

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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

November 24, 1976

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 November 24, 1976, at which time President Byron E. Cook called the meeting to order.

Directors present:

George W. Brewster
Byron E. Cook
Marvin L. Holen
Mike Lewis
Thomas G. Neusom

Jay B. Price
Ruth E. Richter
Charles H. Storing
George Takei

Directors absent:

Donald Gibbs
Baxter Ward

Staff present:

Jack R. Gilstrap, General Manager
George W. Heinle, Manager of Operations
Jack Stubbs, Asst. General Manager for Administration
Richard T. Powers, General Counsel
George L. McDonald, Manager of Planning & Marketing
Joe B. Scatchard, Controller-Treasurer-Auditor
Richard Gallagher, Manager of Rapid Transit
Robert Williams, Manager of Customer Relations
Byron Lewis, Director of Personnel
Richard K. Kissick, Secretary

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

Presentation of Operator-of-the-Month Awards

Director Storing presented Certificates of Merit to Leonard J. Morris, Operator-of-the-Month, and Jean Arnold, Information-Operator-of-the-Month, for the month of October, 1976.

Recess in Executive Session at 1:10 p.m.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors recessed in Executive Session at 1:10 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The Board reconvened at 1:40 p.m. with Directors Brewster, Cook, Holen, Lewis, Neusom, Price, Richter, Storing and Takei responding to Roll Call. Directors Gibbs and Ward were absent from the meeting.

No report of matters discussed in Executive Session was made.

Adoption of Student Transit Education Program in Principle

At the request of Director Neusom, Agenda Item No. 7 was taken out of order.

Director Takei, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported that the Personnel Committee had reviewed the staff report regarding the Student Transit Education Program, as outlined in the report dated November 16, had recommended adoption of the program in principle together with authorization of the staff to proceed to seek 100% funding from funds that are non-transportation funds from appropriate federal, state and local agencies and report back to the Board for further consideration, so moved, which motion was seconded.

Director Takei stated the program had been conceived by Director Neusom and asked for him to report. Mr. Neusom stated Director of Training Joanne Bowman had headed the staff task force to develop the program, and Mrs. Bowman briefly outlined the three-year program which it was anticipated would result in transit education as an elective subject in the school system.

Mr. Neusom moved an amendment to the motion that members of the staff and/or Board be authorized to incur necessary travel in connection with obtaining the necessary funding sources, which motion died for lack of a second.

President Cook inquired what happens to the District program staff after three years, and Mr. Takei felt it could be phased out with an educational entity taking it over. Director Storing felt it would set up a program which would go on perpetually and therefore opposed it, although he approved the concept, and Mr. Cook agreed.

Mrs. Bowman displayed educational games which were being developed by CalTrans and was requested to obtain 20 sets for the District.

Mr. Gilstrap explained the concept proposed only a program coordinator and a typist for a three-year period to develop the curriculum, and Director Price felt the program would aid in the reduction of vandalism on buses and would become an elective subject similar to the driver education program.

The question was called for on Director Takei's original motion, carried as noted below by a Roll Call vote, and the following resolution adopted:

R-76-507

RESOLVED, that the Student Transit Education Program outlined in the report dated November 16, 1976, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is adopted in principle, and the staff is authorized to proceed to seek 100% funding from funds that are non-transportation funds from appropriate federal, state and local agencies and report back to this Board of Directors for further consideration.

Ayes: Brewster, Holen, Lewis, Neusom, Price,
Richter, Takei

Noes: Cook, Storing

Abstain: None

Absent: Gibbs, Ward

Director Neusom Report on Meeting with Secretary Coleman

Director Neusom reported he had met yesterday with DOT Secretary Coleman regarding funding for the rapid transit preliminary engineering as a result of the District's alternative analyses. He felt that UMTA would approve the preliminary engineering on the District's program, except possibly the Wilshire corridor rapid transit line. Mr. Neusom felt the information furnished by the District to UMTA justified funding for the Wilshire preliminary engineering and anticipated announcements from the department in a short time. Mr. Cook was hopeful the announcement would come before the new administration goes in, and Mr. Neusom felt it would.

