

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Thursday, October 11, 1984
District Board Room
425 South Main Street
Los Angeles

Called to order at 1:03 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Nick Patsaouras, President
Gordana Swanson, Vice-President
Norman H. Emerson
Carmen A. Estrada

Nate Holden
Marvin L. Holen
Michael W. Lewis
Jay B. Price
Charles H. Storing

DIRECTORS ABSENT

John F. Day
Jan Hall

1. Recognition of retirees and presentation of certificate by Director Holen.

2. Report of the President

President Patsaouras commented that the Advance Planning Committee discussed at length the report on transit services for the 1984 Olympic Games and the resulting deficit.

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President Patsouras also reported that the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) has acted in the District's favor in the matter of the protest filed by Metro Rail Community Insurance Administration (MRCIA) in the owner-controlled insurance program for the Metro Rail Project. Director Lewis inquired if there were other administrative remedies available to the protestor. Mr. Dyer responded that there were none; to proceed further, MRCIA would have to file a court action.

3. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Dyer reported that six members of the Board attended the APTA Annual Meeting in Washington, October 1-4. He indicated that the tour arranged to view WMATA's joint development efforts was one of the highlights of the trip.

Mr. Dyer also mentioned that the District will host the APTA Annual Meeting in 1985. He stated that he would keep the Board fully advised as staff begins negotiations with APTA.

General Manager Dyer reported that APTA will be presenting a Governing Board Members Seminar to be held in New Orleans, November 11-13, and Director Marvin Holen will be a speaker. He encouraged Directors to attend this Seminar.

Mr. Dyer concluded his report by requesting that Agenda Item No. 14 be considered as part of the Consent Calendar. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board concurred in this request.

4. Director Special Items

Director Swanson reported that while in Washington, several of the Directors met with the District's legislative consultants. She indicated that she would like to share what was learned at the meeting. The legislative consultants work with the California Delegation and other members of Congress. They work as a team, splitting the legislative work among themselves. There was discussion concerning the Letter of Intent (LOI) and some optimism was expressed that we might obtain the LOI by the end of this year. Mrs. Swanson continued that the Board needs to stay ahead of what is happening rather than putting out fires as they happen. The consultants have indicated it would be helpful if they were aware of the Board members political connections. She asked the Directors to give this information to the District Secretary. Mrs. Swanson also mentioned that the Board needs to deal with the strategy of federal budget cuts after the election. Director Swanson concluded by reporting she was very glad to have been able to speak to the consultants firsthand, and she encouraged other Board members to meet with them whenever possible. Director Holden suggested that an Executive Committee meeting be called to discuss in detail some of the concerns raised at this meeting. President Patsouras indicated that an Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled monthly.

Director Emerson mentioned his disappointment at the veto of the legislation on the methanol bus issue and discussed the possibility of securing funding to keep the program alive. The California Energy Commission has responsibility for the management of the Petroleum Violation Escrow Account and approximately \$100 to \$200 million will be accruing to that account in the next couple of years. The Energy Commission has requested public agencies to comment on how these resources should be used, and he recommended that we solicit their support as a financial partner so that we can get the methanol bus program back before UMTA with some state support.

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Director Emerson also mentioned that the Environmental Protection Agency has urged the City of Los Angeles to utilize some funds, about \$1.8 million, from an account that has been developing on fines on toxic waste to support this program as well. Director Lewis asked for a report at the next Board Meeting on the methanol bus issue. He requested that the report summarize the efforts the District has made on this matter, the commitments by other agencies to the program and the conditions these agencies placed on funding. This report should determine if these previous commitments are still viable.

Director Emerson made one other observation. He mentioned the commitment made by Secretary Dole about two months ago to meet with representatives of the Board and leaders of this community. Because of her heavy schedule, she has been able to spend only about 30 minutes with us. He stated his belief that this commitment was made in good faith and his disappointment that Secretary Dole was unable to keep this commitment while she was in Los Angeles during the past few days. The commitment is still outstanding, and he pressed for an opportunity to meet with her at the earliest possible date. President Patsaouras commented that her visit to the West was part of a campaign trail for specific purposes and it was incumbent upon the District to respect that.

