

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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

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July 26, 1979

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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 1:10 p.m. on July 26, 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  
Jack Stubbs, General Manager for Administration  
Samuel M. Black, Manager of Operations  
Richard T. Powers, General Counsel  
George L. McDonald, Manager of Planning & Marketing  
Joe B. Scatchard, Controller-Treasurer-Auditor  
David Dominguez, Manager of Equal Employment Opportunities  
John S. Wilkens, Manager of Employee Relations  
Robert G. Williams, Manager of Customer Relations  
Helen M. Bolen, Acting District Secretary

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

### Presentation of Certificates of Merit

Director Lewis presented Certificates of Merit to Veda Bowman, Information Operator-of-the-Month, Howard Davis, Operator-of-the-Month and to Marvin Watts, Maintenance Employee-of-the-Month.

### Appearance of Barbara Pike

Ms. Barbara Pike appeared before the Board at the request of Director Leonard. She talked about service problems in general, and specifically about the smoking of marijuana and the playing of radios on the buses. She said that most of the drivers are afraid to do anything about these conditions on their buses.

President Holen suggested that Ms. Pike and other members of the public write a letter to their Senators and Assemblymen urging passage of Assembly Bill 1012, which would make these actions a misdemeanor.

After discussion, Director Lewis requested a report on the actions the District is taking concerning passenger and driver safety. Mr. Stubbs reported on the Ride-Along Program.

### 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 through 4 were approved and the following resolutions were adopted:

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

Resolution  
No. Assigned

R-79-316

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. R-79-229 adopted by the Board of Directors on May 31, 1979, covering award of contract to Walker & Roebuck, 1361 South Figueroa, Los Angeles, is hereby rescinded in its entirety;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Kaner Co., 1710 South Naomi, Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 4-7925 covering the District's requirements for taps and drills for a two-year period, at an estimated cost of \$23,340; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-317

RESOLVED, that the apparent low bid submitted by Clarklift of Los Angeles on Item No. 1 of Bid No. CA-03-0132-Z is rejected, and the General Manager is authorized to award contracts to the following lowest responsible bidders covering procurement of two forklifts:

- a. L. A. Allis Chalmers, 3200 South Garfield, Los Angeles, covering procurement of one (1) towable forklift at a cost of \$33,650;
- b. Freeborn Equipment, 7607 Industry, Pico Rivera, covering procurement of one (1) forklift at a cost of \$17,852;

which procurements are funded in part under UMTA Capital Grant Project No. CA-03-0132 and are subject to prior UMTA concurrence; form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution  
No. Assigned

R-79-318

RESOLVED, that the report dated July 10, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is adopted, and the General Manager is authorized to renew the District's Public Liability and Property Damage excess insurance through the broker, Alexander & Alexander, for a one-year term commencing August 1, 1979, at a cost of \$299,000, form of policy subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Director Price reported that Agenda Item No. 5 concerning the capital grant application for miscellaneous equipment, is recommended for approval with the exception that the items concerning automobiles, beepers and furniture for the Schedule Department are to be considered by the full Board.

Director Meseck, Chairman of the Administration, Efficiency & Economy Committee, reported that his committee had considered this matter and recommended approval of the beepers and the furniture. Director Lewis moved approval of this recommendation, which motion was seconded and carried with Directors Richter & Storing voting "No". Director Meseck reported that the matter of the automobiles and their assignment was to be considered in Executive Session.

Resolution  
No. Assigned

There was discussion concerning the propriety of discussing this matter in Executive Session. General Counsel Powers indicated that individual employee automobile assignments could be a subject for Executive Session.

Director Price moved that Agenda Item No. 5 be approved in its entirety, with the number of automobiles subject to change as a result of an Executive Session on individual employee automobile assignments, which motion was seconded and carried, and the following resolution was adopted:

R-79-319

Resolution authorizing the General Manager to file an application with the Department of Transportation, Urban Mass Transportation Administration for a capital grant for Fiscal Year 1980 miscellaneous equipment purchases in an estimated amount of \$17,500,000.