(Director Neusom left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.)

Report of the Joint Committee

On motion of Director Price, Chairman of the Surface Operations-Advance Planning & Marketing Joint Committee, seconded and carried as noted below, the following resolutions were adopted:

Ayes: Brewster, Cook, Holen, Lewis, Price,
Richter, Storing, Takei

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gibbs, Neusom, Ward

R-76-508

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with Pacific Southwest Realty Company covering the lease of 3,000 square feet of storage space in the building adjacent to the District's headquarters building at 425 South Main Street, Los Angeles, on a month-to-month basis, at a monthly lease rate of \$540 commencing December 1, 1976; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-76-509

RESOLVED, that the report dated November 16, 1976, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, be and the same is hereby adopted, and the General Manager is authorized to include in the District's tariff a special tariff for New Year's Day operations to the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl and to operate special services, as outlined in EXHIBIT 1 attached to these Minutes, and to include in the Official Route Descriptions Original Page 81-A, Original Page 93-A and First Revised Page 483; subject to approval of the Consulting Engineer.

R-76-510

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the provision of inter-agency transfer privileges with the Santa Clarita Public Transit System effective December 7, 1976, with said agreement to provide that the District is not waiving any of its operating rights within the District's service area and that the terminus of the Santa Clarita line be at Chatsworth Street; subject to approval of the Consulting Engineer, with form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the County of Los Angeles is requested to furnish the District a monthly report of the ridership on the Santa Clarita line.

Resolution
No. assigned

Consideration of Lease at Macy Street Yard Property -
Added to Agenda

With the approval of all Directors present, consideration of a lease at Macy Street Yard property was added to the agenda.

On motion of Director Price, seconded and carried as noted below, the following resolution was adopted:

R-76-511

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute a lease agreement with Mr. Al Santurgen covering lease of Building #234 and adjacent area at the District's Macy Yard property on or about December 1, 1976, for a period of two months and month-to-month thereafter, at a monthly rental of \$1,360; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Ayes: Brewster, Cook, Holen, Lewis, Price,
Richter, Storing, Takei

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gibbs, Neusom, Ward

Report of the Finance Committee

On motion of Director Holen, Chairman of the Finance Committee, seconded and carried as noted below, the following resolution was adopted:

Ayes: Brewster, Cook, Holen, Lewis, Price,
Richter, Storing, Takei

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gibbs, Neusom, Ward

R-76-512

Resolution authorizing the filing of an amendment to the District's operating assistance grant CA-05-4052 pursuant to Section 5 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as Amended.

7-76-512
(continued)

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of project costs;

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as Amended, the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District:

1. That the General Manager is authorized to execute and file an amended application on behalf of the Southern California Rapid Transit District with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Southern California Association of Governments' Transportation Improvement Program to aid in the financing of District operations for the period July 1, 1976 through June 30, 1977. Such amendment will provide additional funding to finance operation of services in San Bernardino County during that period. The estimated amount of the amendment will be for \$379,004.

Resolution
No. assigned

R-76-512
(continued)

2. That the General Manager is authorized to execute and file with such application an assurance or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Southern California Association of Governments' Transportation Improvement Program.
3. That the General Manager is authorized to furnish such additional information as the U.S. Department of Transportation or Southern California Association of Governments may require in connection with the application or the project.
4. That the General Manager is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the General Manager is authorized to execute all other necessary documents and contracts in connection with said grant application filed with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

Operating Report for Month of October, 1976 - Received and Filed

On motion of Director Holen, seconded and unanimously carried, the Operating Report for the month of October, 1976 was ordered "Received and filed."

Investigation of Fare Differential between RTD and Municipal Operators

With the approval of all Directors present, the matter of fare differential between the District and the municipal operators was added to the agenda.

Resolution
No. assigned

Director Holen reported that the Finance Committee had discussed, at Director Brewster s request, the matter of fare differential between the District and the municipal operators, which differential had resulted in the municipal operators being unable to reach agreements with the County for provision of the current fiscal year subsidies to the municipal operators.

