

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of the Board
of Directors of the District

January 23, 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 January 23, 1979, at which time President Marvin L. Holen called the meeting to order.

Directors Present:

Donald Gibbs
Marvin L. Holen
Mike Lewis
Jay B. Price

Ruth E. Richter
Charles H. Storing
George Takei

Directors Absent:

Byron E. Cook
David K. Hayward

Gerald B. Leonard
Thomas G. Neusom

Staff Present:

Jack R. Gilstrap, General Manager
Jack Stubbs, Assistant General Manager for Administration
Richard T. Powers, General Counsel
George L. McDonald, Manager of Planning & Marketing
Joe B. Scatchard, Controller-Treasurer-Auditor
John S. Wilkens, Manager of Employee Relations
Richard Gallagher, Chief Engineer & Manager-Rapid Transit
Jack Walsh, General Superintendent of Transportation
Robert Williams, Manager of Customer Relations
Michael Olivas, Deputy Administrator-Equal Employment Opportunities
Richard K. Kissick, Secretary

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

Presentation of Certificates of Merit

Director Takei presented Certificates of Merit to Claire Fitzgerald, Information Operator-of-the-Month, and to Florence Wooley, Maintenance Employee-of-the-Month. Bivin W. Thompson, Operator-of-the-Month, was unable to be present and will receive his certificate of merit at a later date.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of the Surface Operations Committee

On motion of Director Price, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item Nos. 2 through 5 were approved and the following resolutions adopted:

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

R-79-022

RESOLVED, that the report dated January 16, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the bid submitted by Chevron USA under Bid No. 1-7904 is rejected as being non-responsive, and the General Manager is authorized to execute a contract with ARCO, 400 South El Camino Real, San Mateo, California, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 1-7904 covering the District's requirements for diesel fuel for a one-year period, at a bid price of approximately \$11,158,600, with option for one additional year upon mutual agreement; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-023

RESOLVED, that the report dated January 16, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the bid submitted by 3M Business Products under Bid No. CA-03-0132-S is rejected as being non-responsive, and the General Manager is authorized to execute a contract with Bell & Howell, 1730 Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-03-0132-S covering the procurement of microfiche system equipment at a bid price of approximately \$18,900; subject to the prior concurrence of UMTA (UMTA Capital Project No. CA-03-0132); form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-024

RESOLVED, that the report dated January 18, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to execute a contract extension with The Moveable Feast covering cafeteria and food vending machine services for the District for a two-year period commencing February 15, 1979, with said contract to include elimination of the 4 percent commission paid by the vendor to the District, together with a revised schedule of prices on food items, as outlined in the aforementioned report; form of contract extension subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-025

RESOLVED, that the report dated January 3, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to execute a lease extension agreement with Coast Leasing Company covering the leasing of approximately 12,650 square feet by said company of the District's Macy Street Yard for a two-year period, increasing the monthly rental rate from \$195 to \$275; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Report of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee

Director Storing, Chairman of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee, reported that after lengthy review of the legal considerations involved in buying buses without lifts, the Committee had recommended approval of the staff recommendations included in the reports under Agenda Item Nos. 6 (a) and (b) to award a contract to the Grumman-Flxible Company covering the purchase of 230 advance design buses with lifts,

Resolution
No. Assigned

together with authorization to file an appropriate amendment to the UMTA application for increased funding.

On motion of Director Storing, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item Nos. 6 (a) and (b) were approved, and the following resolutions adopted:

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

R-79-026

RESOLVED, that the report dated January 17, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to execute a contract with Grumman-Flxible Company, 970 Pittsburgh Drive, Delaware, Ohio, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-03-0161-A, covering the procurement of 230 advance design transit buses with wheelchair lifts, at a total cost of \$30,035,897, including spare parts, delivery and sales tax; subject to the concurrence of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA Capital Project No. CA-03-0161); form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-027

Resolution authorizing the General Manager to execute and file an amended application on behalf of the Southern California Rapid Transit District with the U. S. Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of the purchase of 230 Advance Design Buses, including wheelchair lifts, fare boxes, spare parts, electronic destination signs and weight incentive, at an estimated cost of \$3,282,000.

(Full text of resolution is on file with the Secretary.)

