District's interest in the program, which motion was seconded.

Director Storing inquired what happens when the funding is shut off and the District goes back to its original position such as happened when the County subsidy stopped, and Mr. Neusom felt that a lot of people continued to use the service even after the fare increase who formerly did not use the service prior to the 25-cent flat fare.

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No. Assigned

Director Neusom's motion carried as noted below,
and the following resolution was adopted:

R-78-56

RESOLVED, that DOT Secretary Brock Adams be advised of the District's interest to offer Los Angeles County as an area to test free public transit under funding to be provided by the U. S. Department of Transportation, and to also furnish Secretary Adams with a report of the results of the 25-cent flat fare program which had been conducted in Los Angeles County;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that U. S. Senators Cranston and Hayakawa also be advised of the District's interest to participate in the aforementioned free public transit program.

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

With the approval of all Directors present, consideration of a report regarding service on Line 496 in the County of Riverside was added to the agenda.

Paul Taylor reviewed the report dated February 8, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, and the fact that by agreement effective January 1 the Line 496 service to and from the counties of San Bernardino and Riverside to Los Angeles had been reduced from 18 to 13 trips per day, with the two counties funding only the

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present 13 trips. However, the county of Riverside has now requested reinstatement of the five trips and has offered to pay the additional costs for both counties in the amount of \$44,200 for the balance of the fiscal year. However, the cost to the District for the Los Angeles County portion of the additional service would amount to an additional \$60,000 for the balance of the fiscal year if the service was reinstated effective February 19.

Director Leonard inquired if possibly the passengers could be transferred in Pomona in lieu of the additional trips operating all the way into Los Angeles, and Mr. Taylor replied that the staff is looking into that, and also that a number of alternatives have been explored with the San Bernardino and Riverside representatives but they seemed to be at an impasse.

Mr. Jim Killian, representing the Riverside Transit Agency, appeared before the Board and reported that with only 13 trips early morning and late afternoon trips are overcrowded and, after passenger complaints, the RTD Board agreed to fund both the Riverside and San Bernardino county costs of returning to the 18 trips per day. He also estimated that 70% of the riders are

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San Bernardino or Riverside County residents, and the other 30% are Los Angeles County residents.

Mr. Gilstrap referred to the recent staff recommendation that no new services be implemented for the balance of the fiscal year, but that such requests would come to the Board for consideration.

Director Lewis felt he couldn't support the District spending an additional \$60,000 to support the service, and President Holen stated to Mr. Killian that if the RTD Board rejected the offer it was only because of the additional funding required. On Mr. Holen's inquiry, Mr. Killian stated that the Riverside Transit Agency has not signed a 13(c) labor protective agreement.

President Holen stated that if there were no objections, the Board would take no action due to the additional cost of \$60,000, and that the staff could pursue other options, including an attempt to obtain funding for the Los Angeles County portion of the service.

Director Lewis reported that the District had been contracting with the County regarding assistance

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No. Assigned

in the radio procurement and it was the desire of the County to withdraw due to the problems with the District and with the radio manufacturers. Mr. Gilstrap reported that Mr. Messenger of the County had written Mr. Black and the staff is working on a report. He also reported that a position within the District will be filled in the near future and a status report could be made at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.



R. K. Kissick, Secretary