

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

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

Called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

Nick Patsaouras
Gordana Swanson
John F. Day
Norman H. Emerson
Carmen A. Estrada
Jan Hall

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

Director Absent:

Michael W. Lewis

1. Adopted Resolution of Necessity and authorized the General Manager to institute eminent domain proceedings and obtain an Order of Possession for the acquisition of property located at 841 Ducommon Street and 628 Aliso Street required for construction of the Metro Rail Project; form of documents subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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2. Report of the President

President Patsouras reported that he and Directors Hall, Emerson and Estrada had met with Councilwoman Pat Russell the previous week regarding Benefit Assessment Districts. He indicated that a presentation on this subject will also be made before the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

President Patsouras also mentioned that the Los Angeles City Council took action to place language on the April 9, 1985 ballot requiring residential properties, including those under construction before April 9, 1985, to be exempted from the Benefit Assessment Districts.

President Patsouras reported that the Superior Court has refused to issue an injunction against the construction of the Metro Rail Project. This injunction was requested by the Metro Rail Transit Advocates. The Court also ruled that Environmental Impact Report was adequate.

In conclusion, with the concurrence of the members of the Board, President Patsouras added Items 4A and 7A to the agenda.

3. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Dyer reported that the press is reporting a number of "trial balloons" relating to mass transit and he summarized five of the options the federal government is considering. 1) Eliminate the entire Urban Mass Transportation Administration and all Section 9 funding. Section 3 would be transferred to the FHA and would be distributed to the states on some sort of formula allocation. 2) Eliminate the entire operating assistance component of Section 9. Los Angeles would lose approximately \$47 million annually. 3) Over a three-year period, Section 9 would be phased out. One-third of capital and operating assistance would be eliminated each year for three years. Section 3 would be transferred to FHA control. 4) Eliminate all operating and half of capital assistance, with the UMTA organization being left in place. 5) Freeze the organization and reduce \$500 million of operating assistance the first year, with the balance being removed the second year. Mr. Dyer concluded by stating that Congress' reaction to any of these proposals is uncertain at this time.

Mr. Dyer indicated that CAPOTS has done a substantial amount of work in conjunction with the highway organizations regarding tax funding structure at the state level. There is not sufficient state level highway funding to match the federal highway funding. Serious consideration is being given to recommendations for gasoline tax increases and/or changes in the state law that relates to sales tax so there would be larger funds available for transportation purposes at the state level.

Mr. Dyer concluded by stating that information on the federal issues and the state funding issues will be forthcoming in January and the Board should begin to consider the positions the District should take at that time. The federal administration is committed to reintroduce their reauthorization bill. This bill will address proposed funding ratios and amounts for the next four years.

4. Director Special Items

Director Estrada offered the congratulations of the Board to Marvin Williams on the recent birth of his twin boys. Mr. Williams thanked the Board, indicating that the boys had been named after their grandfathers, Harold and James.

Director Day reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on Accessible Transportation had met on December 6 and made the following recommendations to the Board:

Staff is directed to draft a brochure of available county-wide services to be reviewed by CACAT for quality and content, with the brochure to include regional inserts. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board concurred in this recommendation and further approved a request to the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission for a grant to fund the cost of the brochure.

The District is to request \$200,000 from the LACTC to purchase cargo straps during the current fiscal year, with the LACTC to be apprised of information about these straps by means of a demonstration in which CACAT will be involved. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board concurred in this recommendation.

Staff is directed to invite service providers, advocate and consumer groups, and the appropriate governmental agencies to meet with the Ad Hoc Committee during a workshop session for the purpose of defining over-all direction of studies proposed to identify needs of the elderly and handicapped. The Board concurred in this recommendation.

Director Emerson inquired about the status of the methanol bus demonstration project. The LACTC approved the District's recommendations and amended the Transportation Improvement Program to include the 30-bus methanol project. The whole program should come together around June or July, 1985.

Director Holen suggested that the meetings scheduled for Wednesday, December 19 and Thursday, December 20 be combined into one day. After discussion, the Board agreed to hold the meetings on Thursday, December 20, 1984.

- 4A. Authorized the General Manager to award a contract to Edward C. Barker & Associates for Architectural-Engineering services for design of bus servicing facilities and yard improvements at Division 2; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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SURFACE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

5. Approved Requisition No. 4-0990-066 and authorized award of excess workers compensation liability coverage to Mission Insurance Company of Los Angeles for the period January 1 through December 31, 1985 at a fixed annual premium of \$26,000 for a self-insured retention limit of \$500,000; form of policy subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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CUSTOMER RELATIONS & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

6. Consider authorization for the General Manager, or his delegate, to enter into a lease agreement with J. Ned - Pantages - for the Hollywood Customer Service Center; form of agreement subject to approval of the General Counsel.

TABLED, until a meeting in January, with staff to report back on questions raised about the rental rate, the remodeling costs and the possibility of other properties in the area.