On motion of Director Brewster, seconded and carried as noted below, the following resolution was adopted:

R-76-513

RESOLVED, that the staff is directed to investigate and report back to the Board of Directors regarding the problems being encountered as a result of the fare differential between the District and the municipal operators, which differential has resulted in the municipal operators being unable to reach agreement with the County of Los Angeles to provide them subsidies during the current fiscal year.

Ayes: Brewster, Cook, Holen, Lewis, Price,
Richter, Storing, Takei

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gibbs, Neusom, Ward

Request for Additional Downtown Minibus Funding During
Balance of Fiscal Year - Added to Agenda

With the approval of all Directors present, the matter of requesting additional Downtown Minibus funding was added to the agenda.

Director Holen reported the Finance Committee had discussed the fact that the Downtown Minibus revenues were down about 50% due to the increase in fare to 25¢ last July 1st, and the staff had estimated the two lines would require

Resolution
No. assigned

additional funding of approximately \$150,000 in order to continue the present service through May and June of the fiscal year, and about \$250,000 in additional subsidies in order to reduce the fare to 15¢, assuming the ridership would rise to approximately the way it was before the fare increase. He reported the Finance Committee had suggested that the staff call an immediate meeting of the Minibus Advisory Committee to discuss additional subsidy funding from the three agencies providing the funding under present contracts. He also suggested letters be sent from the President to appropriate parties recommending additional funding and was hopeful the fare could be reduced prior to the Christmas shopping season.

On motion of Director Holen, seconded and carried as noted below, the following resolution was adopted:

R-76-514

RESOLVED, that the staff is directed to prepare letters for signature of the President to the Mayor of Los Angeles, members of the Los Angeles City Council, the City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Rapid Transit, the five Los Angeles County Supervisors, the Los Angeles Traffic Commission, the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles and the Central City Association, regarding the fare and subsidy funding problems of the Central Minibus lines and recommending they furnish additional subsidy funds during the balance of the present fiscal year.

Ayes: Brewster, Cook, Holen, Lewis, Price,
Richter, Storing, Takei

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gibbs, Neusom, Ward

Approval of Consent Calendar - Agenda Item Nos. 9 through 12

On motion of Director Richter, seconded and carried as noted below, items on the Consent Calendar were approved and the following resolutions adopted and/or actions taken:

Ayes: Brewster, Cook, Holen, Lewis, Price,
Richter, Storing, Takei

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gibbs, Neusom, Ward

R-76-515

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute a contract with the firm of American Brass & Copper, 2131 South Garfield, Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 11-7605-A, covering the District's requirements for 14-gauge aluminum sheets for a one-year period, with option for one additional year at the election of the District, at a total price of \$14,700 for one year; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-76-516

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute a contract with the firm of Mike Green Fire Equipment Company, 8717 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 11-7608, covering the District's requirements for fire extinguishers for a one-year period, with option for one additional year at the election of the District, at a total bid price of \$15,050 for one year; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-76-517

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute a contract with the firm of Systems Manufacturing Corporation, 3215 North Alameda Street, Compton, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 11-7608-A, covering the District's requirements for 12-volt power packs for a one-year period, with option for one additional year, at a total bid price of \$16,000 for one year; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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The temporary route diversions as described in the report dated November 19, 1976 filed with the Secretary were ratified.

Resolution
No. assigned

-- The bus stop zone changes as described in the report dated November 15, 1976 filed with the Secretary were ratified.

-- The following Purchasing Agent's statements were ordered "Received and filed":

1. Statement of Purchases Over \$1,000 for the month of October, 1976; and
2. Report on Sales Orders & Sales of Surplus, Obsolete or Used Material, Supplies or Equipment, July through September, 1976.

Consideration of Requesting Legislation to Change District Law Regarding Election of City Selection Committee Members of the Board of Directors

At the request of Director Storing, consideration of requesting an amendment in the District Law was added to the agenda.

