

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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

June 14, 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 1:00 p.m. on June 14, 1979, at which time President Marvin L. Holen called the meeting to order.

Directors Present:

Donald Gibbs (entered at
1:15 p.m.)
David K. Hayward
Marvin L. Holen
Gerald B. Leonard
Mike Lewis

Carl Meseck
Thomas G. Neusom
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing
Ruth E. Richter
George Takei

Directors Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Jack R. Gilstrap, General Manager
Jack Stubbs, Asst. General Manager for Administration
Samuel Black, Manager of Operations
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
Robert Williams, Manager of Customer Relations
David Dominguez, Manager of Equal Employment Opportunities
Richard K. Kissick, Secretary

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

Recognition of Retired District Personnel

Director Leonard presented plaques to District personnel who have retired recently.

Appearance of Laura Ingman

Ms. Laura Ingman, representing the Coalition for Improved Transit, appeared before the Board regarding the contract to employ a graphic design services consultant which was on the agenda for consideration. Ms. Ingman felt that this is the time that the public is turning to public transit and that the Board needs to get the information out to the public, but can't afford frills in anything other than furnishing the necessary information and the purchase of new equipment.

Board of Directors Recessed in Executive Session at 1:20 p.m.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors recessed in Executive Session at 1:20 p.m. to receive a report on the status of labor negotiations.

The Board reconvened at 2:40 p.m. with all Directors present except Director Neusom.

No report was made of matters discussed in Executive Session.

Approval of Contract with Saul Bass/Herb Yager and Associates

Mr. Gilstrap reviewed the report dated June 14, 1979 regarding a proposed contract with Saul Bass/Herb Yager and Associates covering graphic design services to assist the staff in developing a comprehensive Visual Identification

Program at an estimated cost of \$121,000, which contract had been recommended for approval by the Facilities & Construction Committee. He also reported that the staff had included an alternate (b) program to conduct a reduced program at an estimated cost of \$65,000.

Mr. McDonald explained the proposals in more detail, and that the fact that if the Board approved alternate (b) only the first phase of the program would be completed in about six months.

Director Gibbs moved approval of the full contract at an estimated cost of \$121,000, with the understanding that the consultant would give first priority to the San Fernando Valley bus stop information program and report to the Board within two weeks regarding recommendations for that portion of the program, which motion was seconded.

Director Meseck felt the entire project should be a staff function and not employ a consultant, that the consultant fees were excessive and also that the District did not have an identity problem. Director Richter concurred.

(Director Neusom entered the meeting at 2:50 p.m.)

Mr. McDonald reported that the staff could not do the job with present personnel.

Director Leonard presented a substitute motion to approve Alternate "b" and determine at a later date whether to proceed with the balance of the work, which motion was seconded.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Director Hayward favored the entire program, and Director Gibbs concurred in the substitute motion, although he still felt the entire program would be an extremely worthwhile investment.

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

R-79-260

RESOLVED, that Alternate "b" of the report dated June 14, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to execute a time and materials contract with the firm of Saul Bass/Herb Yager and Associates covering graphic design services to assist the staff in developing a comprehensive visual identification program, with the consultant services to cover the first four phases of the program as outlined in the aforementioned report at an estimated cost of \$65,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the consultant is requested to submit recommendations regarding the Bus Stop Information program within two weeks in order that the installation may proceed at the earliest date for signs in the San Fernando Valley.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that at the time the first four phases of said program are completed the staff submit a further report to the Board for consideration as to whether or not the balance of the program shall proceed.

Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-260
Continued

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

Report on Pending Legislation

President Holen reported that Assembly Bill 1429 is continuing to be considered by the Legislature and perhaps no action was necessary at today's meeting.

Mr. Gilstrap reported that Assembly Bill 103 was held in committee until July 3 and will probably be heard again at that time. He further stated that the bill includes amendments requested by the District, i.e., the eight-vote requirement by the LACTC to establish new transportation service areas and the change of date from January 1, 1980 to June 30 for submission of the study required in the bill.

Committee of the Whole Report

On motion of Director Richter, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item No. 5 was approved and the following resolution adopted:

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Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-261

RESOLVED, that the report dated June 8, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the Committee of the Whole recommendation to continue services in the Counties of Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino, and the City of Los Angeles, beyond July 1, 1980 until service contracts for Fiscal Year 1980 are finalized and executed, is hereby ratified.

