

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes of Joint Meeting
Between
the Board of Directors of the District
and the
Executive Committee of the
Southern California Association of Governments

June 17, 1976

On notice duly given, the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD) met in a Joint Meeting with the Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) at Mistele's Restaurant, 611 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, California, on June 17, 1976. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, SCRTD Director Jay B. Price chaired the meeting on behalf of SCRTD and called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m. San Bernardino County Supervisor Dennis Hansberger, Vice-President of the SCAG Executive Committee, chaired the meeting on behalf of SCAG.

SCRTD Directors present:

George W. Brewster
Donald Gibbs
Adelina Gregory
Marvin L. Holen
Mike Lewis
Jay B. Price
Ruth E. Richter

SCRTD Directors absent:

Byron E. Cook
Thomas G. Neusom
George Takei
Baxter Ward

SCAG Executive Committee
Members present:

Dennis Hansberger
Henry Weeda
Frances Wood
Hal Bailin
Carroll Bowen
Miriam Kaywood
Steve Nordeck
Ray Lepire
John Seymour

SCAG Staff present:

Barton Meays, Acting
Executive Director
Bob Zimmerman
W. O. Ackerman, Jr.
Tim Egan
Tad Whidley
Alan Fuentes

SCRTD Staff present:

Jack R. Gilstrap, General Manager
George L. McDonald, Manager of Planning & Marketing
Joe Scatchard, Controller-Treasurer-Auditor
Richard Gallagher, Manager, Rapid Transit Department
Rick Sanchez, Associate Counsel
William Foster, Principal Analyst
David McCullough, Senior Planner
Ralph de la Cruz, Principal Analyst
Sam Olivito
Chris Dahlstrom
R. K. Kissick, Secretary

Following the SCRTD roll call, an adjourned meeting of a SCAG Executive Committee was reconvened. Chairman Price welcomed everyone and stated the purpose of the meeting was to exchange views on matters of mutual interest. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Gilstrap for his remarks.

Mr. Gilstrap reviewed what has been accomplished in transportation recently through the efforts of SCRTD and also of SCAG. In this connection he directed attention to the SCRTD graphics on display. He indicated the community is moving ahead in transportation needs; felt dealings with SCAG were working and that the meeting tonight had been called in an effort to see if things could be made to work even better through proper cooperation. Since SCRTD operates 83% to 85% of service in Los Angeles County, he felt that any problems could be discussed and communications improved between the two agencies.

He then referred to Section 5 UMTA operating funds and Section 3 capital funds, and the fact that UMTA prefers companies apply for funds under the appropriate sections of the

UMTA Act. He stated that Los Angeles County municipal operators have requested \$2,872,500 of Section 5 funds for capital items which should be used for operations subsidy instead, and suggested initiation of a joint political effort to persuade UMTA to amend this local policy.

Mr. Meays reported that the matter had been discussed at an earlier meeting today and a report will be furnished in the near future. He felt the Section 5 applications for operations assistance was a logical conclusion. Mr. Ackerman felt there were problems perhaps in some of the other counties such as Ventura but agreed that in Los Angeles County the funds should be applied for as being discussed. He also felt that perhaps SCAG had permitted it to happen.

Director Lewis inquired how long before the SCAG report would be submitted and Mr. Ackerman stated hopefully soon. Director Brewster inquired if perhaps the local munis did not have the facilities or staff to make proper applications and could SCAG help them out on this. Mr. Ackerman stated he felt that SCAG could aid the munis in this respect.

Mr. Gilstrap felt that if applications were prepared under the proper UMTA sections our area could obtain an extra six or seven million dollars in Section 3 funds without any problem. He also pointed out that we can obtain the full amount of Section 5 funds if properly applied for, since they are allocated on a formula basis. However, if Section 3 funds are not properly applied for, these funds could very well go to other cities not in our area.

The problem of some munis signing the UMTA required Section 13(c) labor protective agreements was also mentioned.

Director Lewis moved that the SCRTD staff prepare a draft resolution for consideration at the next Board meeting urging UMTA to permit the municipal operators to apply for Section 3 capital funds, rather than allocating those monies from Section 5 funds, and including a request that SCAG help the municipal operators in accomplishing this objective, which motion was seconded.

Director Gibbs objected, since he felt we should first hear what the municipal operators have to say.

The question was called for, carried as noted below, and the following resolution adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. R-76-297

RESOLVED, that the SCRTD staff is directed to submit for consideration by the Board of Directors at its July 7, 1976 meeting a draft resolution urging the Urban Mass Transportation Administration to accept and process the local municipal transit operators' applications for capital purchases under Section 3 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, rather than from Section 5 funds under the same Act;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Southern California Association of Governments is requested to help the local municipal transit operators in every way possible to accomplish the aforementioned objective through cooperative work on capital and operating applications.

Ayes: Brewster, Gregory, Holen, Lewis,
Price, Richter

Noes: Gibbs

Abstain: None

Absent: Cook, Neusom, Takei, Ward

Mr. Gilstrap stated that the SCRTD Board has requested representation on the SCAG Executive Committee. Since SCRTD has four to six elected representatives on its Board, and is also the major regional transportation carrier, the Board felt the District should be represented on the Committee and had suggested the appointment of one of the four at-large Committee members from the RTD Board to serve.

Mr. Meays explained the composition of the SCAG Executive Committee and felt the composition constrained the appointment of a member of the RTD Board. He also stated that Committee members were composed of representatives to represent governmental areas and not special districts.

After discussion, it was determined that the District's request will be an item for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Gilstrap expressed his appreciation for the action and hoped everyone concerned could understand the problem of RTD having communication to the Committee.

DISCUSSION OF PROLIFERATION OF CARRIERS IN THE AREA

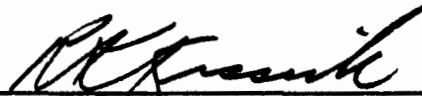
Mr. Gilstrap stated the proliferation of carriers in the area was one of real concern especially in Los Angeles County, and that it poses some real problems to the regional carrier and some of the existing carriers (L.A. County had eight carriers in 1974, while today there are more than twenty), and made some points and suggestions, as follows:

- . The thrust of the funding approach seems to tap the already limited funds for new carriers - - if there are to be more carriers, means should be sought to obtain additional funding instead of providing less funding to present carriers.
- . Additional carriers also makes it difficult to coordinate transit services.
- . The Section 13(c) labor agreement matter necessary in order to obtain federal funds is also a problem.
- . There is also the matter of providing high-cost service with public funds such as dial-a-ride, instead of lower-cost services, which SCAG should consider when allocating funds.

Chairman Price stated that he was concerned over a motion which was made at the SCAG meeting earlier today which could very well reduce the RTD system by approximately 500 buses by diverting SB-325 funds to other systems.

Mr. Hansberger thanked the SCRTD Board for calling the meeting and thought it had been helpful to all concerned, and Chairman Price stated it was good to get together and hoped future meetings could be held.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.


Secretary