Director Storing suggested requesting legislation to amend the District Law so that only elected officials be appointed to the Board by the City Selection Committee, and also that they would lose their seats on the Board if they no longer hold an elective office.

Director Price stated that the League of California Cities has taken such a stand and possibly the League could sponsor such legislation. President Cook agreed since he felt the staff should not be placed in a position of seeking legislation regarding appointment of Board members.

It was agreed that Director Storing would contact the League regarding the matter and report back to the Board.

Discussion of Allocation of 5% of SB-325 Funds to Operators other than RTD for so-called "Community transit services"

Director Takei referred to the policy stand to be incorporated in the operating and financial plan RTD presents to the new Commission regarding the allocation of 5% of SB-325 funds to operators other than RTD for so-called "community transit services", which matter was carried over at the November 18 meeting of the Board for further consideration.

He stated the he and Director Richter had discussed the matter with City of Los Angeles representatives, and they understand that ongoing programs only require 1% of the funds, and he felt the District should be in favor of supporting ongoing forms of paratransit and related programs that are currently in effect.

Director Brewster felt the needs of the elderly and the handicapped are all over the county and can't be restricted to certain areas. Director Storing inquired as to what assurance the District has that these programs will not be expanded.

Mr. Gilstrap reported there are thirteen systems seeking the funds, not including the present municipal operators. With respect to providing dial-a-ride and other such costly services by the District, he felt he certainly could not recommend such an action to the Board.

President Cook agreed that the District should not be involved in any such costly services.

After discussion, it was the consensus that no position on the matter should be taken by the Board at this time.

(Director Brewster left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.)

Discussion of Policy Issues Regarding Service Standards, Evaluation and Fares - Tabled

On motion of Director Holen, seconded and unanimously carried, Agenda Item No. 13 reading as follows was ordered tabled:

"Discussion of policy issues regarding service standards, evaluation and fares."

Mr. McDonald reported that a report regarding next year's goals and objectives and a five-year plan would be on the agenda for consideration at the Board's December 8 meeting.

Changing Time of Committee-of-the-Whole December 2 Meeting to be Convened at 12:00 Noon

Mr. Gilstrap reported that UMTA Administrator Patricelli would be in Los Angeles on December 2 and suggested changing the time for the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting from 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 noon and have a working lunch to discuss the rapid transit preliminary engineering funding with Mr. Patricelli.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the time of the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting scheduled on December 2, 1976 be and the same is hereby scheduled to be convened at twelve o'clock noon instead of 1:00 p.m.

Discussion of Los Angeles County General Plan Report


Director Lewis reported that the County has completed a General Plan report which discusses zoning, transportation, etc., and suggested a staff member review the document.

There was a short discussion of what the effect would be on District operations if the President removed gasoline price controls, and also the effect of possible reduced SB-325 funds during the coming year.

Discussion of Holding Meetings in Outlying Areas

At the suggestion of Director Richter, a discussion was held on the matter of holding meetings in outlying areas, especially public hearings. President Cook felt public attendance in outlying areas was not as good as when the meetings are held in the District Board Room. There was no consensus decision arrived at concerning the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.


Secretary

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Proposed Special Tariff

Expedited Service Between
the San Fernando Valley and Pasadena Rose Parade

BETWEEN

PASADENA ROSE PARADE

| | <u>Adult</u> | <u>Students</u> | <u>Senior Citizens and Handicapped</u> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| All points on Lines 81 - 93 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$.50 |
| With one-zone transfer or one-zone Pass (\$14.00) | .65 | .65 | .40 |
| With two-zone transfer or two-zone Pass (\$25.00) | .30 | .30 | .40 |
| With \$37.50 Park/Ride Pass | No extra charge | No extra charge | No extra charge |