Resolution
No. Assigned

President Holen requested a staff report on the use of urathane in transit vehicles, which report was requested as a result of the recent BART rapid transit vehicle fire in the tunnel running between San Francisco and Oakland.

Mr. Gilstrap reported that the staff had looked into the matter and requested Director of Safety Joseph Reyes to present a report.

Mr. Reyes reported on the differences between neoprene and polyurathane materials, and that although neoprene is slightly less fire resistant than polyurathane and with less toxic fumes, the cost is prohibitive. He further reported that all buses purchased since 1972 have polyurathane foam which meet federal standards, and that most of the pre-1972 buses have been replaced with cushions of polyurathane foam which meet the federal requirements.

Mr. Reyes responded to questions from the Board regarding the matter.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of the Customer Relations & Public Information
Committee

Director Richter, Chairman of the Customer Relations & Public Information Committee, reported that the Committee by a 3-2 vote had recommended approval of the staff recommendation for supplementary marketing funds in the amount of \$180,000 for the balance of the 1979 Fiscal Year, so moved, which motion was seconded.

Director Takei presented a substitute motion to approve the report, except that the proposed \$36,000 to advertise the Airport Express be removed, which motion was seconded.

Director Storing moved to table the substitute motion, which motion was seconded but failed.

The question was called for on Director Takei's substitute motion but failed as follows:

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

Resolution
No. Assigned

The question was then called for on Director Richter's original motion, but failed as follows:

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

Director Richter felt that approval of the marketing program was imperative and moved approval of the staff recommendation, except that the Airport Express expenditure was to be removed and considered at a later meeting, which motion was seconded, carried as noted below, and the following resolution adopted:

R-79-028

RESOLVED, that the report dated January 16, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and supplementary marketing funds in the amount of \$180,000 for the balance of the 1979 fiscal year are approved, except for the proposed expenditure of \$36,000 for the Airport Express service is removed for consideration at a later date, making the approved expenditure for the balance of the 1979 fiscal year a total of \$144,000.

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

Director Richter requested the Facilities & Construction Committee to submit its report and recommendations regarding the bus stop sign program so that

Resolution
No. Assigned

the program could get going.

Mr. McDonald reported that the staff is developing an RFP which will have several alternatives for review regarding the retention of a consultant.

The staff was requested to submit the RFP to the Facilities & Construction Committee for review.

Report of the Rapid Transit Committee

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Rapid Transit Committee, President Holen presented the committee's report. On motion of President Holen, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item No. 8 was approved and the following resolution adopted:

R-79-029

RESOLVED, that the report dated January 18, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to enter into negotiations with the firm of Jacobs Associates covering a contract for the UMTA required estimate of construction of Rapid Transit Alternative II by the cut and cover method, or, as a second alternative, enter into negotiations with the firm of Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas, which project is to be funded in part under UMTA Project No. CA-09-0069, with said contract to be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration.

Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-032

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-6200-290 is approved, and Frank B. Hall, Insurance Brokers, is authorized to call for proposals covering the District's long term disability insurance; form of Request for Proposal subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Mr. Wilkens responded to questions by Director Richter as to the reasons why the District could not use trade technical schools for the mechanic training program.

Director Takei reported that with respect to Agenda Item No. 12, a recommendation to establish 24 new Non-Contract and four BRAC positions, the Personnel Committee had requested further information and that the matter be reviewed by the full Board in Executive Session at a later date.

Report of the Finance Committee

Director Lewis, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee had reviewed Agenda Item Nos. 13 through 16. At the request of Directors, Item Nos. 13 and 15 were considered separately.

On motion of Director Lewis, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item Nos. 14 and 16 were approved, and the following resolution adopted and action taken:

Resolution
No. Assigned

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

R-79-033

CERTIFICATION

Findings of Public Hearing held December 19, 1978, at 1:00 p. m. in connection with the Southern California Rapid Transit District's Grant Application for funding, by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the Transbus Service Implementation Program,

Marvin L. Holen, President of the
Southern California Rapid Transit District

HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT, in the development of this application for a Grant under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, it:

1. Has afforded adequate opportunity for public hearings pursuant to adequate prior notice, and has held such hearings, in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration.
2. Has considered the economic and social effects of this proposed project and its impact on the environment.
3. Has found that this proposed project is consistent with official plans for the comprehensive development of the urban area.