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

On motion of Director Hayward, seconded and unanimously carried, the General Manager's report dated June 13, 1979 under Agenda Item No. 6 was approved, and the staff authorized to proceed with plans for development of the lower level space at the El Monte Station as outlined in the aforementioned report.

On motion of Director Richter, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item No. 7 was approved and the following resolution adopted:

R-79-262

RESOLVED, that the report dated June 8, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole changing the Regular Meeting scheduled for June 28 to June 22, 1979, is hereby ratified.

Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-262
Continued

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

Report of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee

Director Storing, Chairman of the Equip-
ment & Maintenance Committee, reported that the
committee had reviewed the report dated June 8,
1979, a status report on bus procurement, and
that the committee had recommended the report be
received and filed.

Mr. William T. Bolte, representing the
California Association of the Physically Handi-
capped, read a resolution of the Association
expressing their concern regarding the wheel-
chair lifts not being operable on the 200 AM
General buses and that they had requested the
Attorney General to investigate the matter.
Copies of the resolution had previously been
distributed to all members of the Board of
Directors.

(Directors Hayward and Meseck left the
meeting at 3:07 p.m.)

Resolution
No. Assigned

Mr. Bolte admitted that the Board has made an effort to comply with the Section 504 regulations.

President Holen stated that the District is leading the country in obtaining buses for the handicapped and has withheld buying new buses because of the lack of adequate handicapped buses. He explained the problems in implementing the AM General bus service with adequate and safe lifts, but did understand the problems of the handicapped. He suggested that Mr. Bolte's organization retain a consultant to review the efforts of the District in attempting to place the lift equipped buses in service.

Director Price stated that the federal government had been requested to fund research and development for a handicapped bus and that the organization should contact UMTA representatives to take a hand in the R & D for the benefit of the RTD and all transit operators.

Dennis Cannon, the District's handicapped consultant, reported on his experiences with lifts in other areas and also had reviewed the Klaunder report which stated the lift problems

Resolution
No. Assigned

were not excessive.

Mr. Black reported the Klauder report had over twenty different problems and the District has not been able to achieve agreement with the bus manufacturer with respect to the safety and reliability features, and the District is withholding final payments for the buses to AM General. He further reported on the poor experiences in testing of 18 buses and the fact that the lift in the front part of the bus creates more problems than a lift located in the middle of the bus.

Mr. Bolte felt his organization could not afford to hire a consultant, and the staff was requested to provide adequate information to Mr. Cannon.

(Directors Leonard and Neusom left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.)

There was a short discussion of implementing handicapped service thirteen weeks after agreement with AM General is reached, hopefully by November 1. Director Storing felt we could not set a date for completion at this time.

It was suggested that the staff meet with both Mr. Bolte and Mr. Cannon regarding the

Resolution
No. Assigned

matter of problems in connection with implementing service with safe lifts.

Report of the Facilities & Construction Committee

On motion of Director Gibbs, Chairman of the Facilities & Construction Committee, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item No. 9 was approved and the following resolution adopted:

R-79-263

RESOLVED, that the report dated June 7, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to execute a contract with Daniel S. Diaz, General Contractor, 13904 Sayre Street, Sylmar, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-03-0132-X, covering expansion of the Cash Counting Building at a total bid price of \$193,159, which project is funded in part under UMTA Capital Grant Project No. CA-03-0132; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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

Report of the Customer Relations & Public Information Committee

Director Richter, Chairman of the Customer Relations & Public Information Committee, reported that the committee had carried Agenda Item No.

Resolution
No. Assigned

10, a report on the contract for advertising on buses, over to the next meeting in order to give all advertising companies who may desire to appear regarding the matter more adequate notice before further action is taken by the Board.

Director Richter reported that with respect to Agenda Item No. 11, the committee had recommended that a report and recommendation be submitted by the design review consultant within two weeks prior to further consideration regarding the Bus Stop Information Sign program, but that the installation of the new signs in the San Fernando Valley not be further delayed, so moved, which motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Report of the Advance Planning Committee

Director Storing, reporting on behalf of Director Hayward, Chairman of the Advance Planning Committee, stated that the committee had met and had received and filed the reports under Agenda Item Nos. 12 and 13, as follows:

- "12. Progress report on Energy Contingency Plan.
13. Progress report on request for service along Topanga Canyon Blvd."

