

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
Thursday, September 13, 1984  
District Board Room  
425 South Main Street  
Los Angeles

Called to order at 1:00 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Nick Patsaouras, President	Nate Holden
Gordana Swanson, Vice-President	Marvin L. Holen
John F. Day	Michael W. Lewis
Norman H. Emerson	Jay B. Price
Carmen A. Estrada	Charles H. Storing
Jan Hall	

1. Recognition of retirees and presentation of certificates by Director Storing.
2. Recognition of three Transit Police Officers for their achievements at the California and International Police Olympics.

3. Report of the President.

President Patsaouras reminded the members of the Board of the Special Board Meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Monday, September 17, 1984.

President Patsaouras reported that the Los Angeles City Council voted 9-4 to contract with the District for a \$69 million commitment to the 18.6 mile Metro Rail Project, and for a \$7 million appropriation for FY 1985 to begin construction.

Director Emerson thanked President Patsaouras for his patience, wisdom and leadership in this matter. Director Lewis asked what conditions the City Council placed on the funds. Mr. Dyer responded that the City reavowed their policy to keep residential property from being taxed in the Benefit Assessment Districts. Director Lewis requested information regarding what revenue would be generated by residential property within benefit assessment districts drawn around Metro Rail Stations. Mr. Dyer indicated that a report would be forthcoming relative to the 4.2 mile segment known as MOS-1.

Director Holden asked if the City Council's action is null and void if both a Letter of Intent and a Letter of No Prejudice are not issued by the Federal Government. There was also discussion concerning SB 1463 and the need for this bill.

4. Report of the General Manager.

Mr. Dyer reported that the RTD/LACTC Coordinating Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 17, 1984 at 11:00 a.m. He reported that the issue of the formula allocation of the Proposition A Discretionary dollars which is being developed by the LACTC should be discussed at that meeting.

Mr. Dyer commented that during the APTA Annual Meeting an inspection trip of joint development sites on the WMATA system has been developed. He stated that Washington has been able to document a 300% increase in property value at transit station locations.

4. Report of the General Manager. (Cont'd.)

In conclusion, Mr. Dyer reminded the Board of the workshop scheduled for October 18, 1984 at 10:00 a.m. at an off-site location. The subject of this workshop will be on policy and future direction of bus operations.

5. Director Special Items.

Director Lewis asked for an analysis of Proposition 36 and the manner in which it might impact the District's operations and the Board's ability to fund the operations of the District.

Director Day made a motion that the Executive Committee review the roles and responsibilities of the General Manager and the Board in establishing District policy and overseeing the operation of the District, and that the Executive Committee report their findings back to the Board. This motion was seconded. Director Price stated his concern that the Board may back away from too many items of control. Director Lewis asked that the motion be amended to ask the Executive Committee to also look at and review the consolidation and realignment of the Board committee structure. There was concurrence on this amendment to the motion. On a call for the question, the motion carried with Director Price voting no. The District Secretary was instructed to set the Executive Committee meeting prior to the September 27th Board meeting.

Director Day then presented the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Accessible Transportation. He reported that the Committee had met on September 6th, and he made the following motion: That a renewed commitment to provide reliable service to the elderly and handicapped be made by the Board of Directors; that a person be appointed by the General Manager who should be preferably an Assistant General Manager, and not within the Operations Department, who would have wide-ranging authority; that an education process be initiated regarding the problems involved in providing service; that the CACAT structure be re-evaluated and an attempt be made to remove the adversarial relationship; and that meaningful statistical information be provided to the Ad Hoc Committee. Director Estrada seconded this motion.

5. Director Special Items. (Cont'd.)

Director Lewis commented that Director Day was leaving out a very significant element of public transportation picture that the District doesn't control; namely, the para-transit services. The total daily rides on para-transit services probably exceeds 1,000 per day and would account for a fair ratio of the handicapped people who live in this county. The reason this service is used is that it provides door-to-door service.

General Manager Dyer stated that he believes that the Board is being asked to take on a series of policy decisions that cannot be supported in terms of data available. He suggested that an elderly & handicapped needs study be undertaken; Los Angeles has no data on these needs. He further commented that Los Angeles has a layered service concept; this is much different from the Seattle governmental structure. Mr. Dyer stated that Director Day is correct that the issue of commitment is important. He concluded by stating that until the District has an outline of need and demand, he believes that it would be a waste of funds to expend monies other than what is allocated in this year's budget. This study should also identify which agency is going to take the leadership role. Mr. Dyer recommended this study be done before the Board takes action on the Committee's recommendation.

Director Holen commented that he has a problem with the language of the motion. He explained that the General Manager is the Chief Executive Officer of the District; to force him to appoint an individual may interfere with the established areas of authority within the District. Director Day explained that he worded his motion in this manner on purpose; he believes that the committee appointed by the General Manager is ineffective, and that one person, a strong person, should be appointed to carry out this charge of the Board. Director Holen replied that an expression of dissatisfaction of performance is appropriate; however, he suggested that the Board not get involved in personnel matters.

Director Holden stated that he would support the motion with an amendment that the establishment of this position be recommended to the General Manager.

Director Day expressed his concern about funding another study. He fears that this will throw money at the problem instead of starting to solve the problem.

5. Director Special Items (Cont'd.)

Director Hall stated that she would like to be supportive of making the system work, but she would prefer to charge the General Manager with the task of coming up with ways to solve the problems and then instructing him to solve them.