| Line | Description of Area Served | (Sunday) | | | | Scheduled Added Service | | | | Total Equipment Proposed | | | | Comments | |
|------|--|-----------------|----|------------|----|-------------------------|----|------------|----|--------------------------|----|-------|----|----------|---|
| | | Regular Service | | AM Base PM | | AM Base PM | | AM Base PM | | AM Base PM | | Fares | | | |
| | | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | | |
| 11 | Ventura Blvd. from Reseda Blvd. | - | - | - | - | 8 | 8 | - | - | 8 | 8 | - | - | Premium | Svc. warranted based on last year's check |
| 13 | Van Nuys-No. Hollywood | - | - | - | - | 12 | 12 | - | - | 12 | 12 | - | - | Premium | Svc. warranted based on last year's check |
| 13 | Long Beach, Lynwood, So. Gate Maywood | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 5 | - | - | 13 | 13 | 5 | 5 | Regular | Sunday Svc. Supplemente Patronage up over previo year |
| 15 | Highland Park Altadena | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | *1 | *1 | - | - | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | Regular | No Addl. Svc. Scheduled |
| 11 | S. San Gabriel San Gabriel | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | *1 | *1 | - | - | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | Regular | No Addl. Svc. Scheduled |
| 13 | El Monte, Temple City, Arcadia, Altadena | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | *1 | *1 | - | - | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | Regular | No Addl. Svc. Scheduled |
| 14 | Glendale, La Canada, Duarte, Monrovia | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | - | 10 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 14 | 14 | 14 | Regular | Provide shuttle svc from Pasadena to Rose Bowl |
| 15 | El Monte, Temple City, Arcadia, Sierra Madre | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | Regular | No Addl. Svc. Scheduled |
| 16 | Hollywood, Glendale, Eagle Rock, Altadena | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 12 | - | - | 22 | 22 | 10 | 10 | Regular | Regular Svc. Supplement Heavy Travel last N. Y's |

| Line No. | Description of Area Served | Regular Service (Sunday) | | Added Service | | Proposed | | Fares | Comments |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|----|---------------|-----|----------|-----|-------|--|
| | | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | | |
| 38 | Duarte, Arcadia Altadena | 3 | 3 | 3 | - | 6 | 6 | 3 | Regular Svc. - Shuttle S Provided from Pasadena Float Display |
| 40 | Pomona, San Dimas, Glendora, Azusa, Monrovia, Arcadia | 4 | 4 | - | - | 4 | 4 | 4 | No Addl. Svc. Scheduled |
| 83 85) | Los Angeles-Pasadena & Rose Bowl | 10 | 10 | 26 | 64 | 36 | 74 | 68 | Regular Svc. Extra Svc. Based on last year's che Operates out of 3 Divisic due to manpower rqmts. Additional break in time required. |
| 37 | Los Angeles, San Gabriel, San Marino | 5 | 5 | 3 | - | 8 | 8 | 5 | Regular Svc. with Addl. Svc. provided to Victory |
| 70 | Los Angeles-Pasadena | 5 | 5 | *1 | - | 6 | 6 | 5 | No Addl. Svc. Scheduled |
| Sub Total | | 67 | 67 | 73 | 121 | 140 | 188 | 135 | |
| Santa Anita | | 18 | 26 | -1 | -9 | 17 | 17 | 17 | Svc. supplemented by Li. 483 equipment. |
| Total | | 85 | 93 | 72 | 112 | 157 | 205 | 152 | |

Lines 425, 431, 433 and 770 - Additional equipment needed due to "splitting" of lines into two sections during parade and/or Rose Bowl. (Buses cannot cross Colorado Blvd.)

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING

APPLICATION TO THE URBAN MASS
TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION
FOR SECTION 3 CAPITAL GRANT

10027 Lurling Avenue
Chatsworth High School
Chatsworth, California
Tuesday, November 23, 1976
7:30 p.m.

Reported by :

EDWARD M. ALTMAN, CSR No. 761



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1 APPEARANCES:

2 JAY B. PRICE, Presiding Officer.

3 RUTH E. RICHTER, Member

4 MARVIN L. HOLEN, Member

5 GEORGE TAKEI, Member

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7 R. K. KISSICK, Secretary

8 HELEN M. BOLEN, Assistant Secretary

9 Rick Sanchez, Counsel

10 Jack Gilstrap, General Manager

11 GEORGE McDONALD, Manager, Planning and Marketing

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 MR. PRICE: Hopefully we won't have a long
4 evening, and I would like to get going.

5 Please come to order.

6 I will call the meeting to order and ask the
7 Secretary to call the roll; and we will hold the roll call
8 until we have all stood and had the Pledge of Allegiance.
9 Would you all rise.

10 [Pledge of Allegiance.]

11 MR. PRICE: Will you call the roll, Mr. Kissick.

12 MR. KISSICK: Jay B. Price, senior member present,
13 and Presiding Officer tonight.

14 Ruth E. Richter.

15 MR. PRICE: This public hearing has been
16 called in connection with the District's application to
17 the Urban Mass Transportation Administration for a Section
18 3 Capital Grant.

19 Mr. Gilstrap, would you like to report.

20 MR. GILSTRAP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 This evening we are pleased to present for
22 public hearing a very important public transportation
23 project.

24 The public hearing is in accordance with the
25 rules which have been established by the Urban Mass



1 Transportation Administration so that parties having a
2 significant economic, social or environmental interest
3 may be offered the opportunity to appear and be heard.

4 It is the District's intention to receive
5 comments by concerned members of the public, and the
6 record of these proceedings will remain open until
7 December 8, 1976.

8 Comments and concerns raised this evening and
9 in the ensuing comment period will be analyzed by the
10 District staff, and each issue will be addressed at the
11 public board meeting on December 8th.

12 A copy of the Draft Environmental Impact
13 Statement is available at the door for those who are
14 interested.

15 Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening
16 remarks.

17 MR. PRICE: I would note for the Secretary
18 that Mr. Holen, Director Holen has arrived, and Director
19 Takei has arrived.

20 Item number two is a report regarding a
21 general description of the proposed project and an
22 environmental statement on the project to be presented
23 by George McDonald, Manager of Planning and Marketing.

24 Mr. McDonald.

25 MR. McDONALD: Thank you, Chairman Price,



1 good evening ladies and gentlemen.

2 The Southern California Rapid Transit District
3 and its predecessor, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit
4 Authority, have been active participants in the regional
5 comprehensive and transportation planning effort since the
6 inception of the regional planning of the Los Angeles
7 area in 1960.

8 Since 1971, the regional transportation planning
9 functions for Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside,
10 Ventura, and Imperial Counties has been carried out by the
11 transportation and utilities committee of what is called
12 the Southern California Association of Governments. The
13 Southern California Rapid Transit District holds membership
14 on that committee of SCAG.

15 The coordination of operations and development
16 of existing bus systems in the region is planned through
17 another SCAG committee, the transit advisory committee.

18 Through this organizational structure, matters
19 of service coverage, physical arrangements for interchange
20 of traffic among the systems and a continuing program for
21 improvement of equipment and operating facilities are
22 coordinated.

23 Long-range transit improvement programs are
24 also fully coordinated through SCAG with the present
25 environmental impact report of line-haul transit alternatives



1 being no exception. That is before the Board now and in
2 a different hearing.

3 Tonight's hearing represents the continuation
4 of the process of involving the public in transit planning
5 that began in 1967.

6 On July 2nd of 1974, after nearly 18 months
7 of an intensive effort by staff and consultants which was
8 financed largely by the Urban Mass Transportation Administra-
9 tion, that is the federal agency that is in charge of mass
10 transit, the Southern California Rapid Transit District's
11 Board of Directors adopted a comprehensive plan for long-
12 term rapid transit and short-term bus improvements within
13 its service area.

14 The results of 38 community meetings, two
15 formal public hearings and 75 conferences with city
16 officials throughout the District were considered in
17 arriving at this plan.

18 On July 11, 1974, the SCAG executive committee
19 adopted the plan, which, in brief, outlined a 240-mile
20 master plan of transit corridors, with 145 miles of
21 rapid transit guideway set for initial implementation,
22 with priorities for phasing within this element. The plan
23 also called for the addition of some 1,000 buses to the
24 Southern California Rapid Transit District fleet and
25 allocation of funds to attempt to keep funds at reasonable
minimum levels.



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