(Text of complete resolution is filed with the Secretary.)

R-79-320

RESOLVED, that a public hearing on the District's Urban Mass Transportation Administration grant application for Fiscal Year 1980 miscellaneous equipment purchases will be held September 6, 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

Resolution  
No. Assigned

R-79-320  
Continued

- \* Richter & Storing voted "No" on the inclusion of the beepers and furniture in the capital grant package.

President Holen asked for a report on the use of diesel fuel for District automobiles.

Report of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee

Director Storing, Chairman of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee reported that the Committee had reviewed Item No. 6 and recommended that Item 6(a) be carried to a future meeting and that Item 6(b) be approved with two options, one calling for a wheelchair lift and one calling for a ramp and cable wheelchair loading device, which recommendations were moved, seconded and carried.

Dennis Cannon appeared before the Board and urged caution in proceeding with the ramp device. He reported that the handicapped community has not had an opportunity to evaluate the ramp. He also questioned the accessibility of the ramp, in that it will not accommodate standing passengers. He reported that the state of the art has greatly advanced since installation of the lift on the AM General buses. He stated that a retrofit of lifts on buses where ramps had been installed

Resolution  
No. Assigned

earlier could prove to be very costly, if the District proceeds without ascertaining the ramp meets the accessibility requirements mandated by Section 504 regulations.

The following actions were taken on a voice vote as noted below:

Agenda Item No. 6(a), reading as follows, was carried over to a future meeting of the Board of Directors:

"Consider authorization of the General Manager to issue a Change Order to Grumman Flexible for the substitution of a ramp and cable wheelchair loading device in lieu of lift for the purchase of 230 Advance Design Buses."

R-79-321

RESOLVED, that the specifications for 940 Advance Design Buses are to be modified to allow bids on two options; one option calling for a wheelchair lift, and one option calling for a ramp and cable wheelchair loading device.

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

Report of the Facilities & Construction Committee

On motion of Director Price, Vice-Chairman of the Facilities & Construction Committee, Agenda Item No. 7 was approved and the following resolution was adopted as noted below:

Resolution  
No. Assigned

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

R-79-322

RESOLVED, that the General  
Manager is authorized to:

- a. file applications with CalTrans and the Federal Highway Administration for funding pursuant to S.B. 620 and the Federal Aid Interstate programs for the West Los Angeles Transportation Center, at an estimated total project cost of \$550,000;
- b. request a transfer of \$372,000 of Federal Aid Urban Systems (FAUS) funds previously approved for the West Los Angeles Transportation Center to supplement funding for the Central Maintenance/Headquarters Facility;
- c. file applications to the appropriate agencies for funding pursuant to Federal Aid Urban Systems and S.B. 620 programs for the Universal City Transportation Center, at an estimated total project cost of \$1,650,000;
- d. file appropriate applications for the East San Fernando Valley Division additional land acquisition of three acres, 44 transit buses, and the Central Maintenance/Headquarters Facility, pursuant to the Federal Aid Urban Systems program;

with the General Manager further authorized to execute all necessary documents in conjunction with these applications; form of all documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution  
No. Assigned

Report of the Advance Planning Committee

Director Hayward, Chairman of the Advance Planning Committee, moved approval of Agenda Items No. 8 and 9, which motion was seconded and carried as noted below and the following resolutions were adopted:

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

R-79-323

RESOLVED, that the report dated July 19, 1979, relative to a minor route modification and extension of service to Line No. 828 - Marina Del Rey-Huntington Park-Whittier, in the Marina area of the City of Los Angeles, is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to include in the Official Route Descriptions Fourth Revised Page 828, effective September 9, 1979, contingent upon concurrence by the City of Culver City.

