

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
Thursday, November 8, 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	Michael W. Lewis
John F. Day	Jay B. Price
Norman H. Emerson	Charles H. Storing
Carmen A. Estrada	
Jan Hall	

DIRECTOR ABSENT

Marvin L. Holen

1. President Patsaouras indicated there were no retirees for introduction this month.

2. Report of the President.

President Patsaouras did not make a report.

3. Report of the General Manager.

General Manager Pro Tempore Powers did not make a report of the General Manager.

4. Director Special Items.

Director Day mentioned the committee meeting schedule and his observation that the schedule is sometimes unrealistic. He made a motion that the Personnel Committee meeting be scheduled last. This motion was seconded for discussion. There was discussion concerning rotation of committee meetings, meeting on days other than Board Meeting day, and the assistance of the Chairman in determining the amount of time required for each Committee meeting.

On a Roll Call vote, the motion failed as follows:

Ayes:	Day, Emerson, Patsaouras
Noes:	Estrada, Hall, Lewis, Price, Storing, Swanson
Abstain:	Holden (without voice)
Absent:	Holen

Director Estrada inquired about the status of the RFP for condemnation legal services. Mr. Powers responded that the RFP was completed by staff, and has been reviewed by UMTA. Some revisions have been incorporated, and it should be ready for publication within two weeks. Director Estrada requested that the Board members have an opportunity to review the RFP.

Director Lewis asked staff for an update report on Congressional activities. Mr. Barry Engelberg reported that there were no changes in the Authorization Subcommittee of the House that could affect the District. In the Appropriations Subcommittee of the House, there is a Democratic and a Republican vacancy. Mr. Lowery of San Diego has in the past expressed an interest in serving on this subcommittee. Mr. Engelberg indicated that the District and Southern California has been very fortunate in getting substantial appropriations without having a ranking member on the Subcommittee.

EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 5-6)

5. Authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with the lowest responsible bidders under Bid No. 9-8405 covering procurement of miscellaneous spare units for coach equipment:
- a) C. W. Carter Company, Los Angeles, covering Group I for a cost of \$34,430;
  - b) Crown Coach, Los Angeles, covering Group II for a cost of \$104,875;
  - c) Flxible Corporation, Compton, covering Group III for a cost of \$97,360;
  - d) Gillig Corporation, Hayward, covering Group IV for a cost of \$114,430;
  - e) Neopart, Montgomeryville, Pennsylvania, covering Group V for a cost of \$222,480;
  - f) Prevost Car Inc., Torrance, covering Group VI for a cost of \$145,720;
  - g) Southern Coach Parts Company, Birmingham, Alabama, covering Group VII for a cost of \$53,650;
  - h) Thermo King Sales, Los Angeles, covering Group VIII for a cost of \$82,160; and
  - i) Transit Service, Greensboro, North Carolina, covering Group IX for a cost of \$9,050;

form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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6. Authorized the Purchasing Agent to issue Invitations To Bid covering the sale of 170 surplus and obsolete buses and authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with the highest responsible bidders thereon; 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 CA-03-0121 and CA-03-0024.

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FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 7-8)

7. Director Day reported that the Committee recommends that Item No. 7 be carried over to the November 28th meeting to allow members to evaluate the report that was submitted on this date. This motion was seconded. General Manager Pro Tempore Powers stated that the Committee recommendation was because of the untimeliness of the material, and the fact that staff had been cautioned in the past about late reports. This delay of this item will have impact on the schedule of construction of the Central Maintenance Facility.

Mr. Murray spoke concerning the matrix of contracts on this project. This bid originally was before the Board just recently with a recommendation to rebid because the bidders failed to qualify. To delay again will cause another three week slippage in the project.

Director Price made a substitute motion to accept the low bid, which motion was seconded.

Director Day then spoke to the issue of responsible actions on the part of the Board and the inability of the Board to act responsibly based on last-minute information. He indicated that staff has not satisfactorily proven that there will be a cost to the District if this item is delayed. Director Hall spoke concerning the last-minute papers, however, on this particular item, the Board does not have much discretion on a low bid item. Director Holden mentioned that this item was before the Board before and staff recommended against accepting the lowest responsible bidder. He indicated he was not satisfied with staff arguments, and he would support Director Day's motion.

On a Roll Call vote on the substitute motion, the following action was taken:

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

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FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont'd.)

7. (Cont'd.)

Approved Requisition No. 4-8300-397 covering construction of Central Maintenance Facility AS/RS slab and authorized the General Manager to award a contract to Bernards Brothers, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-03-0213-H covering construction of Central Maintenance Facility AS/RS slab at a total bid price of \$298,039; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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

8. Approved the exclusion of the Centinela Drive-In site from consideration in the Division 6 Replacement Site Study and "Received and Filed" the report.

CARRIED, with Directors Lewis and Storing voting against the motion.

ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

9. Approved minor route and tariff modification on Line 466 - LA MIRADA-LOS ANGELES PARK/RIDE, to serve proposed Santa Ana Freeway express stop at Lakewood Blvd. in Downey.

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RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 10-11)

10. Approved Requisition No. 4-8100-266 and authorized the General Manager to execute a Utility Cooperative Agreement with the Southern California Gas Company for design of gas facilities rearrangement at an estimated cost of \$45,000; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This project funded under UMTA Grant CA-03-0130.

11. Approved scheduling a hearing on Wednesday, November 28, 1984, for the purpose of adopting a Resolution of Necessity to institute eminent domain proceedings for specific parcels of property for the Metro Rail Project Parcel A1-021 and Parcel A1-015.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (Items 12-13)

12. Approved:
  - a. Requisition No. 4-0990-70 and authorized the General Manager to renew the medical/dental insurance contract with the Allstate Life Insurance Company;

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont'd.)

12. (Cont'd.)

- b. Requisition No. 4-0990-71 and authorized the General Manager to renew the medical contract with the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan;
- c. Requisition No. 4-0990-72 and authorized the General Manager to renew the medical contract with the CIGNA Health Plan (formerly known as INA and Ross Loos Health Plan);
- d. Requisition No. 4-0990-73 and authorized the General Manager to renew the dental contract with the Blue Cross Dental Plan;
- e. Requisition No. 4-0990-75 and authorized the General Manager to continue the current dental contract with Safeguard Health Plan;
- f. Requisition No. 4-0990-74 and authorized the General Manager to continue the current contract with the California Psychological Health Plan;
- g. Requisition No. 4-0990-78 and authorized the General Manager to execute a medical contract with United Health Plan;
- h. Requisition No. 4-0990-79 and authorized the General Manager to execute a medical contract with Maxicare.

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Approved motion to request staff to undertake a study of health care coverage and to report back to the Board the results of that study by July 1, 1985.

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PERSONNEL (Cont'd.)

13. Approved staff nominations to serve as Administrative Committee members for District's 401(k) Thrift Plan.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 14-17)

14. Approved Requisition No. 4-3314-6633 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with Interstate Filter Service, South El Monte, covering air filters at an estimated annual cost of \$63,600; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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15. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Keystone Screw Corporation, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 9-8407 covering brake block bolt assemblies for a one-year period, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District, at an estimated annual cost of \$55,700; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Cont'd.)

16. Approved Requisition No. 4-0990-47 and awarded contract to Hartford Insurance Co. of North America for comprehensive crime insurance for a three year period with a firm fixed price of \$43,193 for the first year; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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17. Received and Filed Report Calendar - October 19 through October 31, 1984.

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18. a. approved minutes of Regular Meeting held October 25, 1984;
- b. ratified bus stop zone changes as filed with the Secretary;
- c. ratified temporary route diversions as filed with the Secretary.

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GENERAL ITEMS

19. New Business

Director Emerson requested staff to report during the next Federal Legislative Update on what might be anticipated in revenue from gasoline taxes.

Greg Roberts appeared before the Board speaking about bus lines and phone lines.

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

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District Secretary