Director Lewis responded that he agreed with Director Emerson to the degree that we need to take some initiative. After further discussion, Director Lewis made a motion that the leadership of the Greater Los Angeles Transportation Coalition and the District arrange a meeting with Secretary Dole to discuss the Metro Rail Project and that the meeting take place as soon as possible. This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 5-7)

5. Received report on the Evaluation of Special Transit Service for the 1984 Olympic Games.

Approved authorization of the General Manager to proceed to sell surplus token sets at the Olympics Memorabilia sale to be held the week of October 15, 1984.

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Director Holen mentioned that during the Advance Planning Committee there was some concensus that we go forward and prepare a marketing plan for the disposal of our token sets, and that we make appropriate balance sheet adjustments with respect to the District's operations at the year-end in accordance with sound accounting principles. Director Holen so moved, which motion was seconded by Director Price. Upon further discussion, Director Holen indicated that information regarding these adjustments will be provided prior to the actual adjustments being made. President Patsaouras asked if the intent of the motion was to make this an internal issue. Director Holen indicated that was his intent. Director Storing commented that the motion is premature and that it should be delayed until the outcome of the Board of Supervisors action on this matter is known. Director Holen commented that his persuasion came from the meeting with the Los Angeles Olympics Organizing Committee (LAOOC) management; however, the issue may be considered by the Executive Committee of the LAOOC. A comment was made that the District should balance the money that may be forthcoming with our image that is starting to tarnish.

Director Estrada asked if passage of the motion would preclude any formal or informal effort to get funds from the LAOOC. Director Holen responded that it would not.

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After further discussion, a Roll Call vote was requested on Director Holen's motion, which motion passed as noted below:

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

6. Considered results of preliminary study on Articulated Bus Deployment.

General Manager Dyer presented the staff recommendation as outlined in the report, which recommendation was moved by Director Storing and seconded.

Director Holden stated his concern, indicating that public transit service is a labor intensive effort and the first major effort made by the District to reduce these costs was in the acquisition of high-occupancy vehicles. Director Lewis inquired if this was the evaluation and report requested by the LACTC. Mr. Dyer responded that we have had to prove that the articulated bus is cost-effective here in Los Angeles, and this report does not prove that conclusively. Director Lewis suggested that this report be transmitted to the LACTC as a preliminary report and mention the fact that this report is a direct result of the Transmis program. He also suggested that the report be shared with articulated bus manufacturers.

Mr. Dyer commented that if this item is approved today, it would be 9-12 months before a contract for the purchase of 40' buses would be before the Board for consideration. Director Price spoke to the subject, indicating the need to bring the age of the fleet down, and he urged the staff recommendation. There was a Roll Call vote on the motion with the following results:

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

General Manager Dyer stated that the District should meet with LACTC regarding the programming of funds. They are unwilling to program the money without our ability to prove the cost-effectiveness of the buses; this will result in a stalemate affecting about \$39 million which will not be programmed and cannot be applied for.

Mr. Dyer mentioned the LACTC's timetable for programming funds. Upon inquiry Mr. Dyer stated that the LACTC has tentatively scheduled the funds in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) but has refused to schedule the number of articulated buses until we can prove their cost-effectiveness. The District cannot submit a federal grant application until the TIP is completed. After further discussion, Director Holen suggested that the Board action stand, and he suggested that the staff commence a dialogue with the LACTC. He indicated he would approach at least one of the Commissioners on this matter.

Director Price spoke concerning his opposition to the action being taken on this issue. His concern is primarily with the delay in bus procurements and the effect on the fleet age. In conclusion, Director Price moved that the District proceed with the grant application to purchase 140 forty-foot buses which motion was seconded. Director Swanson offered a substitute motion requesting the LACTC to delay a decision for 30 days until the District Board has time to evaluate the report on articulated buses, which motion was seconded. Director Emerson mentioned that the Board will hold a workshop session on October 18th to discuss bus issues, he urged that the matter be tabled until that discussion can take place and action could be considered at a subsequent meeting. Director Emerson made this a motion to table, which was seconded by Director Storing. On a Roll Call vote, the motion to table passed as noted below:

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Ayes:	Emerson, Estrada, Holen, Lewis, Storing, Swanson, Patsaouras
Noes:	Price
Abstain:	Holden (failed to respond)
Absent:	Day, Hall

7. Authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Pasadena for the provision of a downtown shuttle service for a three month period; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 8-9)

8. Authorized the General Manager to extend the three leases for Location 23 (Division 5 Satellite) for an additional three-month period to December 31, 1984; form of agreements subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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- 8a. Approved the termination of contract with Equidyne Corporation Steel Building Systems for construction of a tire repair station at Division 6, and authorized the General Manager to award a contract to the next lowest responsible and responsive bidder, at a cost not to exceed \$47,000; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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9. Considered rejection of all bids received under Bid No. CA-03-0213-G covering AS/RS concrete slab at the Central Maintenance Facility and authorized the Purchasing Agent to readvertise and solicit new bids in accordance with the Rules and Regulations; form of bid specifications and requirements subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This project is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0213.

Director Holen, as Chairman of the Facilities & Construction Committee, indicated that he could not move the staff recommendation. Director Price made the motion to approve the staff recommendation, which motion was seconded. Mr. Gerhardt, representing Bernards Bros., Inc., appeared before the Board speaking to his firm's attempts to secure the WBE goals as set by the District. There was discussion on this matter, with Mr. Marvin Williams explaining the merits of this matter. Mr. Ramirez, also appeared before the Board concerning this item. Following the discussion, Director Holden offered a substitute motion to award the contract to the qualified bidder, Jim Ramirez Contractor, which motion was seconded and failed to carry on a Roll Call vote as noted below:

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

9. Cont'd.

A Roll Call vote was then taken on the original motion to reject all bids, which motion carried as noted below:

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

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 10-11)

10. Received and Filed the Federal Legislative Update Report.

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11. Adopted a position of opposition to the "Jarvis IV Initiative" (Proposition 36 on the November 6, 1984 ballot), and authorized the General Manager to inform CAPOTS, other public agencies and the public of the Board's position on this matter.

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RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE REPORT

12. Ratified agreement with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company for purchase of the Metro Rail Yard and Shops site; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

13. Approved a 60-day extension of the Labor Contract between the District and the Transit Police Officers Association.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 14 - 17)

14. Ratified actions taken by Attorney-in-Fact relating to Sale and Leaseback of 59 District buses.

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15. Adopted a resolution waiving the right to file any claims for State reimbursements associated with specified decisions of the Public Utilities Code.

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16. Received and Filed Report Calendar - September 20 through October 3, 1984.

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 - a. Ratified bus stop zone changes as filed with the Secretary;
 - b. Ratified temporary route diversions as filed with the Secretary;
 - c. Received and Filed Report of Purchases - \$5,000 to \$25,000 for the month of September, 1984.

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GENERAL ITEMS

18. New Business

Director Lewis mentioned that at the last Executive Committee meeting there were some specific instructions assigned to other committees. He asked staff to prepare a discussion paper on the matters that were referred to the Government

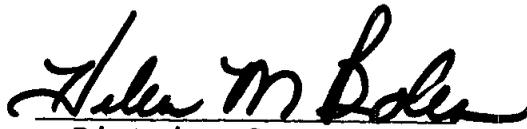
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Relations Committee, specifically with recommendations on how to attain better relations with other agencies and the government. Director Swanson commented that the intent of the Executive Committee was for the Government Relations Committee to consider assignments to all members of the Board based on their ability to serve either local government, state or federal issues. Director Emerson commented on an earlier request of the Board to coordinate the legislative agendas with the LACTC, the City of Los Angeles, etc. There was comment that the District may want to have a less aggressive legislative agenda this year than other agencies. The staff report on this matter is due before the Board at their next meeting.

President Patsouras made a motion to correct the Minutes of the August 30, 1984 Regular Meeting to reflect the following action on Agenda Item No. 7: Approved the alternative staff recommendation authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract with LJR Insurance Services, Inc., under RFP No. 058411, covering workers' compensation claims administration services; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel. This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Greg Roberts appeared before the Board speaking to a number of transit related issues.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.


District Secretary