Director Day commented that the Ad Hoc Committee was formed at his suggestion about a year ago. He stated his frustration in trying to get anything accomplished; the committee has no staff. President Patsaouras replied that the General Manager is responsible for all staff and they must report to him. Following this discussion, President Patsaouras asked Director Day to restate his motion. There was no change in the motion offered by Director Day. Director Holen then asked Director Day to defer this matter until the Committee of the Whole meeting in October. Director Day declined to do so.

Director Price then offered a substitute motion to carry this item over until the October 18, 1984 Workshop Meeting of the Board of Directors. This substitute motion was seconded and carried on a Roll Call as noted below:

Ayes:	Emerson, Hall, Holen, Price, Storing Swanson, Patsaouras
Noes:	Day, Estrada, Holden
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Lewis

EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

6. Authorized the Purchasing Agent to issue Invitations To Bid covering the sale of 151 scrap and surplus buses and authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with the highest responsible bidders thereon, subject to the concurrence of UMTA, with form of bid requirements, specifications and contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

A portion of the revenue will be credited to UMTA Grants Nos. CA-03-0121, CA-03-0024, and CA-03-0178.

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ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 7 - 9)

7. Considered report on maximum 60-minute Bus Service Policy and approved the incorporation of the studied recommendations developed by staff in the service changes to be developed for July, 1985 when the mandated 50-cent Reduced Fare Program ends.

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8. Authorized the General Manager to enter into an Interagency Transfer Agreement with the County of Los Angeles covering shuttle service in the West Hollywood area; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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9. Authorized the General Manager to execute Rack Track Shuttle Bus Agreements for the FY 1984-85 Thoroughbred Racing Season; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

10. Reviewed the State Legislative Update Report and adopted a resolution urging the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the City Councils of all cities within the SCRTD's service area to support SB 1986 (Boatwright) regarding Methanol-fueled Buses.

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RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 11 - 13)

11. Approved Requisition No. 4-8100-265 and authorized the General Manager to execute a Utility Cooperative Agreement with the Power Division, Department of Water and Power, for design of power facilities rearrangement at an estimated cost of \$360,000 for FY 85; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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12. Withdrawn from Agenda.

13. Adopted Clarification of Findings #10, 12, 13, 14 and 15, which were previously adopted on November 10, 1983 in connection with the adoption and certification of the EIR on the Metro Rail Project.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 14 - 16)

14. Authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with the lowest responsible bidders under Bid No. 8-8408 covering miscellaneous paper stock for a one-year period:
- a) Rejected apparent low bids from Ingram Paper Company and LaSalle Paper Company and awarded to Kirk Paper Company, Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder covering Group A paper stock for an estimated annual cost of \$263,630;
  - b) Rejected apparent low bids from LaSalle Paper Company and Ingram Paper Company and awarded to Butler Paper Company, City of Industry, the lowest responsible bidder covering Group B paper stock for an estimated annual cost of \$209,720;
  - c) Rejected apparent low bid from LaSalle Paper Company and awarded to A & R Broker, Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder covering Group C paper stock for an estimated annual cost of \$114,735; and
  - d) Accepted withdrawal of bid on Item 9 from Kirk Paper Company and awarded to LaSalle Paper Company, Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder covering Group D paper stock for an estimated annual cost of \$26,620;

form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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15. "Received and Filed" Report Calendar - August 17 through September 5, 1984.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Cont'd.)

16. a) Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting held August 23, 1984;
- b) Ratified bus stop zone changes as filed with the Secretary;
- c) Ratified temporary route diversions filed with the Secretary;
- d) "Received and Filed" Purchasing Agent's Report of Purchases, \$5,000 to \$25,000 - August, 1984.

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GENERAL ITEMS

17. New Business

Director Hall reported that the Benefit Assessment Policy Task Force held its first meeting and that the meeting went quite well.

Mr. Richard Richards, an attorney representing Fleming & Associates, appeared before the Board requesting that an item be added to the agenda for the September 27, 1984 Board Meeting; that item to consider the matter of two protests dealing with the workers compensation insurance administration services award. Mr. Virgil Wells, an attorney representing EBI Services, Inc., also appeared before the Board with the same request. Both attorneys urged that the status quo be maintained until the protest is heard by the Board.

After further discussion, and upon invitation from the President, a motion to stay the award of the contract was not offered. On motion of Director Hall, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to hear the protests of the two firms at the Board Meeting scheduled for September 27, 1984 at 1:00 p.m.

17. New Business (Cont'd.)

Mr. Richard Hughes, an attorney representing LJR Insurance Services, Inc., appeared before the Board to ask how the setting of date of this protest would affect his client. He was advised to instruct his client to proceed to assume the workers compensation administration services effective October 1, 1984, which was the action of the Board of Directors on August 30, 1984.

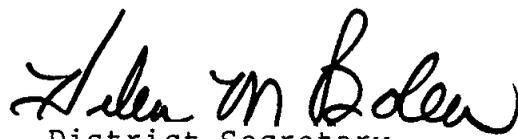
Mr. Greg Roberts appeared before the Board speaking to matters relating to transit.

Director Day addressed the Board concerning the accessible transportation motion that was considered earlier in the meeting. He stated that as a result of the action which the Board took today and as a result of the comments by some members of the Board and the General Manager, he feels that the most important element of what he asked the Board to do is lacking. The Board did not make a commitment; therefore, he resigned from the Ad Hoc Committee on Accessible Transportation as of this moment.

Director Holden urged Director Day not to take this action; that he was sure that the District management would continue to provide the best possible service for the handicapped, but he would feel more comfortable if Director Day would remain as the Chairman of that Committee.

Director Swanson urged Director Day to reconsider.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

  
District Secretary