

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Ad Hoc Committee on Accessible Transportation
Board of Directors
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

DECEMBER 1, 1989

Called to order at 11:09 a.m. by Chairman Day:

Directors Present:

John F. Day
Charles H. Storing
Jan Hall

Directors Absent:

Larry Gonzalez
Kenneth R. Thomas

1. Reviewed the findings of the Technical Fair.

Staff is to send the information to agencies and communities throughout the state and outside the state.

The committee accepted the report complimenting staff on the excellance.

Director Day asked Terry Moren to report on her trip to Florida on transportation for the handicapped.

Ms. Moren said that the conference turned out to have more paratransit. Her paper on fixed route service for the handicapped was distributed at the meeting and received a good response. Director Day requested Ms. Moren to provide the Board with a copy of her report.

There were also many requests for a copy of the final report on the findings of the Technical Fair.

2. Received and filed report on deployment of new accessible equipment. On query, staff commented that the lifts on the articulated buses are not operational at the present time and, double deck buses do not have lifts.

3. Reviewed the General Manager's report dated December 1, 1988 on a study design proposal for front door versus rear door lifts.

Staff noted that when the request for the study was made there was only one lift manufacturer for front door lifts. Presently it appears that TMC is introducing a front door lift.

Concern was expressed in reaching potential riders to learn their different types of handicapped, what could be done to make it easier boarding buses, the different types of wheelchairs, and preferences in lift location.

The Committee indicated they would like infield interviews included in the study.

Availability of funds to get this study done was also discussed. It was felt that the study is important and every effort should be made to locate necessary funds. Staff was requested to look into obtaining grants, and/or contacting wheelchair manufacturers to see if they would contribute to study.

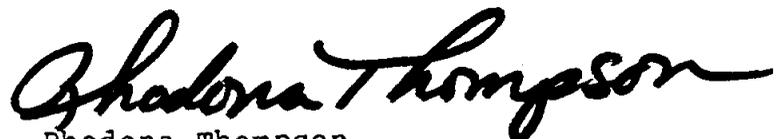
Following further discussion, staff indicated they would take into consider comments made by the committee and return with recommendations on the study.

It was also stated that the overall benefit and safety of the wheelchair user should be of prime concern.

4. Public Comment

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.



Rhodona Thompson
Recording Secretary