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of the Personnel Committee

Director Takei, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported that the committee had reviewed the report under Agenda Item No. 14 (a), a recommendation for regular biannual non-contract reclassifications, and had carried the matter over to the next meeting pending receipt of additional information.

On motion of Director Takei, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item No. 14 (b) was approved and the following resolution adopted:

R-79-264

RESOLVED, that the report dated June 4, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the District's existing Non-Contract Jury Service Policy is abolished, and a policy is hereby adopted which provides that Non-Contract employees be compensated for time taken off to serve jury duty if the employee first submits the compensation paid by the County of Los Angeles.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that if an employee's absence will work a hardship on the District, the District will make efforts to have the jury duty postponed and/or cancelled.

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

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of the Finance Committee

On motion of President Holen, who was Acting Chairman of the Finance Committee meeting earlier in the day, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item Nos. 15 and 16 were approved and the following resolutions adopted:

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

R-79-265

RESOLVED, that the report dated June 6, 1979 and Requisition No. 9-7200-55, copies of which are filed with the Secretary, are approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for proposals covering systems programming technical software support, form of Request For Proposal subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-266

RESOLVED, that the report dated June 7, 1979 and Requisition No. 9-7200-56, copies of which are filed with the Secretary, are approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for proposals covering consulting assistance with long range planning for Data Processing; form of Request For Proposal subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Approval of Consent Calendar

Following approval of Mr. Stubbs' request to amend the recommendation to authorize the General Manager to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder under Agenda Item No. 22, a call for bids covering the purchase of slack adjusters, on motion of Director Richter, seconded and carried as noted below, Item Nos. 17 through 24 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: Hayward, Leonard, Meseck, Neusom

R-79-267

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Transit Equipment Manufacturing Company, 7321 North Hamlin, Stokie, Illinois, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 5-7917 covering the District's requirements for oil and grease seals for a one-year period at an estimated cost of \$80,129; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-268

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Chemco Products, 19516 Suzanna Road, Compton, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 5-7921, covering the District's requirements for heavy-duty granular floor cleaner, at an estimated bid price of \$49,264; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-269

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Milo Equipment Corporation, 3455 South San Gabriel River Parkway, Pico Rivera, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-03-0132-Y, covering procurement of a track loader with ripper at a total bid price of \$46,035, which purchase is funded in part under UMTA Capital Grant Project No. CA-03-0132, form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-270

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to purchase felonious assault insurance from National Accident Insurance Underwriter, through the broker William A. Mercer, Inc., for a three-year term commencing July 1, 1979, at an annual premium of \$11,683.20; form of insurance policy subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-271

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-3314-3386 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the purchase of 100,000 linear feet of mylar plastic for headsigns, with option to purchase an additional 300,000 linear feet at the election of the District; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-272

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-3314-7727 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids and the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder covering the purchase of 400 manual slack adjusters; form of bid requirements, specifications and contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-273

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to renew a Right of Entry agreement with Southern Pacific Transportation Company covering a portion of the District's Macy Street Yard at a lease rate of \$1,250 per month for a period of three years; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting held May 31, 1979.

Ratified temporary route diversions as described in report dated June 8, 1979 filed with the Secretary.

Ratified bus stop zone changes as described in report dated June 8, 1979.

Received and Filed Purchasing Agent's Statement of Material & Supplies Account for the month of March, 1979.

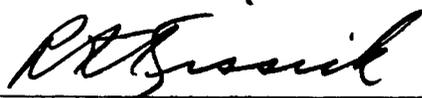
Report of the President

President Holen reported that there would be a Committee of the Whole meeting with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission at the Music Center at 12:15 p.m. on June 21 for the purpose of meeting and conferring with UMTA Deputy Administrator Gary Gayton, and that a schedule would be forwarded to Directors with the meeting notice.

Report of the General Manager

The General Manager's report of out-of-state travel by Directors and staff during the month of May was received and filed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



R. K. Kissick, Secretary