Received and filed the Operating Report for the month of December, 1978.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Director Lewis then moved approval of Agenda Item No. 13, a proposal to revise Article VIII, Section 8.4 (c)(1) of the Rules and Regulations to permit award of professional service contracts under \$10,000 by the General Manager, which motion was seconded, but failed by a vote of 5 to 2, as follows:

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

President Holen requested that the proposal be referred back to the Finance Committee for further consideration at its next meeting.

Director Lewis then moved approval of Agenda Item No. 15, findings of the public hearing held January 9, 1979 in connection with the District's application to UMTA for a 36-month demonstration and test of the feasibility of a Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Transit Service Demonstration project in the Malibu Creek State Park and Tapia County Park from transit dependent areas in Los Angeles County, which motion was seconded.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Director Gibbs objected, stating that he could not support a program that would cost approximately \$6 per passenger. Mr. McDonald stated that he could understand Director Gibbs' position, but that the program would be funded 100 percent by UMTA.

The question was called for on Director Lewis' motion, carried as noted below, and the following resolution adopted:

R-79-034

CERTIFICATION

Findings of the Public Hearing held January 9, 1979, at 1:00 P.M. in connection with the Southern California Rapid Transit District's Urban Mass Transportation Administration Demonstration Grant Application authorized by the District's Board of Directors on November 28, 1978, to aid in the financing of a Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Transportation Demonstration Project.

Marvin L. Holen, President of the
Southern California Rapid Transit District

HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT, in the development of this application for a Mass Transportation Demonstration Grant under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, it:

1. Has afforded adequate opportunity for public hearings pursuant to adequate prior notice, and has held such hearings, in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

Resolution
No. Assigned

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2. Has considered the economic and social effects of this proposed project and its impact on the environment.
3. Has found that this proposed project is consistent with official plans for the comprehensive development of the urban area.

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

Approval of Consent Calendar

On motion of Director Richter, seconded and carried as noted below, Items No. 17 through 25 on the Consent Calendar were approved, and the following resolutions adopted and/or actions taken:

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

R-70-035

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Zumar Industries, 2828 Stanford Ave., Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-03-0106-M, covering procurement of 5,000 triangular bus stop signs at a total bid price of \$28,477; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-036

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-7300-992 is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to exercise option for one additional year with Mohawk Manufacturing, 6328 West Oaklon, Morton Grove, Illinois, covering the District's requirements for rear wheel bearing oil seals, at an estimated cost of \$14,200, on the same terms as the original contract; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-037

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-7300-993 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the District's requirements for concrete floor cleaner for a one-year period; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-038

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-4200-01 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to issue Requests For Proposals covering technical support for accessible bus evaluation system, which project is funded in part under UMTA Grant Projects No. CA-09-0053 and CA-09-0069; form of RFP subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-039

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-3399-336 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the procurement of 2,300 emergency alarm switches; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-040

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 8-3400-14 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the procurement of one (1) flat-bed truck, 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.

Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-041

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-7300-001 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the District's requirements for splitter drums for a one-year period; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-042

RESOLVED, that the report dated January 18, 1979 relative to minor route modification to Line No. 841 in the City of Huntington Park, is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to include in the Official Route Descriptions Second Revised Page 841.

Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting held January 9, 1979.

Ratified bus stop zone changes as described in report dated January 19, 1979 filed with the Secretary.

Ratified temporary route diversions as described in report dated January 19, 1979 filed with the Secretary.

Received and Filed Purchasing Agent's Sales Orders Report for Fourth Quarter, 1978.

Director Special Items

On inquiry by Director Richter, Mr. Walsh reported that repairs are being made to the leaky roof at Division 15; also, that a new roof is needed but the staff is hesitant to expend such funds since the facilities are on leased property.

Report of the General Manager

On inquiry, Mr. Gilstrap briefly reported on the visitations being made by Directors and staff to prospective bidders for the procurement of doubledeck buses, and that he felt the visits have been worthwhile since the District is receiving requests for information from manufacturers regarding the procurement, and the visitations could result in the District receiving several bids which could very well be cost effective as a result of competitive bidding.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.



R. K. Kissick, Secretary