

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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

May 26, 1965

Upon notice duly given, the Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District met at a regular meeting in the District Board Room, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California, at 9:30 a.m. on May 26, 1965, at which time President Harry A. Faull called the meeting to order.

Directors Howard P. Allen, Kermit M. Bill, Mark Boyar, Robert F. Brandon, Harry A. Faull, Gordon R. Hahn, Leonard Horwin, Don C. McMillan, Douglas A. Newcomb and Martin Pollard were present. Director Norman Topping was absent.

Also present were General Manager C. M. Gilliss; Manager of Operations Cone T. Bass; General Counsel Milton McKay; Treasurer and Auditor H. L. Black; Fiscal Consultant Walter J. Braunschweiger; Chief Engineer Ernest R. Gerlach; Director of Information Guy G. Gifford; Secretary Virginia L. Rees; and the public.

Report of C. M. Gilliss on Legislative Matters

At the request of President Faull for a report on the recent developments in the District's legislative program, Mr. Gilliss stated, for the record, the following action taken by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on May 25, 1965:

"If and when the California Legislature approves legislation permitting a county-wide election on a proposition to finance a much-needed rapid transit system for the metropolitan area of Los Angeles involving sales tax, or a levy of 1% motor vehicle license fee (in lieu) tax upon the approval of 60% of those voting on the proposition, be it resolved that this Board of Supervisors does agree that it will levy as soon as legally possible a 1/2 of 1% motor vehicle license fee (in lieu) tax for the purpose of rapid transit engineering, implementation of existing bus service, and election preparation so as to be able to properly place this urgent question before the voters of this county.

This motion is made upon the unanimous recommendation of the Southern California Rapid Transit District Board of Directors."

Mr. Gilliss stated that the action of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accomplished the first of three important steps toward building the much needed and long overdue rapid transit system for Los Angeles.

And he further stated that the second step of that proposal will be considered by the legislators in Sacramento. They are being asked simply to permit a county-wide election on the financing of rapid transit through the levy of one per cent motor vehicle license fee (in lieu) tax, if 60% of the voters approve.

And, he continued, the third step is the election itself, which would give the people the right to decide at the polls whether or not they want to pay for a rapid transit system.

After considerable discussion, upon motion of Director Allen, seconded and unanimously carried, the following was adopted:

That the staff prepare a resolution directed to the Los Angeles City Council asking its support of the District's legislative program, in principle.

Continuation of District's Committee Structure for Additional Three-month Period

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the Committee Structure adopted by this Board of Directors on February 3, 1965, subject to review at the end of a three-month period, be and hereby is continued for a further three-month period commencing May 27, 1965.

Appointment of Committee to Consider New Color Scheme for District Coaches

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the President be and hereby is directed to appoint a sub-committee composed of four Directors to consider the proposed color scheme (white, chrome yellow and saddle tan) for District coaches, and report back to the Board its recommendation.

President Faull thereupon appointed Directors Allen, Boyar, McMillan and Pollard as the members of said committee.

Executive Session Meeting upon Adjournment

At the request of Mr. Gilliss, President Faulk announced that the Board would meet in executive session to discuss with the General Counsel a minor legal issue in connection with the Mesnick & Dean settlement approved at the May 19, 1965 Regular Meeting.

Next Regular Meeting

After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the next regular meeting of the District be held at the District's Board Room in the Transit District Building, 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California, at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 1965.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

VIRGINIA L. REES  
Secretary