R-79-324

RESOLVED, that the report dated July 18, 1979, relative to Fiscal Year 1979-80 InterAgency Agreements for the continued operation of the Central City and Westwood Minibus Programs is adopted, and the General Manager is authorized to enter into contracts with the City of Los Angeles and the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles covering funding of the Downtown Minibus service, and with the City of Los Angeles covering funding of the Westwood Minibus service; form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution  
No. Assigned

Director Hayward reported that the Advance Planning Committee had considered the report under Item No. 10 concerning the District's Service Deployment Policy which contained additional information requested at the time of Board discussion of a service deployment formula based on 55% ridership and 45% population for new services. Director Hayward made a motion that no change be made in that formula, and moved that it become a part of the Board's Service Deployment Policy, which motion was seconded and carried as noted below:

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

Under Item No. 11, Director Hayward reported that the Committee recommended that the District take a position opposing creation of a subregional public transportation district in the South Bay area, supporting the existence of municipal public transportation operators under previously adopted guidelines, with regional service to be provided by the District. Director Hayward recommended that a letter be directed to

Resolution  
No. Assigned

the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission advising them of this position and if the ATE study is adopted by the Commission that consideration be given to modification of the study in accordance with the line modifications submitted by the District.

On motion of Director Hayward, seconded and carried as noted below, these recommendations were approved, and the following resolution was adopted:

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

R-79-325

RESOLVED, that the Southern California Rapid Transit District is hereby opposed to creation of a subregional public transportation district in the South Bay area;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the District hereby continues to support the existence of municipal public transportation operators in South Bay as long as each such operator meets the previously adopted subsidy guidelines of one-third of operating expenses to be paid from passenger fares or other municipal revenues and provides service only within the boundaries of its municipality; with regional service between cities to be provided by the District; which is the regional carrier;

Resolution  
No. Assigned

R-79-325  
Continued

RESOLVED FURTHER, that should the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission pursue the establishment of a subregional public transportation district in the South Bay, after considering the District's position, the revisions suggested by District staff to the recommendations contained in the ATE Draft Final Report should be adopted by the Commission.

Report of the Finance Committee

Upon motion of Director Lewis, seconded and unanimously carried, the Operating Report for the month of June, 1979 was "Received and Filed".

Approval of Consent Calendar

On motion of Director Richter, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Items No. 13 through 18, except Item 18-d2, on the Consent Calendar were approved and the following resolutions were adopted and/or actions taken:

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

R-79-326

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Charles E. Thomas Company, 13701 South Alma Avenue, Gardena, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 7-7902, covering procurement of a trailer-mounted portable fuel pump and filter system, at a total bid price of \$10,210; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution  
No. Assigned

R-79-327

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-3399-221 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the District's requirements for block and head assemblies for a one-year period; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-328

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-9300-038 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to issue Requests For Proposals covering printing services for blueprints and engineering specifications for a one-year period, with option for one additional year at the election of the District; form of RFP subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-329

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-3399-223 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the District's requirements for VS-2 transmission housing assemblies for a one-year period; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-330

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to negotiate and enter into a lease agreement with the South Bay Center, Redondo Beach, covering rental of an existing kiosk, at a cost of \$300 per month, on a month-to-month basis, to be utilized as a Customer Service Center; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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Approved Minutes of Regular Meetings held June 14, 1979 and July 12, 1979.

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Ratified temporary route diversions as described in report dated July 20, 1979 filed with the Secretary.

Resolution  
No. Assigned

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Ratified bus stop zone changes as described in report dated July 20, 1979 filed with the Secretary.

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Received and Filed Purchasing Agent's Statement of Material and Supplies Account for the month of May, 1979 and the Sales Order Report for Second Quarter, 1979.

Under Item No. 18-d2, several members of the Board asked questions concerning various expenditures listed on the Report of Purchases Over \$1,000 for the month of June, 1979. On motion of Director Hayward, seconded and unanimously carried, this report was ordered "Received and Filed".