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7. Approved rejection of non-responsive bid submitted by National Ticket Company and authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with the lowest responsible bidders under Bid No. 10-8409 covering printing of student, senior citizen and college students monthly passes, tickets and stamps for a two-year period:

- a) Dillingham Ticket Company, Los Angeles, covering Group A, for an estimated two-year cost of \$28,175; and
b) Globe Ticket Company, Compton, covering Groups B and C for an estimated two-year cost of \$168,720;

form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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- 7A. Approved Requisition No. 4-4400-712 and authorized award of contract to Armstrong World Industries covering procurement of regular monthly passes for a two-month period at an estimated cost of \$38,220; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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ADVANCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

8. Tony Shaffer, representing Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson, appeared before the Board indicating the Councilwoman supports the proposal, but she is concerned about the ten-cent transfer fee. It was suggested that the transfer charge be waived during the experimental period. There was discussion indicating that 60% of the patrons use monthly passes.

Dorothy Beatty, Davis Lewis and Ronald Brogan appeared before the Board urging the approval of the staff recommendation. Zarina Machida spoke concerning the reduction in service and the unfairness of the transfer charge. John Walsh spoke about four stops that were scheduled to be withdrawn.

Director Emerson offered an amendment to the recommendation that a free transfer be offered during the six-month experimental period between Lines 208 and 217.

Approved establishment of Line 208-Beachwood Drive Shuttle bus service, as a six-month experimental service in the Hollywood Area, with a free transfer to be offered between Lines 208 and 217, with a status report to be presented at the conclusion of three months service.

CARRIED, with Director Patsaouras abstaining.

Director Swanson also reported that the Advance Planning Committee will meet in a workshop session on Thursday, January 3, 1985 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the cities share of Proposition A funds.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMITTEE REPORT

9. Approved Requisition No. 4-8100-339 and authorized the General Manager to amend an existing contract with Lindvall, Richter & Associates, Los Angeles, covering geotechnical consulting services in connection with Final Design and Construction of MOS-1 of the Metro Rail Project, at an estimated cost of \$71,000; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This project is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-03-0130.

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Michael Cornwell appeared before the Board speaking to recent newspaper articles regarding management of the transit systems in Miami and Los Angeles. He urged the Board of Directors to put a freeze on expenditures for the Metro Rail Project. He also urged the Board to support Councilman Bernardi in his efforts to place an advisory item on the Spring ballot regarding public support of the Metro Rail Project.

Director Holden responded to Mr. Cornwell, indicating that the Los Angeles area has been sending tax dollars to Washington for many years and they have been spent in other areas. He indicated it is time that some of those tax dollars come home to be spent here.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

10. CARRIED OVER to the December 20 meeting consideration of the reclassification of two non-contract positions.

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FINANCE & JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

11. Received and filed the status report on the Benefit Assessment Policy Task Force and final policy decisions for implementation of Benefit Assessment Districts for the Metro Rail MOS-1.

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12. Adopted Resolution of Intent to establish Benefit Assessment Districts for the MOS-1 Segment of the Metro Rail System and to set the date of public hearing for January 21, 1985 at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED, with Director Holden voting against the motion.

Director Holen made a statement regarding the geographic boundaries. He stated the boundaries become set by this action of the Board. If matters are brought before the Board during the public hearing, it is his understanding that all other aspects of the benefit assessment districts as outlined in the resolution may be modified by the Board of Directors following the public hearing.

Director Hall pointed out that the boundaries cannot be changed by expansion, but they can be changed to diminish the size of the benefit assessment district.

CONSENT CALENDAR

13. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Truck and Bus Group, General Motors Corporation, Los Angeles, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-90-0022-W covering procurement of one cab and chassis - 10-yard dump truck for a total bid price of \$67,575; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-90-0022.

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14. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with California Truck Equipment, Downey, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. CA-90-0022-W covering procurement of one utility truck body with aerial lift for a total bid price of \$26,260; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

This procurement is funded under UMTA Grant No. CA-90-0022.

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15. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Eczel Corporation, Irvine, the lowest responsible bidder under Bid No. 11-8419 covering computer tape reels for a one-year period, at an estimated cost of \$74,230, with an option for one additional year at the election of the District; form of contract subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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16. Authorized the General Manager to execute contracts with the lowest responsible bidders under Bid No. 11-8420 covering procurement of air suspension bellow assemblies for a one-year period, with option for one additional year at the election of the District:

- a) Southern Coach, Birmingham, Alabama, covering Group 1 for an estimated annual cost of \$20,300;
- b) Grumman Flexible Distribution Center, Compton, covering Groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 for an estimated annual cost of \$28,060;

form of contracts subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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17. Approved Requisition No. 4-7200-206 and authorized the General Manager to ratify a six-month time extension and increase of funds for an existing contract with Interscience Systems Inc., Valencia, covering computer hardware, rental and maintenance, for a total cost of \$30,060; form of contract extension subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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18. Approved Requisition No. 4-3314-6829 and authorized the General Manager to exercise an option for one additional year with Korody-Colyer Corporation, Wilmington, covering pistons, liners and liner kits at an estimated cost of 107,300; form of option subject to approval of the General Counsel.

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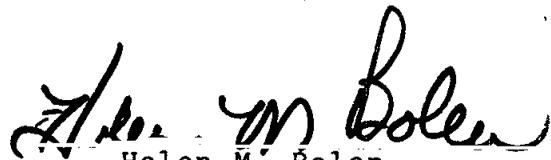
19. Received and Filed Report Calendar - November 21 to December 5, 1984.

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- 20A. Ratified bus stop zone changes as filed with the Secretary; and

- 20B. Ratified temporary route diversions as filed with the Secretary.

Adjourned at 2:33 p.m.



Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary