

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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

October 11, 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 October 11, 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
Thomas G. Neusom

Jay B. Price
Ruth E. Richter
Charles H. Storing
George Takei (entered at
1:24 p.m.)

Directors Absent:

Donald Gibbs
Carl Meseck

Staff Present:

Jack R. Gilstrap, General Manager
Samuel M. Black, Manager of Operations
Richard T. Powers, General Counsel
Joe B. Scatchard, Controller-Treasurer-Auditor
George L. McDonald, Manager of Planning & Marketing
John S. Wilkens, Manager of Employee Relations
David D. Dominguez, Manager of Equal Employment Opportunities
Ralph de la Cruz, Director of Administration
Helen M. Bolen, District Secretary

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

Recognition of Retired District Personnel

Director Leonard presented plaques to District personnel who have retired.

Presentation of Second Quarter 1979 Safe Performance Awards

Director Storing presented the Second Quarter 1979 Safe Performance Awards to Transportation Division 6 and Maintenance Division 18.

Introduction of New Management Employees

Sam Black, Manager of Operations introduced two new management employees who will be working under his direction; Rich Davis, Superintendent of Maintenance & Equipment, and Harold Groff, Director of Electronics and Telecommunications.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Held Over for Consideration at Reconvened Session to be held at 9:00 p.m., October 11, 1979

President Holen reported that in view of the Amalgamated Transit Union membership vote which is taking place today, Agenda Item No. 2, ratification of tentative Agreement between the District and the ATU, would be considered at a reconvened session of the Board Meeting to be held at 9:00 p.m. this evening. All Directors present concurred in this action.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Setting of Date for Public Hearing on 1980
Sector Improvement Program

On motion of Director Richter, seconded and carried as noted below, the Board concurred in the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole concerning the setting of a date for public hearing on the 1980 Sector Improvement Program, and the following resolution was adopted:

R-79-424

RESOLVED, that a public hearing on the District's 1980 Sector Improvement Program will be held Saturday, November 17, 1979 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room, second floor, 425 South Main Street, Los Angeles.

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

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. 4 through 7 were approved, and the following resolutions were adopted:

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

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of Surface Operations Committee - Continued

R-79-425

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to enter into a lease agreement with the California Department of Transportation covering the property located under the Santa Monica Freeway between Broadway and Hill Streets, to be used as a layover and bus staging area, term of lease to be fifteen (15) years, at a monthly rental of \$2,550 per month, with adjustments starting with the sixth (6th) and eleventh (11th) years; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-426

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Carlisle Molded Materials Company, P. O. Box P, Gillis Avenue, Ridgeway, PA, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 9-7917, covering the District's brake block requirements for a two-year period, at an estimated cost of \$622,470; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-427

RESOLVED, that the non-responsive bid submitted by Milltex Sales is hereby rejected, and the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to E. F. Timme & Co., 200 Madison Avenue, New York City, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 8-7930 covering procurement of 9,000 yards of vinyl seat covering material, at a total bid price of \$41,544; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of Surface Operations Committee - Continued

R-79-428

RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to:

- a. Call for bids covering the sale of four (4) damaged support vehicles; and
- b. Sell for scrap the unsalvageable portions of seventeen (17) damaged buses,

in accordance with the Rules and Regulations; subject to the prior concurrence of UMTA, with a portion of the proceeds from the sale of these vehicles to be credited to UMTA Capital Grant Projects No. CA-03-0024, -0040, -0049, -0106, -0121, and -0132, with bid requirements and terms and conditions of sale subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Change in Date of Board Meeting

President Holen announced that the second regular meeting in November will conflict with the Thanksgiving Holiday. On motion of Director Richter, seconded and carried as noted below, the date of the meeting was changed to the fifth Thursday of the month, and the following resolution was adopted:

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

Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-429

RESOLVED, that the second regular Board Meeting for the month of November will be held on Thursday, November 29, 1979, at 1:00 p.m.

(Director Lewis left the room)

Report of the Advance Planning Committee

On motion of Director Hayward, Chairman of the Advance Planning Committee, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Items No. 8 through 11 were approved, and the following resolutions were adopted:

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

R-79-430

RESOLVED, that the report dated October 3, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, relative to the El Monte Busway Passenger Distribution System is adopted, and the General Manager is authorized to include in the Official Route Descriptions, Original Page 481, Second Revised Page 492, Third Revised Page 493, Fourth Revised Page 494, and Original Page 495, with the El Monte Busway Passenger Distribution System to be implemented concurrently with the 1980 Sector Improvement Project.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of Advance Planning Committee - Continued

R-79-431

RESOLVED, that the report dated October 1, 1979, relative to the modification and extension of Line No. 760 - Eastland Park/Ride Service in the West Covina area is adopted, and the General Manager is authorized to include in the Official Route Descriptions First Revised Page 760, and to negotiate and execute a contract with Citrus College covering use of the Citrus College parking lot as a satellite Park/Ride facility; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-432

RESOLVED, that the report dated October 4, 1979, relative to the provision of service between selected points in Los Angeles County and recreational areas in the Santa Monica Mountains is approved, with the District to operate 12 additional weekend trips as requested by the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Planning Commission, with the trips to be made before the demonstration grant expires on April 30, 1980;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the District offers to provide transportation services for the proposed expanded recreation transit service in 1980-81 on a charter basis; subject to all federal and state regulations.

R-79-433

RESOLVED, that the proposed major service coordination between the District and Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines, as set forth in the document dated October 8, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is adopted in concept subject to detailed arrangements to satisfy major travel demands for direct service from the East Los Angeles area to the west of downtown Los Angeles along Pico Boulevard, and the General Manager is authorized to proceed to identify financing arrangements and to define the details of each specific service change.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of Advance Planning Committee - Continued

R-79-434

RESOLVED, that the report dated October 8, 1979, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, relative to joint service changes with the City of Montebello is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to transmit the proposed letter and to proceed to define the details of the agreement with the City of Montebello.

(Director Takei entered the meeting at 1:24 p.m.)

On motion of Director Hayward, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item No. 12 was approved and the following resolution was adopted:

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

R-79-435

RESOLVED, that the report dated October 5, 1979, relative to the proposed Hollywood Circulation Service under contract with the City of Los Angeles, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, is approved, and the General Manager is authorized to include in the Official Route Descriptions Original Page 603 and to set the tariff for Line No. 603 at twenty cents (20¢) with no discounts or passes honored; with implementation of this service contingent upon 1) a test trip to determine the proposed route of line can be operated satisfactorily, 2) City approval of proposed bus layover zone on Hawthorne Ave. between Highland Ave. and Orange Dr., and 3) City funding of 100 percent of proposed service, less farebox revenues, with service to operate for a minimum of six (6) months.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of Advance Planning Committee - Continued

Director Takei reported that the City of Los Angeles is interested in funding the service based on fifteen minute headways.

(Director Lewis re-entered the meeting)

Report of the Facilities & Construction Committee

Director Price, Vice-Chairman of the Facilities & Construction Committee, reported that under Agenda Item No. 13, the Committee interviewed three firms concerning the provision of engineering services for building rehabilitation projects at Division 2 and 14, and that the Committee recommended the firm of John A. Martin & Associates. On motion duly made, seconded and carried as noted below, the following resolution was adopted:

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

R-79-436

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with John A. Martin & Associates covering engineering services for building rehabilitation projects at Divisions 2 and 14, at a cost not to exceed \$160,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of Facilities & Construction Committee-Continued

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

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

R-79-437

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 8.3 (b) (4) of the Rules and Regulations, the Special Purchasing Committee met and approved Requisition No. 9-9300-068 covering the construction of Division 1, Unit II;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-9300-068 is approved, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering construction of Division 1, Unit II, Redevelopment of Operating Facility, which project is to be funded in part under UMTA Capital Grant Project No. CA-03-0090; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of the Customer Relations & Public
Information Committee

On motion of Director Richter, Chairman of the Customer Relations & Public Information Committee, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Items No. 15 and 16 were considered and the following resolutions adopted:

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

R-79-438

RESOLVED, that the single bid submitted by Graphic Marking Systems, Monrovia, in response to Bid No. CA-03-0106-R, is rejected in its entirety, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to reissue bids covering purchase of support structure, information panels and assembly of 8" x 8" x 32" cube information signs for the San Fernando Valley Bus Stop Information Sign Program, with specifications to be revised to include flammability retardants; form of bid requirements and revised specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

**Resolution
No. Assigned**

R-79-439

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute a lease agreement with Oschin and Snyder covering lease of 1000 square feet of store front space at 5738 Wilshire Blvd. at a rental fee of \$650 per month for a three-year period, with a two-year option; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Report of the Finance Committee

Director Lewis, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that under Agenda Item No. 17, the Committee had received the report on preliminary financial plan for Fiscal Year 1980. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, this report was "Received and Filed".

Under Agenda Item No. 18, Director Lewis reported that the report submitted is an update on fare structure and options and is for review by all Board members prior to the Public Hearing which will be held on October 20, 1979.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee

Director Storing, Chairman of the Equipment & Maintenance Committee, moved approval of Agenda Item No. 19, which motion was seconded.

Marguerite Sims, Nancy Yonkers, John Cooper and Bea Marin appeared before the Board protesting the ramp concept and urged the Board to consider only the wheelchair lift.

Appearance and Introduction of Dee Jacobs, Regional Director of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration and Ted Lutz, Administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration

President Holen introduced Mr. Dee Jacobs and Mr. Ted Lutz. Mr. Lutz spoke briefly, indicating that he was looking forward to working as UMTA Administrator. He further indicated that these are exciting times for the Los Angeles transportation community.

Messrs. Jacobs and Lutz left the meeting, along with President Holen. Vice-President Richter assumed the Chair at 1:55 p.m.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Continued Consideration of Agenda Item No. 19

The public comments received concerned the ramp wheelchair loading device and those persons appearing did not like that concept.

Manager of Operations Sam Black reported that this decision is critical in that there is a deadline after which Flxible cannot change the production line. He also stated that the buses will begin arriving in February, 1980. Mr. Black informed the Board that the staff proposal would allow the District to test the ramp concept in service, with the decision as to the type of wheelchair accessibility to be ultimately made by UMTA.

On a call for the question, on a vote as noted below, Agenda Item No. 19 was approved, and the following resolution was adopted:

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

Resolution
No. Assigned

R-79-440

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to:

1. File a grant application with UMTA for a federally funded research, development and deployment demonstration for the purpose of testing and evaluating the power assist ramp wheelchair loading device and to execute all necessary documents; (complete text of this portion of the resolution is filed with the Secretary),

2. Notify the Urban Mass Transportation Administration that the District agrees to retrofit the Grumman Flexible 230 Advance Design Buses with lifts if it is determined, based on the demonstration test, that the power assist ramp approach is not an acceptable device;

3. Executive Change Order No. 1, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, providing fifteen (15) items on the 230 Grumman Flexible buses, at a total cost of \$512,785;

4. Execute Change Order No. 2, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary, for the installation of a power assist ramp wheelchair loading device on the 230 Grumman Flexible buses and to furnish 230 EEC lifts capable of being installed in these buses, at a total decrease of \$1,150,000;

with Change Orders subject to UMTA concurrence; with form of Change Orders, grant application and other necessary documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

The District Secretary was authorized to file information documenting the date conceptual development was started by the District on the power assist ramp wheelchair loading device.

Item Added to Agenda - Approval of ADB Delivery Periods

With the concurrence of all members present, an item concerning Advance Design Bus Delivery Periods was added to the agenda.

A memorandum to Mr. Black from Mr. Kirshner, dated October 11, 1979 was distributed. Mr. Gilstrap summarized the issue by indicating that the District must decide if it wishes to restrict competition by requiring a delivery schedule that will allow only one bidder.

After discussion, on motion of Director Neusom, seconded and carried as noted below, the following resolution was adopted:

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

R-79-441

RESOLVED, that the District's specifications for 930 Advance Design Buses will include a delivery schedule that will allow for competitive bidding.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report of the Personnel Committee

On motion of Director Takei, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Item No. 20 was approved and the following resolution was adopted:

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

R-79-442

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to United Benefit Life Insurance Company (Mutual of Omaha) to underwrite the voluntary accidental death and dismemberment insurance plan for a one-year period, at no cost to the District (with the full cost of \$32,700 paid by District employees); form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Approval of Consent Calendar

On motion of Director Hayward, seconded and carried as noted below, Agenda Items No. 22 through 26 on the Consent Calendar, except Item No. 21, were approved and the following resolutions adopted and/or actions taken:

Resolution
No. Assigned

Approval of Consent Calendar - Continued

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

R-79-443

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to award a contract to Olympic Graphics Systems, 1023 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder under RFP 97906, covering printing services for blueprints and engineering specifications; at a cost not to exceed \$30,000; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-444

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-7300-135 is approved and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering construction of shelving and partial mezzanine at South Park Store I; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-445

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-7300-130 is approved and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering the District's requirements for toilet tissue for a one-year period; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

R-79-446

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-3399-214 is approved and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to call for bids covering procurement of truck with aerial boom and bucket; form of bid requirements and specifications subject to approval of the General Counsel.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Approved Minutes of Regular Meetings held September 13 and September 20, 1979 and Special Board Meeting on September 17, 1979.

Ratified temporary route diversions as described in report dated October 5, 1979 filed with the Secretary.

Ratified bus stop zone changes as described in report dated October 5, 1979 filed with the Secretary.

With respect to Item No. 21, at the request of Director Takei, the Board was given a report on the services to be provided by the consultant for the Real Estate Department.

On motion of Director Takei, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

R-79-447

RESOLVED, that Requisition No. 9-9300-070 is approved and the General Manager is authorized to exercise an option for one additional year with Richard Harris, 112 North 5th St., Alhambra, for consultant services in support of ongoing projects in the Real Estate Department at a cost not to exceed \$15,500; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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

Resolution
No. Assigned

Director Special Items

Director Lewis asked staff for reports on the following subjects:

1. Subcontracting and RFP's to go out to bid for glass cutting, bushing repair and engine overhauls
2. Paratransit
3. Hiring of part-time drivers

General Manger Gilstrap indicated that the District has already implemented part-time hiring and the first class of drivers started today. He also indicated that the subcontracting issue will be addressed at the adjourned portion of this meeting which will be held at 9:00 p.m.

Director Lewis indicated that the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission has asked for a presentation on the impact of labor costs and the District's financial position. He indicated that he would like to be involved in that presentation. Lewis further stated that LACTC Chairman Russ has called for a Special Meeting for a presentation on the Wilshire Rapid Transit route.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Director Special Items - Continued

Director Neusom referred to his memorandum to the Board concerning attendance at the ITM's course on Policy Making Tools for Governing Board Members. On motion duly made and seconded, as noted below, the following resolution was adopted:

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

R-79-448

RESOLVED, that travel by Directors to attend the Institute for Transit Management's course on Policy Making Tools for Governing Board Members to be held in San Francisco on November 8-9, 1979, is approved, and the Treasurer is authorized to pay expenses incurred in connection with said travel.

The Secretary was instructed to poll Board Members concerning their attendance at this course.

Appearance of Howard Watts

Howard Watts appeared before the Board and spoke concerning Senate Bill 160, collective bargaining and other issues.

**Resolution
No. Assigned**

Recess to Executive Session

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board recessed to Executive Session at 2:27 p.m. to consider worker's compensation matters.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 2:47 p.m. with Directors Hayward, Lewis, Neusom, Price, Richter, Storing and Takei responding to Roll Call.

No report was made of matters discussed in Executive Session. Prior to recessing, Director Price made a motion, which was seconded and carried by all members present, to add three (3) items to the agenda on the subject of sub-contracting, to be discussed at the reconvened session at 9:00 p.m.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting recessed at 2:55 p.m.

Reconvening of Meeting

The meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m. with Directors Hayward, Holen, Leonard, Lewis, Neusom, Price, Richter and Storing responding to Roll Call. Director Takei entered the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Appearance of Pat Moser

Mr. Moser appeared before the Board and stated his opposition to strikes.

Recess to Executive Session

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board recessed into Executive Session to consider labor matters at 9:25 p.m.

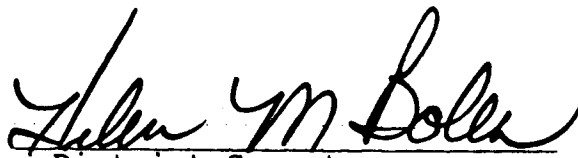
The Board returned from Executive Session at 11:25 p.m. with Directors Hayward, Holen, Leonard, Lewis, Neusom, Price, Richter, Storing and Takei responding to Roll Call.

President Holen stated that the Board has been informed that the membership of the Amalgamated Transit Union rejected the offer for a new contract which had been recommended by their leadership. The District is disappointed, a tragedy is occurring again in Los Angeles. The rejection of the offer is in fact a rejection of the settlement of the dispute worked out by the Governor, the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles. In effect, it is the rejection of a position taken by the elected officials. The Board has directed staff to commence negotiations with the leadership of the Amalgamated Transit Union in an effort to find a settlement.

President Holen stated that the District would call upon the Governor of the State of California for a Special Session of the State Legislature to consider this problem. He further stated that, in effect, 25% of the union membership voted not to accept the offer. This percentage,

unfortunately, was enough to cause a strike.

On motion of Director Richter, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 p.m. in memory of Douglas A. Newcomb, former Director, who passed away September 29, 1979. The Secretary was directed to transmit a resolution to the family of Mr. Newcomb.


District Secretary