Appearance of D. W. Boyles, President of Airport Service

Mr. D. W. Boyles, President of Airport Service appeared before the Board concerning the matter of service to Los Angeles International Airport. The District is currently operating the service, and Airport Service has an application before the Public Utilities Commission for transfer of certificate of convenience and necessity from the previously carrier to Airport Service. Mr. Boyles gave a history of his firm's operations

Resolution  
No. Assigned

in airport service. In summary, Mr. Boyles requested that the District's petition for rehearing before the Public Utilities Commission be withdrawn and that Airport Service be allowed to provide the service at the earliest possible time.

General discussion followed, with President Holen commenting that it was his understanding that the Public Utilities Commission has a new policy that would provide the opportunity for both Airport Service and the District to provide service. In their initial ruling, this was intended, but in fact the District Law precludes the District from competing with a private carrier. The Public Utilities Commission staff has indicated they were unaware of this restriction and on this basis, was the District's petition for rehearing filed. President Holen commented that the Board of Directors might be willing to enter into an agreement whereby both the District and Airport Service were to both provide service.

Mr. Boyles indicated that his company would be willing to study the proposal if in so

Resolution  
No. Assigned

doing, their right to application for the existing certificate before the PUC was not damaged or waived.

Director Takei commented that the Board is faced with a policy decision; i.e., is it appropriate for a public agency using public funds to provide service when in the community there exists a source that wants to provide the service.

There was further discussion concerning levels of service, fares proposed by Airport Service, fares charged by the District, etc.

On motion of Director Price, seconded and carried as noted below, the attorneys for the District and Airport Service were requested to study the feasibility of providing competitive service, with the District to retain the right to withdraw or reinstitute service.

R-79-331

RESOLVED, that the General Counsel of the Southern California Rapid Transit District is hereby authorized to confer with legal counsel for Airport Service on the feasibility of both the District and Airport Service to provide bus service to the Los Angeles International Airport, and to report back to the Board of Directors as quickly as possible;

Resolution  
No. Assigned

R-79-331  
Continued

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this request for study is not to be construed as a weakening of the District's position before the Public Utilities Commission on this matter.

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

(Directors Storing and Leonard left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.)

Director Special Items

Upon motion of Director Lewis, seconded and carried, with President Holen voting "No", the rapid transit assessment district proposed by Supervisor Ward was added to the agenda. Director Lewis reported that the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission had voted approval of the appropriation of monies for the Wilshire Corridor Starter Line, and had refused to place Supervisor Ward's rapid transit assessment district measure on the ballot. He requested that the Board of Directors take a position in opposition to this proposal. Director Hayward inquired if the Commission had

Resolution  
No. Assigned

taken a position on the proposed assessment district, and Director Lewis replied that the Commission had refused to place it on the ballot.

President Holen stated that he felt any action by this Board would be premature until the Commission had taken a position on the issue. Director Lewis stated that the Board of Supervisors will consider this at their next meeting and he would like to take the District's position to that meeting.

There was discussion as to when it would be appropriate for the Board to take a position on this matter, with Director Lewis proposing that a Special Meeting be called prior to the Board of Supervisor's meeting.

Director Neusom moved that the matter be tabled until the date of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, which is August 2, 1979, which motion was seconded and carried, President Holen stated that he would consider calling a Special Meeting to discuss this issue. Director Lewis requested that the reports and actions of the Board relative to the Sunset Coast Line

Resolution  
No. Assigned

proposal be available for review at that meeting.

Approval of Director Travel

On motion of President Holen, seconded and carried, consideration of out-of-state Director travel was added to the agenda.

On motion of Director Price, seconded and carried as noted below, authorization of travel by Director Neusom is approved and the following resolution adopted:

R-79- 332

RESOLVED, that travel by Director Neusom during the period August 2-4, 1979 to Houston, Texas to attend the International Disabled Expo is approved, and the Treasurer is authorized to pay expenses incurred in connection with said travel.

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

Also, under the general subject of Director travel, President Holen urged that Board members consider attendance at the APTA Annual Meeting to be held in New York, September 23-27, 1979.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

  
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Acting District Secretary

